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FOUNDATION

Go. All. Out.



together, we make parks better.

The San Antonio Parks Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to support and enhance parks in San Antonio and Bexar County.

Your contribution helps support our core values.

CONSERVATION

We promote and activate environmental efforts to preserve and enhance our public lands.

COMMUNITY

We unite people of all backgrounds in shared spaces, fostering pride and ownership in their neighborhoods.

CULTURE

We foster an appreciation for the multicultural aspects of people, arts, and historic areas of the city.

PEOPLE

We enable and encourage outside activity that inspires the health, wellness and joy integral to the quality of life for our residents.

EDUCATION

We share knowledge with the community so nature can be better enjoyed and appreciated by people of all ages.

EQUITY

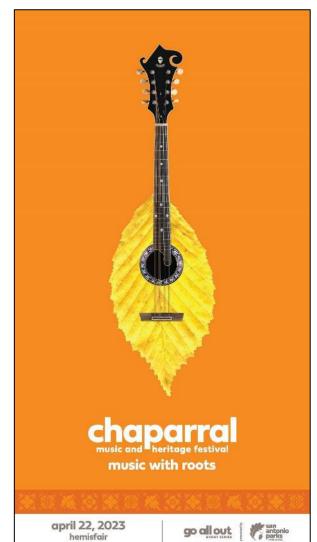
We advocate for inclusivity and accessibility so our parks can be enjoyed by all.

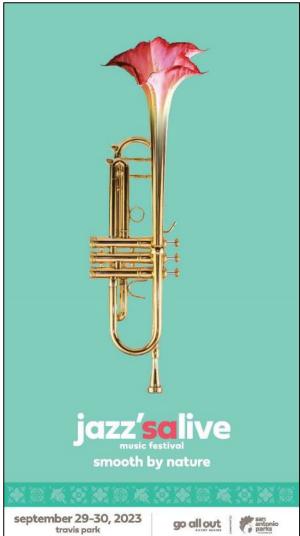


















The San Antonio Parks Foundation has enjoyed a successful partnership with the City of San Antonio to since 2005 to renovate, preserve and reopen the Japanese Tea Garden. Since 2011, the foundation has managed the programming and Jingu House operations for the benefit of citizens and visitors.

app and explore.

Designed for users of all ages, the app includes a wealth of information including a visual history of the garden, a map of the garden, and AR locations. The six augmented reality experiences include a selfie with Kokoro the flying dragon, the release of a custom-colored koi into the ponds, and an insight into the Japanese tea ceremony.





learn more about our app







HISTORY OF THE JAPANESE TEA GARDEN



MAP OF THE GARDENS AND AR LOCATIONS



AUGMENTED REALITY EXPERIENCES



DONATE TO THE JAPANESE TEA GARDEN



INSTRUCTIONS AND USER GUIDE









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WHAT IS A TORII?

To journey through a torii gate means to make a symbolic pass from an ordinary space to a sacred space. In Japan, torii gates are typical located at the entrance of Shinto shrines or in spots that hold special religious significance, they signal to worshipers a transition from the secular world to the sacred.



1926 JINGU FAMILY

ISTORY OF THE GARDEN

In 1926 the City invited American artisan Eizo "Kimi" Jingu and his family to open and operate a cafe, which served light refreshments and green tea.



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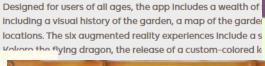
WHAT IS A TORII?

Learn about the incredible history of the Torii Gate, its origin, its meaning in Japanese culture and the story behind its name.



TRAVEL BACK IN TIME TO VIEW THE ORIGINAL TORII GATE

Using a portal to the Japanese Tea







Japanese dragons legendary creatures

AND WATCH HIM FLY

A lot of things have changed at the

Japanese Tea Garden, but we still remain true to the history of times gon

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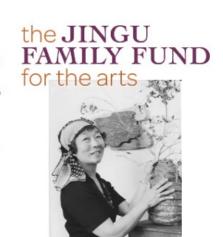
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the jingu family fund for the arts.

Through four generations of the Jingu family, we remember and honor Eizo and Miyoshi Jingu and their children – Mary, Ruth, Rae, James, Helen, Mabel, Lillian, and Kimi. We hope to connect their artistic endeavors with all who visit the Jingu House at the Japanese Tea Garden. In their lifetime, they explored new ways to enjoy tea, wrote poetry, created flower arrangements, exhibited ceramics and so much more with laughter and fun shared by all.

To further the Jingu family legacy, the San Antonio Parks Foundation support projects at the Japanese Tea Garden that enhance each visitor's experience and support artists in San Antonio and beyond.







The Lawton Family of Restaurants is now proudly operating Jingu House at the Japanese Tea Garden. We are excited to finish our new kitchen, and will reopen for dine-in soon. In the meantime, come by for boba, coffee drinks, ice cream, cold beer, sake, cocktails, wine, delicious slushies, Japanese chips and soda, pork steam buns, and other on-the-go snacks!

Our retail store is now open, featuring San Antonio and Japanese themed gifts, books and handmade crafts by local artisans.

Grab & Go Menu

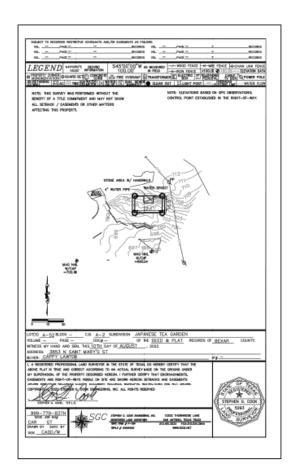
Bar Menu

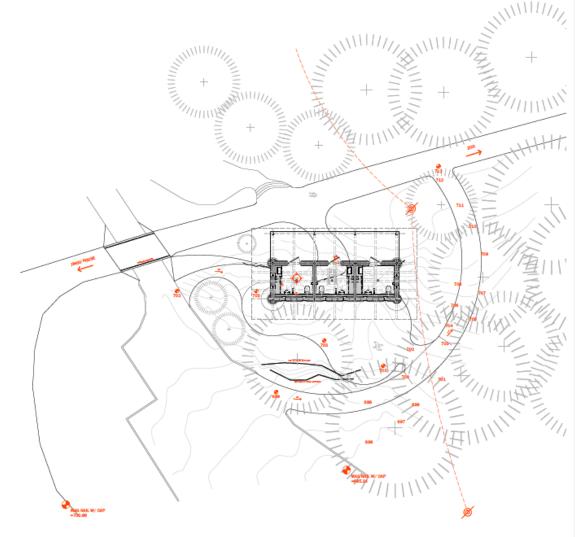






The Japanese Tea Garden Master Plan presented by the San Antonio Parks Foundation was unanimously approved by San Antonio's City Council on January 31, 2008 and has been the guiding document for all initiatives at the garden.











Created over 100 years ago. Still a beloved attraction.









