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AUTHOR MOTOMI OGUCHI TO GIVE PRESENTATION ON JAPANESE GARDENS AT THE MUSEUM OF LONE PINE FILM HISTORY ON MONDAY, APRIL 16



Noted Japanese landscape designer, garden historian, and author Motomi Oguchi will give a presentation on Japanese gardens at the Museum of Lone Pine Film History on Monday April 16th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Museum of Lone Pine Film History is located at 701 S. Main Street in Lone Pine.

Mr. Oguchi's talk, entitled "Garden, Culture, and Spirit," will include photographs and discussion of famous gardens in Japan, as well as examples of his own contemporary garden designs. Mr. Oguchi's award-winning gardens draw on centuries of tradition from Japan, China, Korea, and Taiwan. In his 30-year career, he has created over 400 Japanese gardens and has authored more than 20 books. His first book in English, "Create Your Own Japanese Garden: A Practical Guide" (published in 2007), offers a step-by-step approach to Japanese garden design and construction.

Mr. Oguchi is visiting the Owens Valley with a group of gardeners and landscape architects from Japan who have come to see the gardens built by Japanese Americans at Manzanar during World War II. In the spirit of friendship he would like to share his gardening experience with the local community. There will be ample time for questions and conversation after his presentation.

On Tuesday April 17th Motomi Oguchi will lead an informal all-day workshop on Japanese stone arrangement and Japanese garden construction in Lone Pine. Workshop participants will be able to arrive any time during the day and stay as for as long as they want; details will be provided at the Monday presentation.

Both events are free and open to the public.

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