

Vocabulary

- Bonsai* trees pruned in special styles to look old, maintained very carefully so they can grow in very shallow pots.
- Buddhism* An eastern religion based on the teachings of Buddha, the founder who lived in India 500 years BC. There are two statues of Buddha in the garden.
- Drum Bridge* A rounded bridge which, when reflected in the pond, looks like a drum.
- Gong* A Buddhist temple bell that rings by means of a special bar on the side of the gong.
- Japanese Traditional House*
This type of house is raised off the ground and is made of natural materials. No shoes are allowed in the house. The side panels slide open to view the garden.
- Koi* Colorful, playful fish which, when reflected in the pond, looks like a drum.
- Pagoda* Stone pillars that are associated with Buddhism. The openings are used to hold candles which are lit at night.
- Stone Lantern* Stone lanterns decorate a Japanese garden, are next to paths and used to light the way at night. They come in many different styles.
- Stroll Garden* Another style of Japanese garden that has paths that lead the visitor to many changing views as he/she moves through the garden. For example, rounding the corner, the visitor suddenly sees a waterfall.
- Symbolism* Symbols give meaning to a object, plant, or animal. For example, the two upright stones in the Zen Garden could symbolize a man and a woman standing on the shore of a river.
- Viewing Stones* Stones (Suiseki) selected for their beauty and usually look like a mountain or have a very special shape.
- Zen Garden* A style of Japanese garden design that is very simple, usually next to a Buddhist temple, and consisting of raked gravel in a pattern to look like flowing water, rocks that look like islands or mountains, and some plants.