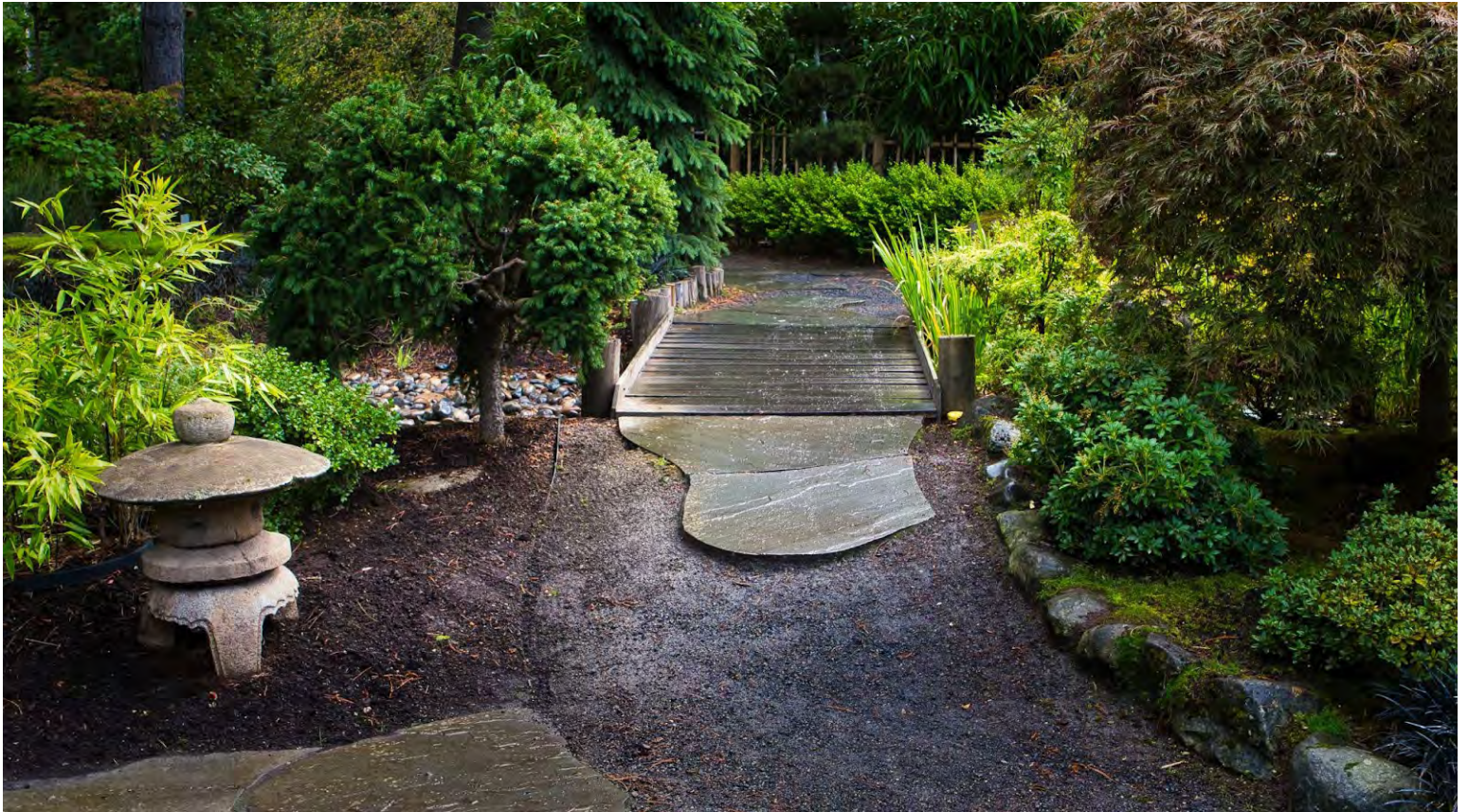


Tsuru 鶴 Soars

Friends of the Gresham Japanese Garden Newsletter



Working Together

There's nothing more satisfying than seeing people working together towards a common goal.

Garden Saturdays are a time volunteers work at the Garden on a myriad of tasks, usually garden chores. But, August and September has been devoted to finishing the remodel of the Kyoudou Center's exterior. Lead volunteer Chuck requested a team of volunteers for Saturday, September 21 to erect the overhang. In less than three hours, eight guys worked together placing the posts, hoisting header beams into position and screwing in the cross bars to complete the four foot overhang. Volunteer Steven

remarks, "It was nice to help bring the project to life after all the planning and measuring. Also to see Chuck smile at his work!"

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And, ever optimistic Jim Card, Garden director says "Man, that was fun!"

*autumn rain
a bridge to somewhere
walk with me*

— Bill Peterson



Volunteers hoisting the beam into position for the overhang.

Sequoia Pitch Moth, *Synanthedon sequoiae*

Despite its name, sequoia pitch moth is not known to feed on sequoia species. Sequoia pitch moth is one of two clearwing moths that can infest conifers in western North America. Sequoia pitch moth larvae feed on the phloem (the vascular tissue that controls sugar) that can turn into a damaging pest.

Healthy trees are rarely attacked. Infestations may occur from a pruning wound on a stressed tree, such as drought or too wet of soil, or from natural damage. Trees that are wounded in the spring and summer when adult moths are flying are far more likely to be attacked than those pruned or injured in the fall and winter.

Established trees can usually withstand attacks with little to no impact on their growth and survival. Small trees are more at risk of damage. Stems less than four inches in diameter get girdled by larval mining causing the tree to die. GJG recommends making big cuts on pines when they go semi-dormant (late winter and early spring.)

BIOLOGY AND LIFE HISTORY

From *OSU Extensions*: Eggs are laid on

the bark of host trees. The larvae bore into the cambial where they create a shallow cavity and establish a feeding site until winter temperatures become too cold. They resume feeding when temperatures warm. The feeding site is distinguished by the large accumulation of pitch and frass on the exterior of the bark. Pupation takes place within this mass. When adults emerge in the summer, the pupae wriggle to the surface and protrude from the pitch mass. Because they don't feed in the winter, it takes the sequoia pitch moth a 2-year life cycle with overlapping generations.



The adult clearwing moths strongly resemble a yellow-jacket wasp in color and size. Adults emerge from late May to early September, with peak emergence in June

and July. Adults only live a few days, during which they mate and lay eggs.

MANAGEMENT

The best way to prevent the sequoia pitch moth is to avoid making large



Empty pupal case on pitch moth.

pruning cuts between May and September when their flight period begins. The best time of year for pruning is generally between October and January.

Also avoid planting nonnative pines or planting pine species or cultivars that are not suited to the site or microclimate.

Softer pitch masses will contain a single larva or pupa, depending on timing, should be dug out before the adult emerges.

Over time with the removal of the larvae, trees may become less attractive to attacks.



Late instar of the moth larvae.

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HAIKU CORNER

Autumn rain,
A slow, deliberate fall,
Nature's lullaby.
- A.R. Ammons

松の木も在所めきけり秋の雨
matsu no ki mo zaisho-meki keru aki no ame

even the pine tree
looks rustic...
autumn rain
- Issa 1803

Volunteer Gresham is Live

The City of Gresham is rolling out **Volunteer Gresham**, a digital space where volunteers can find volunteer opportunities. Of course, GJG is active on the site, and looking for that next volunteer passionate about keeping Main City Park beautiful, service work, forming new relationships, and having fun. For more information or questions, email Volunteer@GreshamOregon.gov.

Gardens for Peace



To commemorate **Gardens for Peace**, a [North American Japanese Garden Association](#) (NAJGA) project by bringing communities together in Japanese gardens, John Harrold raked the peace pattern in the dry garden (*karesansui*). The pattern designed by Hiroshima-based artist, Toshiko Tanaka, a peace activist and A-bomb survivor represents *heiwa*, or peace in Japanese.

New Sign Leads the Way

For the last few years we've noticed visitors strolling through Tsuru Island, and then leaving without exploring GJG's other gardens.

In our humble opinion, the south end of Main City Park, where GJG has developed the Mural Garden, Ebetsu Plaza, Pollinator Garden, the Peace Garden, and the Kyoudou Center are all worth time well spent to wander through.

When GJG volunteers have the opportunity to direct visitors to the other areas, we've discovered it's not because they didn't have time, or too far to walk, it was because they didn't know about them! Our bad.

A few years ago we had people riding their bikes onto Tsuru Island kicking up gravel, and making it dangerous for visitors, so we added an A-frame sign saying "No Bikes and No Smoking Allowed". Later on we added a message to the back side of the A-frame with an arrow pointing south for when people exited Tsuru Island that said, "More this way".

The sign served its purpose, but was continually getting vandalized, AND honestly wasn't a very welcoming as an entrance sign to a Japanese garden.

Our solution... an all-encompassing sign that we mounted in a beautiful frame that matches the rest of our decor. We installed it to the right of the entrance to Tsuru Island in a clear and obvious location. The result:

- It's away from the entrance.
- The verbiage is in English and Spanish.
- The City of Gresham Park's and Garden's rules and restrictions are posted.
- A beautiful illustration indicating all the spaces to explore at the Gresham Japanese Garden.
- Included on the illustration is the location of Main City Park's public restroom and dog park.



Article in *The Outlook* announcing the new sign.

Top photo: Volunteers installing the sign. Bottom photo: Partial completion of the ground. Blue stone will be cut into place.

First Time Walking in the



This year was the first time the Friends of the Gresham Japanese Garden entered a float in the Soroptimist Teddy Bear Parade. Apart from plastering our float with bears, GJG's float's theme was predisposed: Plants and People. We borrowed a flat bed trailer, wrapped it in burlap to emulate dirt, added plants and specimen trees, black pines bonsai borrowed from our friends at Bentwood Tree Farm, a bridge, and a lot of enthusiasm from the volunteers!

Fourteen volunteers, and their Golden Retriever mascot felt really good to be a part of such a long-standing, family-oriented community event. Paula Grech, GJG volunteer exclaims, "It was

a beautiful day and a great shared experience with all the GJG volunteers and Gresham community!"

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And they are already talking about what to change and add for next year. Their vertical sign was beautiful, but it kept flapping in the wind. Their bridge needs a facelift, and they're scheming how to extend the fun after



Close up view of GJG's float.

the parade is over.

To watch the 2024 highlights and previous years, including the origin of the parade, MetroEast has a YouTube channel. [2024 Teddy Bear video.](#)

Upcoming Pruning Classes

[REGISTER AT GRESHAMJAPANESEGARDEN.ORG](https://www.greshamjapanesegarden.org)



Structural Pruning Pines for Character: Saturday, October 5th, 1-3pm - \$45

LAURA DUFALA, INSTRUCTOR: Watch Laura unlock the hidden character of pine trees. It's captivating to watch her approach to cloud pruning in the niwaki style, and through her artistic eyes make decisions regarding which branches to keep and which ones to remove. She has a tendency to turn the class into a hands-on practicum, so bring gloves and sanitized pruners. The class will take place at the Gresham Japanese Garden.



Propagating Conifers from Cuttings: Saturday, November 2, 2024, 1-3pm - \$55

NORM JACOBS, INSTRUCTOR: Learn how to successfully propagate *Chamaecyparis*, *Cryptomeria*, *Tsuga*, *Thuja* and other suitable conifers by rooting cuttings. Instructor Norm Jacobs will decode plant physiology, explain the selection of containers, soil mixes, and the role of rooting compounds. Norm will demonstrate, and you will prepare the cuttings from branches and sticks. Last Norm will share experience about aftercare and future transplanting of your cuttings. Class includes all the propagation materials: pots, soil, rooting compound, and plant tags.



Watch this video taken at Norm's urban garden and Arbutus Garden Arts nursery in SE Portland. His specialties are vast, and cultivars extensive.



Assessing and Pruning an Overgrown Landscape: Saturday, November 23, 2024, 1-3pm - \$45

FRANCHESKA SNYDER, INSTRUCTOR: Knowing where to begin managing an overgrown garden can be overwhelming. This workshop will take place at a residential home in the Gresham area that speaks to the issues around this workshop. Instructor Francheska Snyder will walk you through how to prioritize tasks, how to prune the plants based on their space, the specimen, and hardscapes near. Francheska will prune at least one shrub and at least one specimen tree in the landscape.



All Day Hands-on Winter Pruning Workshop: Saturday, January 11, 2025, 10am-4pm - \$100

FRANCHESKA SNYDER, INSTRUCTOR: For the intermediate pruners, a hands-on opportunity to prune a variety of plants at a Japanese garden in Boring, OR, learning alongside Francheska Snyder, a professional aesthetic pruner trained in Japan who owns her own business, Niwa Method. This will be the Gresham Japanese Garden's 5th opportunity to prune at Vanport International. There are still many plants that need restored to their size and brought back to the vision of the original garden designer, Hoichi Kurisu.



Pruning Fruit Trees: Saturday, January 25, 2025 1pm-3pm: \$45

JONATHAN FAITH, INSTRUCTOR: Late winter is a good time to prune fruit trees because they are dormant and it's easier to see the tree's structure to decide which cuts to make. And, you can rest assured knowing that the spring is not far off and your tree will soon be able to heal any wounds from pruning. Faith will demonstrate how to prune apple trees, cherry trees, and hopefully if Al's Garden & Home has in stock, plum trees and Asian pear trees. In addition, Faith will discuss cross pollination, fertilizers, and fungicide and insecticide sprays. *Don't miss out too on a discount coupon to Al's Garden & Home when you attend the class!*



The History of Japanese Maple Cultivars: On Zoom, Thursday, January 23, 2025, 6:30-8pm - \$30

NORM JACOBS, INSTRUCTOR: Instructor Norm Jacob says that we are in a period of change in the world of Japanese maples and a "changing of the guard" in the world of Japanese maples with the future uncertain. That said, many select introductions of the last 30 years (the period of my most intense activity) are still rare or just making their way into propagation in numbers adequate to lower prices and improve availability. This class will focus on JMs introduced during 1980-2018.