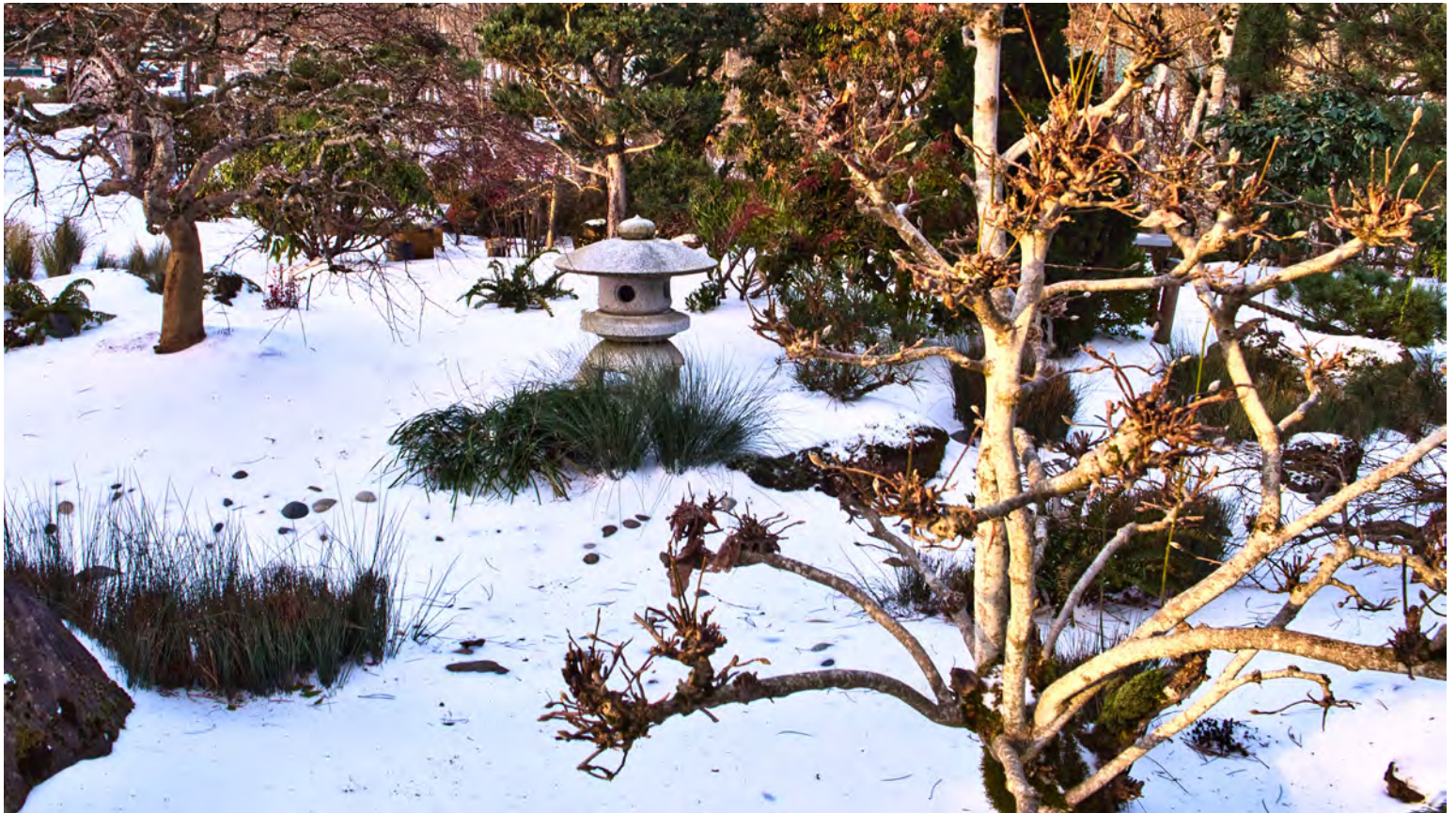


# Tsuru 鶴 Soars

Friends of the Gresham Japanese Garden Newsletter



## On Behalf of Peace

**G**reen Legacy Hiroshima (GLH) was established in 2011 to safeguard and spread seeds and saplings of Hiroshima's A-Bombed survivor trees. These seed and saplings have been sent to 130 locations in 40 countries and have taken root and grown into young trees.

In November of 2023, Jim Gersbach from the Oregon Department of Forestry, Mike Oxendine from Oregon Community Trees, and filmmaker David Hedberg visited Hiroshima City and touched the A-bombed mother tree, called *Yoji Yamahata*.

A documentary film "The Seeds of

Peace" is currently being produced by David Hedberg. He sheds light on Hideko Tamura, who was exposed to the atomic bomb in Hiroshima when she was 11 years old. She now lives in Ashland, Oregon and is dedicated to planting seeds and saplings of A-bombed trees, in the United States.

GJG and the City of Gresham are honored to care for a Ginkgo biloba second-generation seedling donated through Green Legacy Hiroshima.

[Download article by Yomiuri Shimibun translated for print.](https://www.greshamjapanesegarden.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Seeds-of-Peace-Growing-in-the-World-article.pdf) (https://www.greshamjapanesegarden.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Seeds-of-Peace-Growing-in-the-World-article.pdf)

*nude trees  
suffer winter storms  
lanterns feel no cold*

— Bill Peterson



Oregon delegation looking up at A-bombed trees while listening to an explanation by arborist Horiguchi (second from right) in Naka-ku, Hiroshima City



# Will My Trees Survive?

**W**hen a major storm strikes, some trees seem to be able to come through with only minor damage, while others suffer the loss of large limbs or even sizable parts of the tree.

## ASSESSING THE DAMAGE

**WAIT AND SEE:** Broken branches on an otherwise healthy tree should survive. Prune the branch back to the next branch to tidy up, and give it a growing season.



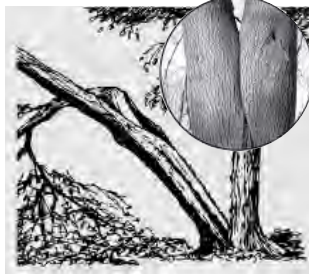
**GIVE IT TIME:** In most areas, we'd say this tree will probably not recover. But, in the PNW this tree could. Cut the broken trunk back to the next branch to promote growth. Put it on a 5-year plan and look for the next apex to show itself.



**EASY CALL:** A mature tree can survive losing a major limb because more than likely it was already dead and broke away from the collar. Trim back to the trunk. The tree's hormones should be able to repair the large wound left over.



**BYE BYE:** Included bark causes weak branching. Consequently, when the branch breaks, it exposes the cambium (greenish inner bark) where disease and insects will eventually take over.



**TORN OR RIPPED BARK:** Carefully use a sharp knife to smooth the ragged edges of wounds where bark has been torn away. Try not to expose any more of the cambium than is necessary, as these fragile layers contain the tree's food and water lifelines between roots and leaves.



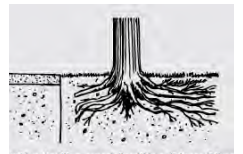
So what can be done before the next storm hits? It's not surprising to GJG to see a reputable source, Tree City USA, state that routine pruning reduces dominant stems from breaking easily and eliminates dead wood that is prone to breaking and falling.

Correct pruning can also reduce wind resistance that is usually responsible for tree damage, too.

If you're in a situation where you need to replace or repair a damaged tree, proper root handling is essential.

## POST-STORM INSPECTION

Avoid root cutting within a distance 5x the diameter of the tree



Don't plant too deep and be sure to straighten or cut circling roots.



Proper planting allows roots to grow outward and deep for greater stability.



*Be patient. The Pacific Northwest offers a rich and resilient environment for trees to recover.*

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### HAIKU CORNER

green green green  
the pines  
seconds before snow

- Gabriel Rosenstock

雪ちるや友なし松のひねくれて

yuki chiru ya  
tomo nashi matsu no  
hinekurete

falling snow  
around the lone pine  
twisting

- Issa

## Save the Date for Yozakura



At the height of cherry blossoms, a traditional Japanese event occurs, *yozakura*—viewing cherry blossoms at night time.

For the first time, GJG will illuminate Ebetsu Plaza and Ambleside Annex from March 27th to April 7th with live koto entertainment and refreshments March 30th and April 6th. These are free events.

## Volunteer Breakfast



GJG volunteers enjoyed a morning of camaraderie, breakfast, and a fun game of peeling and sticking bows on someone's back.

The GJG officers laid out 2024's year of engagement and opportunities, and thanked the volunteers for their service.

Want to join our flock? Start by inquiring to [volunteers@greshamjapanese.com](mailto:volunteers@greshamjapanese.com).

# 2024 Free Seminars

[REGISTER ON WEB SITE](#)

## **Growing and Caring for Blueberries, Saturday, March 2nd, 12-1:30pm**

**JIM BUCK, GJG INSTRUCTOR AND JONATHAN FAITH, AL'S GARDEN & HOME STORE MANAGER, AND BLUEBERRY**

**EXPERT:** The Growing and Caring for Blueberries seminar will describe the main parts of a blueberry plant, what soil conditions the plants favor, how and when to fertilize blueberries, the harvest times and show-and tell for various varieties, pruning recommendations, and responses to a couple common diseases. Al's Garden & Home will bring coupons to spend on re-stocking your blueberry crop.



## **Spring Lawn Maintenance, Saturday, April 13th, 1-2:30pm**

**JIM CARD, GJG INSTRUCTOR:** Getting green, healthy grass is not easy without some TLC. This spring's lawn maintenance class will cover keeping your lawn healthy and green throughout the summer months in the northwest weather. It will also cover how to get moss out, and what blend of fertilizer works best for lawns, how to apply, an overview of sprinkler systems and how to water your lawn and your plants.

## **Creating Pollinator Habitat for your Garden and Home, Saturday, June 15th, 10:30-11:30am**

**DEB PETERS, GJG INSTRUCTOR AND JUDY ALLERUZZO, AL'S GARDEN & HOME INSTRUCTOR:** They will present a seminar full of information about pollinators such as bees, butterflies, moths, and hummingbirds, which are crucial for the reproduction of many plant species. This seminar will focus on native host plants for butterflies and how to create your own a pollinator yard. Learn where and how to plant milkweed and other plants to attract monarch butterflies. Coupons to Al's Garden & Home will be distributed.



## **Fundamentals of Pruning, June 8th, 1-2:30pm**

**SUE PROTZ, GJG INSTRUCTOR:** Learn the four basic cuts of pruning and the subsequent reaction from these various pruning cuts. Learn also about tools and tool care. Take a tour of the Gresham Japanese Garden to understand the niwaki-style of pruning and how you can attempt it in your own setting.

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# Pruning Program

More classes and bios listed on website. [VIEW AND REGISTER HERE.](#)

## **Fundamentals of Conifers, on Zoom: Thursday, February 8th, 6:00pm–8:00pm - \$20**

**MARYANN LEWIS, INSTRUCTOR:** In the Northwest, we know there is more to conifers than Christmas trees! Learn fundamental pruning techniques for your favorite conifers including pines, spruce, hinoki and how to interpret cultivars. This class will help you feel comfortable making pruning decisions so you can enjoy your conifers even more. There will be time at the end of the course for questions and answers. *Zoom courses are recorded and available for two weeks.*

## **Pruning Conifers in the Garden, Onsite: Sunday, February 11th, 1:00pm–3:00pm - \$45**

**MARYANN LEWIS, INSTRUCTOR:** This class will build upon the knowledge gained in 'Pruning Fundamentals for Conifers' on the 8th. It will be beneficial to take the Zoom class. We will look at various small conifers in and around Tsuru Island and apply useful techniques and strategies that can be used in any garden style.

## **Spring Maintenance on Pines: Saturday, May 18th, 12:00pm–2:00pm - \$45**

**LAURA DUFALA, INSTRUCTOR:** Learn all about the why's and how's of pruning and candling pines. Laura will candle, needle, and prune a few of the pines on Tsuru Island for show and tell. This workshop is in person at Tsuru Island, Gresham Japanese Garden. Bring your gloves. Laura may turn the class into a collaborative session.



## **Pruning Lace-leaf Maples for Character: Saturday, June 22, 12:30pm – 2:30pm - \$45**

**LINCOLN PROUD, INSTRUCTOR:** Many people care for maple trees on their property, especially lace-leaf maples. The class will begin in the GJG Kyoudou Center with a short lecture on the basic botany and growth habits of lace-leaf maples, then move to the Japanese garden to learn how pruning is done to various maples and how to apply these principles to your own trees.





**In celebration  
of Hinamatsuri**

**FREE EVENT**

Hinamatsuri, also known as Doll Festival or Girl's Day is a Shinto and Japanese cultural holiday celebrated on March 3. It's Japanese tradition to gift a daughter a hina doll collection.

A hina doll collection called a hinakazari, consist of 1- to 7-tiers, from folded paper to intricate carved dolls.

Visit the Gresham Japanese Garden's Kyoudou Center Hina Doll Exhibition on March 3rd and be awed by all the different hinakazaris displayed.

Talk to the owners and learn the history of their collections.

**CALLING ALL HINA DOLL OWNERS**

If you are interested in displaying your hinakarsari in the exhibition, contact

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**Gresham Japanese  
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**Hina Dolls  
Exhibition**

**March 3, 2024  
10am - 4pm**



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