Study Japanese Gardens in Kyoto this Summer!
Design & Maintenance of Japanese Gardens Course

This workshop uses hands-on instruction to promote an understanding of the unique design and maintenance techniques of the Japanese garden. Many prominent American landscape architects have been inspired to create new designs after encounters with the Japanese garden. Experienced landscape architects will gain new design insights from this immersive educational experience with Japanese gardens.

The workshop is composed of two parts:

1. Historic garden visits led by Rutgers University Landscape Architecture Professor Seiko Goto, and Kyoto Zokei University Professor Takahiro Naka, a prominent Japanese garden historian.

2. Workshops in garden maintenance led by top gardeners, Professor Seiko Goto, and Professor Takahiro Naka.

Participants will visit different styles of Japanese gardens, including Shinto shrines, Zen gardens, Tea gardens, castle gardens, and imperial villas, to learn historical background, design principles, and the maintenance techniques and procedures that have kept garden plants in perfect condition for over 300 years.

The instructional tours also will include a hands-on garden maintenance workshop with imperial gardeners at the Hikone Castle. Translators will be present at all events.

Learning Objectives

This workshop will introduce different styles of Japanese gardens, along with their cultural and historical context. Furthermore, the course will examine the importance of garden maintenance in landscape design, and it will highlight design techniques that sustain garden ecosystems and enrich garden aesthetics.

Participants will develop a deeper understanding of:

- Characteristics of Japanese gardens in their cultural context;
- Design concepts of Japanese gardens through guided tours of major gardens in Kyoto;
- Hands-on methods for design and construction as well as reconstruction techniques of Japanese gardens;
- Japanese garden maintenance techniques to maintain plant health, design intent and garden longevity;
- Japanese garden maintenance techniques that create garden views; and,
- The influence of Japanese gardens in the western countries.
WORKSHOP AGENDA

Day One: August 10
AM - Meet at Kyoto Zokei University
9:00-10:00   Japanese Culture and Gardens (Lecture)
10:15-11:15  Japanese Garden History (Lecture)
11:30-12:30  Japanese Garden Maintenance (Lecture)

PM lunch break

PM - Meet at Shimogamo Shrine
1:00-2:00   Tour of Shimogamo Shrine
2:15-3:15   Tour of Kamigamo Shrine
3:30-4:30   Tour of Kamigamo Shrine

Day Two: August 11
9:30-10:30  Medieval Period and Gardens (Lecture)
10:45-11:45 Tour of Tenryu Temple
12:00-1:00  Tour of Arashiyama Park

PM lunch break
1:30-2:30   Tour of Ryoan Temple
2:45-3:45   Tour of Golden Pavilion

Day Three: August 12
9:30-10:30  17th Century Japanese Gardens (Lecture)
10:45-11:45 Tour of Nijo Castle

PM lunch break
1:00-2:00   17th century Zen Gardens (Lecture)
            Tour of Daitoku Temple
2:15-3:15   Tour of Daitoku Temple
3:30-4:30   Tour of Daitoku Temple

Day Four: August 13
9:30-10:30  Imperial Gardens (Lecture)
            Tour of Katsura Villa
10:45-11:45 Tour of Katsura Villa

PM lunch break
1:00-2:00   Tour of Shugakuin Villa
2:15-3:15   Tour of Shugakuin Villa
3:30-4:30   Tour of Sento Palace

Day Five: August 14
8:00-9:00   Tour of Nara City
9:15-10:15  Tour of Nara Park
10:30-11:30 Tour of Todai Temple
11:45-12:45 Tour of Todai Temple

PM lunch break
1:30-2:30   Tour of Kasuga Shrine
2:45-3:45   Tour of Kasuga Shrine

Day Six: August 15
8:00-9:00   Japanese Garden Maintenance (Lecture)
            Tour of Hikone Castle
9:15-10:15  Tour of Hikone Castle
10:30-11:30 Hikone Castle and its Garden (Lecture)

PM lunch break
12:30-1:30  Garden Maintenance Tools (Lecture)
1:45-2:45   Garden Maintenance Workshop
3:00-4:00   Garden Maintenance Workshop

Day Seven: August 16
9:00-10:00  Modern to Current Era Gardens (Lecture)
10:15-11:15 Tour of Murin-an
11:30-12:30 Intro to Stone Stores in Kyoto (Lecture)

PM lunch break
1:30-2:30   Tour of Garden Stone Stores in Kyoto
2:45-3:45   Tour of Silver Pavilion
4:00-5:00   Tour of Silver Pavilion
9:00-10:00  Daimonji Festival
Course Instructors

Dr. Seiko Goto is an Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture at Rutgers University. She is author of the book *The Japanese Garden: Gateway to the Human Spirit* (2003, Peter Lang Publishing) and has written chapters on *Japanese Landscape Art* for the *Encyclopedia of World Environmental History* (2003, Berkshire Publishing) and on *Confucianism and Garden Design* for *Confucianism and Ecology* (1998, Harvard University Press). She earned an MLA in Landscape Architecture from Harvard University and in Horticulture from Chiba University in Japan. Her research for her doctorate degree from Chiba University in Japan focused on the History of Japanese Gardens. She joined the faculty of Rutgers University in 2006.

Dr. Takahiro Naka is professor of the history and the preservation of the Japanese Garden and a chair person of the Department of Historical Heritage at Kyoto University of Art and Design. He earned his master’s degree in Landscape Architecture from Chiba University and his doctorate degree in Agriculture from Kyoto University in 1993. He is the author of *Gardens of Kyoto: Archeological Sites of Heian Period* (Kyoto City 1990) as well as 12 scholarly articles, including *The Conservation and Restoration of Japanese Traditional Gardens, Preservation of the Nature of Japanese Garden: The Beach of Byodo-in Garden, and A Historical Consideration on the Changes of the Planting Design in the Japanese Tea Gardens.*

Course Details

**Dates:**
August 10-16, 2013

**Location:**
Participants will stay in Kyoto, Japan and travel to different Japanese garden sites each day

**Registration Fee:**
$1,595.00 before July 15, 2013; $1,795.00 after July 15, 2013
Airfare is not included. The fee does include eight nights (single occupancy) at The Palace Side Hotel in Kyoto, breakfast each morning, local transportation, and admission to each of the garden sites.

**How to Register:**
Registration is available online, via mail/fax, or via phone.

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**To Register:**
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