

## 'GIFTS FROM JAPAN'

# Art exhibit spotlights flowers from Japan

Janet Eastman *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

Portland Japanese Garden has added a new dimension to its horticulturally rich, 12-acre environment: Botanical drawings of azaleas, rhododendrons and other iconic Pacific Northwest flowers that originated in Japan are on display May 14 through July 4 at the garden's hilltop setting in Southwest Portland's Washington Park.

"Gifts from Japan: A Horticultural Tale Told through Botanical Art" spotlights the scientific tradition of creating accurate watercolor, pen and ink or colored penciled illustrations of plant species that aid botanical discovery and knowledge, while also being valued for their artistry.

Careful brushstrokes and color choices detail the form and features of camellias, irises, orchids, wisteria and other flowering plants imported from Japan.

The illustrations on display were created within the last century by well-known artists in Japan and the United States, including Oregon Botanical Artists.

The exhibition also has historical photographs and postcards as well as catalogs from Yokohama Nursery, which is credited with introducing cherry trees to Washington, D.C., and poignant shell corsages made by Japanese Americans held during World War II at prison camps in Idaho and Utah.

The nonprofit organization partnered with the Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens in Southern California and its curator Robert Hori to create the special exhibit.

Portland Japanese Garden visitors can study the fine details of leaves to root systems in the drawings installed at the Tanabe Gallery in the Jordan Schnitzer Japanese Arts Learning Center and the Pavilion Gallery in the Flat Garden.



Naomi Kizaki's 2014 watercolor on paper details a *Chrysanthemum morifolium*.

Portland Japanese Garden

## IF YOU GO

The "Gifts from Japan: A Horticultural Tale Told through Botanical Art" exhibition can be viewed with an admission ticket to the Portland Japanese Garden at 611 S.W. Kingston Ave., 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. through July 4. The garden is open six days a week, Wednesday through Monday.

**More info:** [japanesegarden.org](http://japanesegarden.org), 503-223-1321

## ASK AN EXPERT

**My potted rosemary plant sustained cold weather damage this winter. It is about 2 feet tall. The leaves are damaged and not really looking usable. The new growth on top looks healthy. Should I cut the bush back to encourage new healthy growth?** *Polk County*

Rosemary does not take kindly to pruning and will not regrow from a pruned branch as other plants do. If there is new growth on top of the plant I recommend not pruning and seeing how it looks later in the season. Cut any dead branches off. You can shape a rosemary by removing branches but if you cut it back it generally will not regrow.

Finally, be sure it is in a large enough container and does not get rootbound. Rosemary plants will not survive if rootbound.

I would advise leaving your plant alone and seeing how it looks in a couple of months. *Betty Goergen, OSU Extension Master Gardener*

### Can you mix pepper plants in the same bed?

If you are growing for the fruit (not saving seed) then you can plant in the same bed. Just keep in mind that peppers should be spaced about 18 inches apart for the best growth and fruit production. *Brooke Edmunds, OSU Extension horticulturist*

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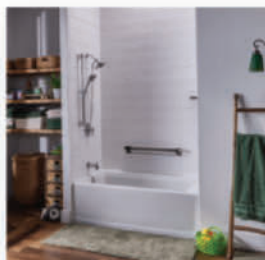
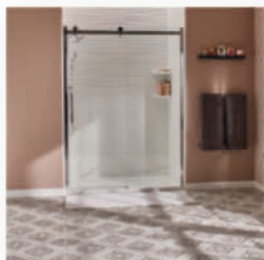
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