



JAPANESE FESTIVAL

AUGUST 31–SEPTEMBER 2
labor day weekend



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

Welcome

Celebrating the history, culture, and people of Japan, the Japanese Festival at the Missouri Botanical Garden is one of the largest and oldest festivals of its kind in the United States. Since 1977, the Garden has proudly hosted this unique event at one of the largest Japanese gardens in North America. A fruitful collaboration with several local Japanese-American organizations provides authentic Japanese music, art, dance, food, and entertainment for thousands of visitors each year. We hope you enjoy your experience. ***Yokoso!***

Festival Hours

Saturday, August 31: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, September 1: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday, September 2: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Grounds open at 9 a.m. and then remain open until 10 p.m. for candlelight walks on Saturday and Sunday.

Information

Festival information tents are located on Spoehrer Plaza and near the Center for Home Gardening.



| The Japanese Garden |

Admission

\$16 for adults

\$5 for children (12 and under)

\$8 for Garden members

Member children (12 and under) are free

Regular admission rates apply for the Doris I. Schnuck Children's Garden.

All activities at the Japanese Festival are included with admission except Teahouse Island Tours. Trams will not run during the festival.

Apply a portion of your Japanese Festival admission toward a Garden membership!

Join the Garden or renew your membership during Japanese Festival, and we will apply a portion of today's admission toward the purchase of a Garden membership. Present your ticket receipt at the Membership Tent to enjoy the savings. Annual Garden membership begins at \$50 for an individual and \$75 for two adults and children. Join at the Festival level to receive free admission for up to six adults to the Garden's annual festivals, including the Best of Missouri Market and Garden Glow!

Garden Gate Shop

From collectible figurines to bonsai trees and tools for their care, the Garden Gate Shop is your source for Japanese Festival merchandise. Check out our koi windsocks and Japanese soda, snacks, and candy. We also feature new lines of Japanese bowls, chopsticks, and cups as well as jewelry, cookbooks, and more.

Open Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Monday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

First Aid

In case of an accident or medical emergency, please locate anyone wearing Garden identification, and they will contact Security immediately to tend to your emergencies. Emergency services are provided by the St. Louis Fire Department.

Sassafras

Soups, salads, sandwiches, and Japanese specials will be available.

Open Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Featured Performers—Sumo!

Sumo is a form of full-contact wrestling and Japan's national sport. It originated in ancient times as religious performances to the Shinto gods, but many ancient rituals are still followed. The basic rules of sumo are simple: the losing wrestler (*rikishi*) is the one who either first touches the floor with something other than the sole of his foot or leaves the ring (*dohyo*) before his opponent.

This year, we have partnered with USA Sumo to bring you three of the most popular *rikishi* in the world, Byamba, Yama, and Hiroki.

Saturday, 2 and 4 p.m.;
Sunday, noon and 4 p.m.;
Monday, noon and 4 p.m.
Cohen Amphitheater



Tours

Teahouse Island Tours

The private Teahouse Island of the Japanese Garden will be open for guided public tours. Across a narrow cove and *Dobashi*, or Earthen Bridge, is Teahouse Island. At the end of the bridge stands a snow-viewing lantern, *yukimi-doro*, a gift from St. Louis's sister city of Suwa, Japan. The teahouse itself, a gift from Missouri's sister state of Nagano, Japan, is sacred in Japanese culture. This *soan*, or farm hut-style teahouse, was built in Japan, reassembled here by Japanese craftsmen, and dedicated with a *Shinto* ceremony in 1977. The teahouse is screened by hedges to create a sense of remoteness.

**Saturday and Sunday,
August 31 and September 1**
noon to 7 p.m. (on the hour)
Set 1: noon, 1, 2, 3 p.m.
Set 2: 4, 5, 6, 7 p.m.

Monday, September 2
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (on the hour)
Set 1: 11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m.
Set 2: 2, 3, 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person and will be sold twice daily at the Plum Viewing Arbor. Tickets go on sale one hour before the first scheduled tour of each set, and are sold for all tours in that set at once. There are only 20 spots available for each tour.

Tickets sold at Plum Viewing Arbor. Maximum four tickets per person.

Japanese Garden Walking Tours

Garden Docents will be stationed throughout *Seiwa-en* to provide information and help guide your visit. All three days, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No additional charge.

Candlelight Walks

Enjoy self-guided, evening-hour tours around the Japanese Garden, splendidly illuminated by *shoji* lanterns. Saturday and Sunday from 8 to 10 p.m.

No additional charge.

Opening Ceremony

Honored guests, including government officials and dignitaries from sponsoring organizations, will officially open the Japanese Festival. Opening ceremonies will include music, remarks by distinguished guests, the ritual of *kagamiwari* (breaking into the sake barrel), and a performance by the St. Louis Osuwa Taiko drummers. Sake cups are available for purchase at the site for \$10.

Saturday, 11 a.m., Japanese Garden



| Opening Ceremony |



2019 Japanese Festival Logo OMIKI (*Sacred Sake*)

令和

Omiki is a specially brewed sake presented at Shinto shrines as an offering, often as part of a celebration. The *omiki* is poured into a pair of heishi, or ritual sake bottles, and placed on Shinto altars. The logo for this year's festival consists of these heishi framed by pine branches, another fundamental element of Shinto ritual. It was chosen to celebrate the ascendance of Japan's Reiwa emperor to the throne on May 1st of this year and represents our hope for an auspicious reign.

SEIWA-EN

Japanese Garden

Welcome to *Seiwa-en*, the “garden of pure, clear harmony and peace.” One of the largest traditional Japanese gardens in North America, *Seiwa-en* covers 14 acres, including a 4-acre lake. Modeled on the *chisen kaiyu-shiki*, or “wet strolling garden,” a style developed by wealthy landowners of the late Edo period in 19th-century Japan, *Seiwa-en* incorporates many principles of Japanese aesthetics drawn from Zen Buddhism, such as suggestion, naturalness, and asymmetry within the landscape.

Water resides in every Japanese garden actually or symbolically. In *Seiwa-en*, the lake is the main water feature, complemented by waterfalls, streams, and water-filled basins. The dry gravel gardens symbolize islands surrounded by the sea. Caretakers frequently rake the dry gardens, changing the patterns in the gravel to look as if wind has rippled the surface of the water. Four islands rise from the lake. Tortoise Island and Crane Island take the names of symbols of longevity in Japanese lore. Paradise Island (*Horai-zan*), formed by three large stones, is the symbolic center of the garden, representing everlasting happiness and immortality. Teahouse Island is a serene site, dedicated in a Shinto ceremony, closed to the public except for the tours offered during the Japanese Festival.

Designed by the late Koichi Kawana, a renowned professor of environmental design and landscape architecture at the University of California, Los Angeles, *Seiwa-en* was dedicated in 1977.



| Drum Bridge (Taikobashi) |

SATURDAY, August 31

10–11 a.m.	Bonsai Demonstration	Orthwein Floral Display Hall
10 a.m.–4 p.m.	Origami Demonstration	Jordan Education Wing
10 a.m.–5 p.m.	Balloon Art	Kemper Center
10 a.m.–7 p.m.	Bonsai and Ikebana Display	Orthwein Floral Display Hall
10:30–11 a.m.	Festival Procession (Omikoshi, Dashi, and Bon Odori)	Spink Pavilion
11 a.m.–noon	Opening Ceremony/Taiko Drums	Japanese Garden / Yagura Stage
11 a.m.–2 p.m.	Origami Demonstration	Sachs Museum
noon–1 p.m.	Gaku Music Okashi Fashion and Cosplay Show !! Shodo	Jordan Education Wing Cohen Amphitheater Shoenberg Theater
noon–1:30 p.m.	!! Cooking Demonstration	Kemper Kitchen
noon–7 p.m.	\$ Teahouse Island Tours (hourly)	Japanese Garden
12:30–1:30 p.m.	Martial Arts—Kendo	Bottlebrush East
1–1:30 p.m.	Ice Sculpture !! Storyteller’s Juubako	Bottlebrush West PlantLab
1–2:30 p.m.	Ikebana Demonstration	Orthwein Floral Display Hall
1–5 p.m.	Children’s Activities	Spink Pavilion
1:30–2 p.m.	!! Hana Children’s Chorus !! Rakugo	Shoenberg Theater PlantLab
1:30–2:30 p.m.	St. Louis Okinawa Eisa	Yagura Stage
2–2:30 p.m.	!! Introduction to Zen Meditation	PlantLab
2–3 p.m.	Martial Arts—Karate Sumo	Bottlebrush East Cohen Amphitheater
2:30–3:30 p.m.	!! Niji Choral Group	Shoenberg Theater
3–3:30 p.m.	!! Storyteller’s Juubako	PlantLab
3–4 p.m.	Martial Arts—Koryu Bugei	Knolls
3–4:30 p.m.	!! Cooking Demonstration Ikebana Demonstration	Kemper Kitchen Orthwein Floral Display Hall
3:30–4 p.m.	!! Rakugo	PlantLab
4–5 p.m.	Sumo	Cohen Amphitheater
4:30–5:30 p.m.	Martial Arts—Judo !! The Way of Tea Demonstration	Bottlebrush East Shoenberg Theater
5–6 p.m.	Gaku Music	Jordan Education Wing
5:30–6:30 p.m.	!! Bon Odori Dancing	Japanese Garden / Yagura Stage
5:30–7 p.m.	!! Cooking Demonstration	Kemper Kitchen
7–8 p.m.	St. Louis Osuwa Taiko	Cohen Amphitheater
8–8:30 p.m.	Toro Nagashi	Japanese Garden
8–10 p.m.	!! Anime Movie— Tamako Love Story Candlelight Walk	Shoenberg Theater Japanese Garden

For a detailed description of these programs, please
visit our website at
events.missouribotanicalgarden.org/Japanese_Festival

SUNDAY, September 1

10–11 a.m.	Bonsai Demonstration St. Louis Okinawa Eisa !! Zen and Japanese Culture	Orthwein Floral Display Hall Cohen Amphitheater Shoenberg Theater
10 a.m.–4 p.m.	Origami Demonstration	Jordan Education Wing
10 a.m.–5 p.m.	Balloon Art Children's Activities	Kemper Center Spink Pavilion
10 a.m.–7 p.m.	Bonsai and Ikebana Display	Orthwein Floral Display Hall
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Martial Arts—Aikido	Bottlebrush East
11–11:30 a.m.	!! Storyteller's Juubako	PlantLab
11:30 a.m.–noon	!! Rakugo	PlantLab
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	!! Tozan Ryu	Shoenberg Theater
noon–1 p.m.	Martial Arts—Karate Sumo	Bottlebrush East Cohen Amphitheater
noon–1:30 p.m.	!! Cooking Demonstration	Kemper Kitchen
noon–7 p.m.	\$ Teahouse Island Tours (hourly)	Japanese Garden
1–1:30 p.m.	Ice Sculpture !! Storyteller's Juubako	Bottlebrush West PlantLab
1–2 p.m.	!! Kimono Fashion Show	Shoenberg Theater
1–2:30 p.m.	Ikebana Demonstration	Orthwein Floral Display Hall
1:30–2 p.m.	Dashi Procession !! Rakugo	Spink Pavilion PlantLab
1:30–2:30 p.m.	Martial Arts—Kendo	Bottlebrush East
2–3 p.m.	St. Louis Osuwa Taiko	Cohen Amphitheater
2:30–3:30 p.m.	!! Kimono Fashion Show	Shoenberg Theater
3–3:30 p.m.	Dashi Procession !! Storyteller's Juubako	Cohen Amphitheater PlantLab
3–4:30 p.m.	!! Cooking Demonstration Ikebana Demonstration	Kemper Kitchen Orthwein Floral Display Hall
3:30–4 p.m.	!! Rakugo	PlantLab
3:30–4:30 p.m.	Martial Arts—Koryu Bugei St. Louis Okinawa Eisa	Knolls Yagura Stage
4–5 p.m.	Sumo	Cohen Amphitheater
4:30–5:30 p.m.	!! Gaku Music !! The Way of Tea Demonstration	Jordan Education Wing Shoenberg Theater
5:30–6:30 p.m.	Bon Odori Dancing	Japanese Garden / Yagura Stage
5:30–7 p.m.	!! Cooking Demonstration	Kemper Kitchen
7–8 p.m.	St. Louis Osuwa Taiko	Cohen Amphitheater
7–9 p.m.	!! Karaoke	Shoenberg Theater
8–8:30 p.m.	Toro Nagashi	Japanese Garden
8–10 p.m.	Candlelight Walk	Japanese Garden

* We welcome all cosplayers to the festival, but please make sure that your costumes are family appropriate and leave your weapons at home—even if they are harmless props.

!! Limited Seating—Please Arrive Early
\$ Additional Fee

MONDAY, September 2

10–11 a.m.	Martial Arts—Koryu Bugei St. Louis Okinawa Eisa	Knolls Cohen Amphitheater
10–11:30 a.m.	Bonsai Demonstration	Orthwein Floral Display Hall
10 a.m.–4 p.m.	Origami Demonstration	Jordan Education Wing
10 a.m.–5 p.m.	Balloon Art Bonsai and Ikebana Display Children's Activities Japanese Craft Demonstrations	Kemper Center Orthwein Floral Display Hall Spink Pavilion Jordan Education Wing
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Martial Arts—Aikido !! Shodoo	Bottlebrush East Shoenberg Theater
11–11:30 a.m.	!! Storyteller's Juubako	PlantLab
11:30 a.m.–noon	!! Rakugo	PlantLab
11 a.m.–4 p.m.	\$ Teahouse Island Tours (hourly)	Japanese Garden
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Ikebana (hands-on experience)	Orthwein Floral Display Hall
noon–1 p.m.	Sumo	Cohen Amphitheater
noon–1:30 p.m.	!! Cooking Demonstration	Kemper Kitchen
1–1:30 p.m.	!! Gundam Model Building Information Session Ice Sculpture !! Storyteller's Juubako	Shoenberg Theater Bottlebrush West PlantLab
1–5 p.m.	Gundam Model Display	Shoenberg Theater
1:30–2 p.m.	Dashi Procession !! Rakugo	Spink Pavilion PlantLab
1:30–2:30 p.m.	Martial Arts—Judo	Bottlebrush East
2–2:30 p.m.	!! Introduction to Zen Meditation	PlantLab
2–3 p.m.	St. Louis Osuwa Taiko	Cohen Amphitheater
3–3:30 p.m.	Dashi Procession !! Gundam Model Building Information Session	Cohen Amphitheater Shoenberg Theater
3–4:30 p.m.	!! Cooking Demonstration	Kemper Kitchen
4–5 p.m.	Sumo	Cohen Amphitheater

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Look for the top spinner and candy artist demonstrations throughout the festival!

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ART EXHIBITS

Bonsai and Ikebana
 Orthwein Floral Display Hall
 Calligraphy Exhibit
 Beaumont Room

FOOD VENDORS

BBC Asian Bar and Café
 Café Roji
 Chef De Art Catering
 Confluence Kombucha
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 Kampai Sushi Bar
 Niji Choral Group
 Ozark Forest Mushrooms
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 Sushi Kitchen

| The Marketplace |





YATSUHASHI BRIDGE (ZIGZAG)

TAIKOBASHI BRIDGE (DRUM)

TOGETSUKYO BRIDGE (FLAT), KOI

TEAHOUSE ISLAND

YAGURA STAGE
Bon Odori, Opening Ceremony, Eisa

PLUM VIEWING ARBOR
Teahouse Island Ticket Sales*

JAPANESE GARDEN
Candlelight Walks, Japanese Garden Tour, Toro Nagashi

SEIWA-EN JAPANESE GARDEN

KEY



Restrooms



Beverage Vending



Family Restroom



Drinking Fountain



Accessible Restroom



Hydration Station



ATM



Dashi Parade Route



Dining



First Aid

BOTTEBRUSH EAST
Martial Arts—Aikido, Karate, Kendo, Judo

ORIGAMI
(Saturday)

* Teahouse Island tickets available only at the entrance to Plum Viewing Arbor.

JAPANESE GARDEN

Always one of our visitors' favorite spots, the 14-acre garden is stunning in all four seasons, showcasing distinct aspects of its beauty from different vantage points. Proposed by the Japanese American Citizens' League in 1972, it was designed by renowned landscape architect Koichi Kawana. Construction began in 1974, and

the garden was formally dedicated on May 5, 1977.

The dedication was symbolic for St. Louis, as it promoted positive international relations. Several elected officials attended the ceremony, including the President of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen Paul Simon. He referred to the Japanese Garden as, "a garden which is building a bridge to international understanding."

Dr. Peter Raven, Garden President from 1971 to 2010, said the



KEMPER CENTER AND KITCHEN
Balloon Art, Cooking Demonstrations

COHEN AMPHITHEATER
Cosplay Fashion Show, Dashi, Eisa, Sumo, Taiko

RIDGWAY VISITOR CENTER JORDAN EDUCATION WING
Gaku Music, Japanese Crafts, Origami, Calligraphy
MONSANTO HALL
Shodo Exhibit
ORTHWEIN FLORAL DISPLAY HALL
Bonsai, Ikebana Display
SHOENBERG THEATER
Anime Movie, Hana, Karaoke, Kimono Fashion Show, Niji, Shodo, Tozan Ryu, Gundam, The Way of Tea, Zen

PLANTLAB
Rakugo, Zen, Storyteller's Juubako

BOTTLEBRUSH WEST
Ice Sculpture

CLIMATRON

JAPANESE MARKETPLACE

FOOD COURT

KNOLLS
Martial Arts—Koryu Bugei

SPINK PAVILION
Children's Activities, Bon Odori, Dashi, and Omikoshi Procession

celebration of Japanese culture “is the most fundamental thing about the garden—the chance to increase communication and to provide the opportunity for cultural, educational and commercial interchange between our people and those of Japan.”

Forty years after the Japanese Garden’s dedication, we continue to celebrate *Seiwa-en*, “garden of pure, clear harmony and peace,” and its significance in honoring Japanese culture.

Pokémon at the Garden



One of Japan’s most beloved exports, Pokémon, has taken hold at the Garden. Bellsprouts, Beedrills, and Bulbasaur’s abound! Pokémon Go players are encouraged to visit all of our PokéStops, compete to be the very best at one of our seven gyms, and hatch an egg or two along the way. Be sure to check out the Anime St. Louis booth in Monsanto Hall to participate in the PokéStop and Smell the Roses scavenger hunt. While you’re on the prowl to fill your Pokédex, please do not walk in any mulched or planted garden beds. There will be plenty of Pokémon on the paths. Happy hunting!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE GARDEN



« BEST OF MISSOURI MARKET

Oct. 4 | noon–8 p.m.
Oct. 5–6 | 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

More than 120 food producers and crafters offer baked goods, fresh and dried flowers, live plants, handcrafted items, baskets, furniture, custom jewelry, children's activities, live music, and more.

SPIRITS IN THE GARDEN »

Oct. 25 | 6–9 p.m.

Presented by: 

Celebrate All Hallows' Eve with the spirit of Henry Shaw. Strut your stuff in a costume contest, dance to spooky tunes, learn about the history of the Garden, and enjoy a spirited signature cocktail.



« GARDENLAND EXPRESS

Nov. 23–Jan. 1, 2020 | 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Presented by: 

View G-scale trains of many eras as they travel through a miniature holiday landscape with festive decorations and plants.

GARDEN GLOW »

Nov. 23–Jan. 4, 2020 | 5–10 p.m.

Presented by: 

Celebrate the season with over one million lights, fun new experiences, and traditional favorites.



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Confluence Zen Center—A St. Louis-based zen community dedicated to zazen.

Japanese American Citizens League—Devoted to the special needs and interests of the Japanese American community.

Japan America Society of St. Louis—Devoted to promoting business and cultural ties between America and Japan.

Japan America Society of St. Louis Women's Association—Assists Japanese and American women in cultural exchange.

Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of St. Louis—Founded for the purpose of promoting trade, commerce, goodwill, and partnership between Japan and the United States.

The Office of the Consulate General of Japan in Chicago—Represents the Japanese government in Missouri and other Midwestern states.

St. Louis Japanese Language School for Children—An institution providing Japanese language instruction for children in Missouri and Illinois.

St. Louis–Suwa Sister City Committee—Seeks to further ties between St. Louis and our sister city of Suwa in Nagano Prefecture, Japan.

St. Louis Japan Society—Primary purpose is for Japanese nationals in the area to meet and socialize.

Seinen Committee—An organization for young Japanese/American professionals.

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Thanks to our vendors, volunteers, and visitors for keeping this huge event's footprint small. YOU help the Garden show the way to be *Green Today—Greener Tomorrow!*



GARDEN PARTY LIGHTS

#NatureGetsLit through Oct. 19

Delight in a nature-inspired show of lights, lasers, and mesmerizing displays!

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