

Dates: 1977 - 2005

Size: .5 linear feet (1 box)

Abstract:

A collection of materials related to the Japanese Friendship Garden of San Diego including its initial planning and construction.

Biographical/Historical Notes:

The Japanese Friendship Garden of San Diego is located on a twelve acre plot in Balboa Park. It was first opened in 1991 after an extensive planning and fundraising campaign. The second phase, opened in 1999, was designed by renowned landscape architect Takeo Uesugi. This phase added the Exhibit Hall, Activity Center, and Koi Pond. The third phase, completed in 2015, comprised 9 additional acres which included a 200 cherry tree grove, large azalea and camellia garden, a water feature reminiscent of the San Diego watershed, and the state-of-the-art Inamori Pavilion.

The Garden is an expression of friendship between San Diego and its sister city, Yokohama that illustrates two cultures and creates an immersive experience into Japanese culture. The design is based on centuries-old Japanese techniques adapted to San Diego's climate and flora and seeks to foster a relationship between humans and nature, providing a respite attuned to Japanese simplicity, serenity, and aestheticism.

The mission of the Japanese Friendship Garden Society of San Diego is to develop a traditional Japanese garden as a center to educate, engage, and inspire people of diverse backgrounds about Japanese culture and community legacy. It currently offers a variety of educational programs, exhibits, and festivals as well as accredited horticultural classes to enhance and deepen visitor appreciation for Japanese culture. As a valued community resource, it is well known for its unique setting, stone arrangements, koi ponds, water features, sukiya-style buildings and landscape.

Scope and Content:

A collection of materials related to the Japanese Friendship Garden of San Diego including its initial planning and construction. It contains early planning documents and materials related to the creation of the Garden as well as legal documents including the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. There are also Board minutes, and information about various projects, programs and events. Of particular interest is the Light of Friendship project which saw a large bronze lantern (*yukidoro*) installed in the Garden. It was a gift from the Boy Scouts and the Citizens of Yokohama as a symbol of continued friendship between the two cities.

Arrangement:

Arranged by subject and then by date

Condition and Preservation:

The collection materials are in good condition.

Citation:

Japanese Friendship Garden Collection, AC12, Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego Archives, San Diego, CA.

Collection Access Restrictions:

The collection is open for research.

Collection Use Restrictions:

Restrictions may apply

Processing Information:

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Language of Materials:

English

Provenance: Removed from Don Estes Research Collection to be processed as separate collection

Accession: Collected by Don Estes and donated by his wife, Carol Estes

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title/Subjects</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	1	<p>Planning:</p> <p>San Diego Japanese Friendship Garden Prospectus</p> <p>First Planning Conference - program with invitation</p> <p>First newsletter</p> <p>Invitation to serve on the Advisory Board (generic + Don Estes)</p> <p>Planning Advisory Committee Meetings:</p> <p>First Meeting</p> <p>Second Meeting</p> <p>Third Meeting</p> <p>Fourth Meeting</p> <p>Miscellanea</p> <p>Japanese Garden Master Plan</p> <p>Japanese Garden Master Plan</p>	<p>N.D.</p> <p>1977, March</p> <p>1977, April</p> <p>1977, September</p> <p>1977, June</p> <p>1977, July</p> <p>1977, August</p> <p>1977, September</p> <p>1977</p> <p>1977, October</p> <p>1979, July</p>
1	2	<p>Planning:</p>	

		<p>The Japanese Friendship Garden - History and Garden Plans</p> <p>Press releases</p> <p>Fundraising</p> <p>Chairman’s Report to Membership</p> <p>Project revisions and meetings</p> <p>Groundbreaking Ceremony program + invitation</p> <p>Opening Ceremony, Kaien-Shiki program</p>	<p>1980</p> <p>1980s</p> <p>1980s</p> <p>1986</p> <p>1988</p> <p>1989, July</p> <p>1990, August</p>
1	3	<p>Legal Documents:</p> <p>Articles of Incorporation</p> <p>Lease agreement summary</p> <p>Bylaws (2)</p> <p>Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Architect</p> <p>Employee Handbook</p>	<p>1980</p> <p>1984</p> <p>1986, 1991</p> <p>1988</p> <p>N.D.</p>
1	4	<p>Board of Directors:</p> <p>Board of Directors lists</p> <p>Standing Rules</p> <p>Board Minutes</p> <p>Board Minutes</p>	<p>1987, 1988, 1990, 2004</p> <p>1992, June</p> <p>1988</p> <p>1990-1991</p>
1	5	<p>Board of Directors:</p> <p>Board Minutes</p> <p>Board Minutes</p> <p>Facilities Committee</p>	<p>1992</p> <p>2004-2005</p> <p>1988</p> <p>1991</p> <p>2004</p>

		<p>Planning Committee</p> <p>Committees List (proposed)</p>	
1	6	<p>Financials:</p> <p>Tax documents</p> <p>Financial Reports</p> <p>Budgets and Cost Estimates</p> <p>Finance Committee meetings</p>	<p>1984, 1987, 1988</p> <p>1987-1988</p> <p>1988</p> <p>1988</p>
1	7	<p>Newsletters:</p> <p>Niwa</p>	<p>1994, November-1999, December</p>
1	8	<p>Newsletters:</p> <p>Niwa</p>	<p>2000, January – 2005, October</p>
1	9	<p>Projects:</p> <p>Friendship Lantern Project</p>	<p>1995-1997</p>
1	10	<p>Projects:</p> <p>Locke in, Locked Out Grant Project</p> <p>Garden Expansion Project</p>	<p>2001</p> <p>2001</p>
1	11	<p>Events and Programs:</p> <p>Understanding Japan Today flyer</p> <p>Children’s Day Festival flyer</p> <p>Natsu-Matsuri flyer</p> <p>Festival of the August Moon invitation</p> <p>The Evening Thunder with San Jose Taiko Drummers program(2)</p>	<p>1995, January</p> <p>1995, May</p> <p>1995, August</p> <p>2000, August</p> <p>2002, September</p> <p>2003, May</p>

		<p>Exclusive Designs by Anne Namba</p> <p>From the Permanent Collection exhibition program</p>	2003-2004
1	11	<p>Miscellanea:</p> <p>Transcript of interview with Tom Yanagihara, President of Balboa Park Japanese Friendship Garden (in English and Japanese)</p> <p>Japanese Garden and Teahouse notes</p> <p>Newspaper articles</p> <p>Book excerpt – An Abstract of Philosophy of Gardening</p> <p>Booklet – The Nature of Japanese Garden Art</p>	