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Hermann Park Conservancy is a citizens' organization dedicated to the stewardship and improvement of Hermann Park—today and for generations to come.



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Hermann Park's Beloved Japanese Garden Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Hermann Park's Japanese Garden was created in 1992 when the City of Houston engaged renowned Japanese landscape architect Ken Nakajima to design five acres of Park space for an authentic Japanese Garden.



Top left: New ceremonial entrance gate on the garden's west side; Bottom left: A small gazebo in the garden, which received a new roof as part of the renovations; Above: View of the traditional dry stream garden

Built to symbolize the friendship between the United States and Japan, and to recognize Houston's thriving Japanese community, the Japanese Garden, offers a stunning oasis in Hermann Park and celebrates Houston's ever-increasing diversity.

To commemorate the garden's 25th anniversary this year, the Conservancy and the Japanese Garden Advisory Committee sought to complete a major renovation to further enhance its beauty, while also making it more accessible to visitors. These improvements included:

- A new west entrance gate of traditional Japanese design on the Fannin Street side of the garden, allowing access from Rice University and the Hermann Park/Rice U METRO Rail stop.

- The creation of an event lawn, which will allow cultural groups wishing to use the garden to help raise funds for its preservation.
- A "dry" stream garden (Karesansui), designed by Japanese landscape architect, Terunobu Nakai, located just inside the west gate welcoming visitors and setting the tone for their visit.
- A new maintenance and storage area to improve the efficiency of the Parks Department staff, Conservancy staff, and volunteers working in the garden.
- The replacement of the garden's perimeter fence and essential roof repairs to the entry gate building, the teahouse pavilion and small gazebo.

Take in all these beautiful improvements on your next visit to the Japanese Garden!

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A stroll through the Japanese Garden is a unique Hermann Park experience. While we celebrate the restoration project completed in the last year for the 25th anniversary, much of the restoration has been happening over the last 10 years—overseen by the Japanese Garden Advisory Committee. Composed of members of the Japanese community, cultural and business groups, this committee has met monthly to ensure the garden remains true to traditional Japanese style and supports the annual visit of the team from Japan. At the helm of the committee, is retired businessman Kunio Minami, who has chaired the group since its formation in 2006 and has since become an unexpected expert in Japanese gardens.

DS: How did Hermann Park become the home of the Japanese Garden?

KM: Former Consul-General of Japan Hori approached the Japanese Business Association with a proposition to build a Japanese Garden in Hermann Park back in the late 80s. Among the Japanese community, there were many positive reactions to the idea as the Japanese people were very active culturally here and wanted to share their culture. Houston had been developing a relationship with Chiba City, its sister city, and the two governments agreed to invest \$250,000 each. Raising the balance of the private funds was split 50/50 between the local Japanese and American communities—a unique arrangement at the time.

DS: How did you become involved?

KM: It wasn't until 2003 when I retired and was asked to form the Japan Association of Greater Houston that I heard the voices of the Japanese community here in Houston with concerns about the state of the Japanese Garden. I took those complaints very seriously and wanted to do something about it. So I called a collective meeting between Japanese organizations and this was the starting point of a new project and formation of the Japanese Garden Advisory Committee.

DS: The group has been instrumental in supporting the annual visit of the Japan team each year. Did you ever think the Japanese Garden Advisory Committee would still be meeting after 10 years?

KM: The key to the future of the Japanese Garden is keeping the Japanese Garden Advisory Committee together. This garden is so special because we've gotten the opportunity to work with people across many

Japanese organizations and have formed special friendships among them—making working together that long possible!

DS: And it has developed into a very special friendship with the Conservancy, the City of Houston and the Japanese community. You personally have logged countless hours volunteering in the Japanese Garden. Any special memories?

KM: Since I was not an expert on Japanese Gardens, I spent a lot of time educating myself—reading books and visiting gardens in Japan and understanding that the original design of the garden by Nakajima-san was a specific response to the Texas landscape and climate—not a re-creation of an existing garden in Japan. I volunteered to translate for the Japan team during their visits, but I never imagined I'd be working so closely with the team in the garden. They taught me the special knots and I personally built much of the bamboo fence around the teahouse! I found it fun to watch the Japan team work on the construction and meticulous stone placement in the dry stream garden alongside the American contractors that worked on the project. They learned from each other. Like you say, Doreen-san, it was quite an international effort!

DS: What do you look forward to for the Japanese Garden's future?

KM: The end of construction in a place like this doesn't mean it is done—we have to continue to plan for maintenance. New features are not the end, it is just the beginning. Maybe one day we can bring a gardener from Japan to work full-time in the garden to oversee the work. I have enjoyed explaining our work to the many American visitors who stop by to ask questions. The features of the garden should be treated as if they are a museum—that would be my fondest dream—for the garden to serve as a museum educating the guests on its cultural significance.

I hope on your next visit to the Japanese Garden you will take a moment to reflect on the dedication and friendship that enables it to thrive. Or follow Minimi-san's lead and come volunteer in the garden on one of our regular workdays! The deep international friendships we share through our work in the garden manifest itself in the serene beauty of the garden itself.

See you in the Park,



Doreen Stoller, President

Historic Clubhouse – Lott Hall at Hermann Park

\$250,000–\$499,999

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In Kind

Shawn Renzoh Head - Shakuhachi player
 Houston Japanese Ladies' Chorus "Sakura"
 Ikebana International Houston, Texas
 Chapter #12
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 Kaminari Taiko
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 Sushic – The Sushi Company

George Hermann Corner and Playground

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Steppie and Robert Holsclaw

McGovern Centennial Gardens

\$10,000–\$24,999

Robin and Sandy Stuart – In honor of
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The Brown Foundation, Inc.

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Constance and Richard Crittenden –
 In honor of William Schull
 Patricia and Chris Roman – In honor of
 William Schull and Jack Sewall

\$100–\$499

Anonymous
 Sara A. Barton – In honor of William Schull
 The Briargrove Park Women's Club
 Demetra C. Jones – In memory of
 Altha Muckelroy



Support for the Japanese Garden was presented to the Conservancy at the 2017 Japan Festival. Pictured are Bill Weiland and Glen Gondo of the Japan America Society of Houston, Mayor Sylvester Turner, Gabriel Durham of Hermann Park Conservancy, and Taichi Nagino of the Japan Business Association of Houston.



Lion dog and dancer wows at Evening in the Park



Masato Kato, Council Member Jack Christie, Consul-General of Japan Tetsuro Amano, Conservancy Board Chair Phoebe Tudor, and Conservancy President Doreen Stoller unveil donor stone in Japanese Garden.

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Formed to help restore the Japanese character of the garden, the Japanese Garden Advisory Committee has met once a month for the last ten years. Each year they bring a specialized landscape team from Japan who have designed and built features such as tea garden and wisteria trellis. The team also trains HPARD and Conservancy staff, and volunteers, on how to shape bushes and trim trees in true Japanese style. When they construct stone paths they personally sift through tons of stone at the stone yards and put each stone in place! Construction of the dry stream garden was an "international" effort with the local team from Millis Construction driving the heavy machinery to lift boulders and the Japan team carefully working with hand spades to set them in the perfect location. Each year the Japan team leaves "homework" for HPC to complete before their next visit. The Japan team's visit each year also brings a joyous sense of community to those working out in the

garden, with members of the Japanese community and Advisory Committee often sharing bento boxes for lunch, further embodies the friendship the garden brings to Hermann Park.

To commemorate the Japanese Garden's 25th anniversary, the Conservancy hosted a number of special events throughout the spring including:

- Evening in the Park gala on April 28, chaired by Jana and Scotty Arnoldy, Valerie and Tracy Dieterich, and Yasuhiko and Akemi Saitoh
- A special dedication ceremony on May 2 where the City of Houston presented a proclamation, naming May 1–7, 2017 as Japanese Garden at Hermann Park Week
- Annual Japan Festival held in the Park between May 6–7
- Special Ikebana exhibition by Ikebana International Houston Chapter in the McGovern Centennial Gardens on May 7

Get Active with HPC's Fall Community Events



4th annual Park to Port Bike Ride

Saturday, October 7, rolling start 7–9 a.m.

- Cruise from Hermann Park's Bayou Parkland to the Port of Houston and back along the Brays Bayou Greenway Trail
- Turn-around party at the ride's halfway point, sponsored by Port Houston and Brady's Landing, plus a post-ride bash with music, drinks, food and more!
- More info at hermannpark.org/parktoport

14th annual Run in the Park

Saturday, November 11, 8 a.m.

- 5K run/walk, 3K walk and 1K kids fun run under the Park's historic live oaks
- Tons of post-race fun at Molly Ann Smith Plaza with food, drinks, music and more!
- Save with early bird registration before October 10
- More info at hermannpark.org/run

Urban Green's Havana Nights



Event Chairs Cotton Clark, Mary Stewart Anderson, Urban Green Chair Jon Sanfelippo, Chelsea Fred and McKenzie Hull

Hermann Park's historic clubhouse transformed into red, hot Havana for Urban Green's June fundraiser, *Havana Nights*. These young professionals, decked out in the most colorful of outfits, enjoyed an evening of Cuban-themed dishes and cocktails and even took in a quick salsa lesson. Chairs Mary Stewart Anderson, Cotton Clark, Chelsea Fred and McKenzie Hull hosted a successful event, bringing in more than \$14,000 for the Conservancy's stewardship and improvement programs.

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Art in the Park

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Evening in the Park Gala

All gifts in honor of the Japanese Garden's 25th anniversary and chairs Jana and Scotty Arnoldy, Valerie and Tracy Dieterich, and Yasuhiko and Akemi Saitoh. A portion of all gifts \$500 and over were dedicated to the Japanese Garden restoration project.
\$100,000–\$249,999

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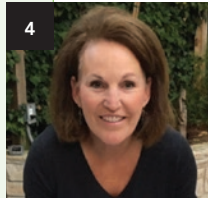
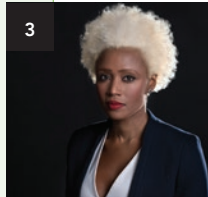
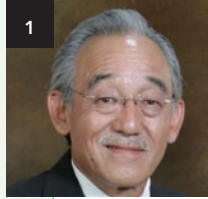
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Anne and John Mendelsohn
Roslyn and Derrick Mitchell
Ginni and Richard Mithoff



1. **Glen Gondo**
Glen is an established Houston businessman with an outstanding record of service in both the Japanese and Greater Houston communities. He is currently the president and owner of a number of catering and food service companies that provide sushi and Japanese foods to hundreds of venues across the nation. Glen is also the founder of the Houston Japan Festival, which is held in Hermann Park annually, and maintains an active role in the festival's planning and execution.

2. **Linsay Radcliffe**
Linsay has lived in Houston for 11 years and enjoys spending time at Hermann Park feeding the ducks, rolling down the hill at Miller Outdoor Theatre and riding the train with her seven-year old son, Owen, and four-year-old daughter, Ryan. Linsay is co-founder of Freya, a luxury travel brand and is married to Jeremy Radcliffe.

3. **Shavonnah Roberts Schreiber**
Shavonnah is the founder of SNR Creative, a boutique marketing and business development firm that specializes in using human insights to develop fit-for-purpose marketing campaigns. She is a fitness enthusiast and is a certified personal trainer and sports nutritionist. She graduated from the University of Arizona with a B.A. in Communications and a minor in Journalism and also received an MBA from the University of St. Thomas.

4. **Terry Smith**
Terry Smith and her husband Tommy are native Houstonians whose families have enjoyed Hermann Park for generations. She is the daughter-in-law of Molly Ann Smith, a longtime Park supporter, bringing a multi-generation family commitment to the Conservancy full circle. She is looking forward to helping preserve and enhance this special green space for generations to come.

Welcome to the newest members of the HPC board of directors! We appreciate the dedication of all of our board and advisory board members.

Become a Hermann Park Conservancy Member

**Did you know Hermann Park
Conservancy members receive FREE,
unlimited train rides on the second
Saturday of each month and invitations
to exclusive member events?**



Members also enjoy discounts at Pinewood Cafe and the Conservancy Gift Shop, as well as invitations to exclusive member events in the Park! Conservancy members are a special part of one of Houston's most loved and visited community treasures. Membership dollars help us to continue our work to rejuvenate Hermann Park by providing vital operating funds that keep the Conservancy's programs and initiatives going strong. See all of the benefits of membership and join online at hermannpark.org/membership.

Evening in the Park

Held on Friday, April 28, the Conservancy's annual *Evening in the Park* gala drew nearly 550 guests to Hermann Park to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the verdant Japanese Garden. Chairs Jana and Scotty Arnoldy, Valerie and Tracy Dieterich, and Yasuhiko and Akemi Saitoh planned a truly opulent event, ultimately raising \$605,000 to benefit Hermann Park Conservancy's initiatives and improvements to the Japanese Garden.

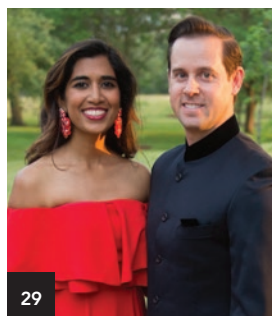
The evening began with cocktails in the Japanese Garden, with guests greeted by the drumming of Kaminari Taiko before entering through the garden's new ceremonial west entrance gate.

A Fare Extraordinaire prepared an inspiring east-meets-west al fresco dinner aside McGovern Lake as guests were awed by dance troupe performances from Tamagusuku-ryu Kayonokai and Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko. The Conservancy also saluted retired Parks and Recreation Department director, Joe Turner, with a special toast, thanking him for his leadership during his tenure.

Following the program, patrons enjoyed a colorful dessert buffet and danced the night away to the beats of DJ Mav.

Guests departed with special gifts from Japan in the form of hand-folded origami cranes and silk kimono flowers, courtesy of chairs Yasuhiko and Akemi Saitoh, as well as a full-sized fragrance from BVLGARI.

Thank you to everyone who supported this special evening benefiting the Conservancy.



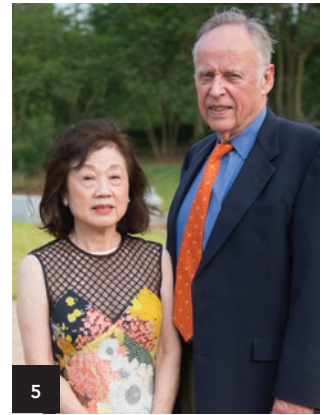
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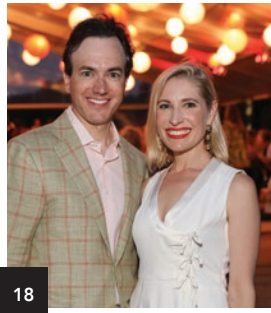
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1 Chairs Valerie and Tracy Dieterich, Jana and Scotty Arnoldy, and Akemi Saitoh 2 2018 co-chairs Jim and Dancie Ware 3 Bobby and Phoebe Tudor 4 Akemi Saitoh, Conservancy President Doreen Stoller and Consul-General of Japan Tetsuro Amano, and Okinawan Dance Troupes Tamagusuku-ryu Kayonokai and Ryukyukoku Matsuri Daiko 5 Nanako and Dale Tingleaf 6 Stephanie and Frank Tsuru 7 Robert and Abbi Antablin 8 Sherry and Tommy Lott 9 Cyndy Garza-Roberts and Thomas Roberts 10 Troy and Allison Thacker 11 Eddie and Chinhui Allen 12 Kristy and Chris Bradshaw 13 Kim and Dan Tutcher 14 Joe Turner and Conservancy President Doreen Stoller 15 Jane Curtis and Marley Lott 16 Council Member Larry Green, June Deadrick, and Mayor Sylvester Turner 17 Mack and Cece Fowler 18 Danny and Isabel David 19 Michele and Brent Friedman 20 Kathy Lord, David Leebron and Ann Kennedy 21 Yuzuru Nagawa, Donna Cole and Masato Kato 22 Carolyn and Jimmy Robertson 23 Bill and Courtney Toomey 24 Derrick and Roslyn Mitchell 25 Linda and George Kelly 26 Glen and Kathy Gondo 27 Susie and Sanford Criner 28 David Ruiz and Van Ngo 29 Divya and Chris Brown 30 Sushila Mathew, Midori Mochizuki and Meena Mehta 31 Vivek and Ishwaria Subbiah



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Job Shadow Program

Each summer, the Conservancy invites youth to “shadow” staff members as they work in the Park through our Job Shadow Program. Combining hands-on learning, volunteerism and nature, the program helps students become familiar with what it takes to manage and maintain public lands. This summer, the program focused on maintenance of the Park’s major gardens, the Japanese Garden and McGovern Centennial Gardens, as well as the weeding and cleaning of streams throughout the Park. One participant remarked, “The best part about job



Job Shadow participants working in the Japanese Garden

shadowing at the Park is that it is a fun learning experience—I had a blast helping the Park’s plants grow and thrive.”

Summer Interns

This summer, five interns worked alongside the HPC team in the areas of horticulture, reforestation, and social media through generous funding provided by the Bank of America SER-Jobs for Progress, Shell Nonprofit Intern and ExxonMobil Community Summer Jobs Programs.

Internship highlights:

- Reforestation interns, Athena and Stephanie, catalogued and mapped more than 1,500 of Hermann Park’s 10,000 trees, staked locations for 110 new trash cans donated by Phillips 66, and completed a thorough analysis and catalogue of all METRO bus and Rail stops adjacent to the Park.
- Horticultural interns, Luis and Zion, worked with the McGovern Centennial Gardens staff on weeding, planting and pruning in all of the Garden’s eight garden rooms.
- Social media intern, Emaya, worked with the development team on social media strategy and drafted and scheduled posts across the Conservancy’s social media sites.



Reforestation interns Stephanie and Athena gathering and cataloging data points for a Hermann Park tree

Social media intern Emaya, conducted an interview with all interns to learn a little bit about their favorite parts about working at the Park and with the Conservancy staff, and what they’ll take away from their experience.

Q: What quality do you think is most important to have while working at Hermann Park Conservancy?

A: (Stephanie): “Flexibility. There’s always something different happening while working at Hermann Park—you never know what you’re going to be doing each day!”

Q: What does your ideal day in Hermann Park look like?

A: (Athena): “Wake up and ride the pedal boats, in the afternoon go get a Steel City Popsicle, and in the evening catch a show at Miller Outdoor Theatre.”

Q: What do you think you will take away from working at HPC?

A: (Luis): “A new respect for gardeners, working outside all day is not easy.”

Q: What message would you give to the future HPC Interns?

A: (Zion): “Be respectful, work hard, and prepare for the unexpected.”



Horticulture interns Zion and Luis having fun in the McGovern Centennial Gardens

Evening in the Park Gala continued

\$1,000–\$4,999

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Miwa Sakashita and John R. Stroehlein
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Hinda Simon
Erin and James Stewart
Doreen Stoller and Dan Piette
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Lyndsey and Bret Zorich

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Jackson Chang
Anne and Albert Chao
Yvonne and Rufus Cormier
Jennifer and Steve Dolman
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\$100–\$499

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Gina Gaston Elie
Lauren and Paul Grossbard –
In honor of David Finer
Marie Louise and David Kinder
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Alice Su
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In Kind

A Fare Extraordinaire
Alvin Tree Farm
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Dj Mav Music
Shawn Renzoh Head – Shakuhachi player

McGOVERN CENTENNIAL GARDENS

featured plant



Toad Lily

The Toad Lily (*tricyrtis hirta*), a leggy perennial that delights the fall gardener with its delicate, orchid-like, speckled lavender blooms, is a lovely addition to any shaded, woodland area. This Japanese member of the lily family prefers moist, but well-drained soil, and spreads easily (some might find a little too easily) to spill into pathways and over shorter plants. A good cutback after the blooms die back is enough to stimulate growth into the next year. The genus

name 'tricyrtis' comes from the Greek words *tri-* meaning three and *kyrtos* meaning humped, referring to the bases of the three outer petals. The species name 'hirta' means hairy. *Tricyrtis formosana*, the Korean cousin, is taller and also grows well in Houston gardens. Stop by and see these exotic blooms in the McGovern Centennial Gardens' Woodland Garden!

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HPC Celebrates George Hermann's 174th Birthday

Kinder Station was the site of quite the fun party celebrating the 174th birthday of Hermann Park's namesake, George Hermann! "Under the big top" was the theme of this year's party as children adorned face paint while participating in carnival games, fun crafts, and of course—birthday cake! Attendees also took advantage of \$1.74 train rides, hot dogs and soft-serve cups.

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Ken Childress

Save the Dates!

Hermann Park Conservancy Calendar of Events for Fall 2017



Park to Port Bike Ride
Saturday, October 7
7–9 a.m. rolling start



Run in the Park
Saturday, November 11
8 a.m.



Urban Green Fall Event
Thursday, November 17
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