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- **June 11**
Hardy/Tropical Lily & Marginal
Plant Swap and Sale, 9 am 'til
Gone, 2001 E. 58th Ave.,
Denver
- **July 31**
Annual CWGS Pond Tour,
map & details later
- **August 13**
CWGS Water Blossom
Festival at DBG, 9 am -
4 pm
- **September 11**
2-4 pm, Morrison Center,
DBG, program to be
announced
- **December 3**
Holiday Party, Morrison
Center, DBG



The Water Garden

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**Waterlogged water garden -
plants float away?
Hail damage from the storm?
Slow starting the season?
Just starting out?
Garden centers too costly?**

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TREASURER'S REPORT

BANK BALANCE

April 1	\$14,144.15
Income	\$1,586.50
Expenses	\$1,160.46
May 1	\$14,570.19



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Japanese Gardening 101 - Part 3

by Michael Thomas

Source: *Creating Japanese Gardens*, Alvin Horton, Meredith Books, Ortho All About Series, 2003

Basic Garden Styles - Dry-Landscape

Karesansui, or flat-garden style, was one of the earliest Japanese gardens. It became a major art form in the late 6th Century following the advent of Zen Buddhism. Monks used their gardens to contemplate the essence of human life and nature.

The dry-landscape garden is never entered but, instead, is viewed from a slightly-

raised platform. Of all the forms of Japanese gardens, this is the most austere, most abstract, and most modern of all styles. At its most extreme, it is minimalist art, with so little form and detail that it becomes symbolic.

A typical dry-landscape is built in a small, enclosed space that is as flat as possible. The enclosure of the garden is intentional, and is usually created by garden walls and/or building walls. The use of plants is minimal, with those that are used being small in size and low to the ground. Spreading and mounding are keywords, rather than upright.

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Other features of the garden represent mountains, valleys, or plains. Streams or the sea are suggested by moss or grass. Most common, however, is white sand and gravel, stone chips or pebbles, all raked into stylized patterns representing water. Rock and plants provide an edge for the garden, often as a backdrop. In fact, the background may be selected specifically because it is able to become part of the overall "picture" produced by the garden.

The dry-land style is especially compatible with modern architecture, small, or narrow spaces, and requires minimal ongoing maintenance.

Tea-Garden Style

Participatory in nature, the Japanese tea garden grew out of 16th Century Zen influences on Japanese culture. The guest to the garden moves toward a fuller appreciation of natural harmony via the *roji*, or "dewy path." Along the "path" through the garden, one

experiences the calmness and subtle beauty of nature that soothes the spirit, removes worldly cares, and prepares the visitor for the tea ceremony.

The tea garden requires just enough space for the path through a narrow outer garden to the teahouse, located inside the enclosed inner garden. Form follows function perfectly, and little in the tea garden is ornamental.

The size and arrangement of the stepping stones sets the pace through the garden, while a large stone may invite the visitor to stop and sit. The path is lit by lanterns at night, yet is always private, providing the mental and physical transition from the outside world to the tea pavilion.

The tea garden can be adapted to an occidental lifestyle, providing a place to enjoy your solitude or share the peace and quiet with a few friends. A sense of privacy and intimacy are used to achieve the spirit of the tea garden anywhere it is located.



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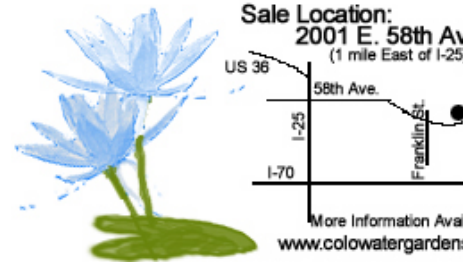
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