History & Significance

The Sequim Shiso Sister City
Association was chartered in 1993,
and by 1995, plans for a Friendship
Garden began. Site preparation and
weekly work parties started in 1996,
with major features like trellis bridges
completed in 1997. A hand-sculpted
Japanese stone lantern was placed on
the island in 1998.



Once covered in blackberry bushes and cottonwood trees, the area was transformed with 16 cherry trees and over 2,000 volunteer hours.

Since then, Garden Club members, alongside community partners, have dedicated countless hours to maintaining this tranquil space for all to enjoy.

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Friendship Garden Visitor Guide

Enjoy a serene and unique blend of Japanese and Pacific

Northwest flora

Respecting the Garden



Help keep the garden beautiful by leaving flowers unpicked and staying on the paths. Please keep flower beds undisturbed, and dispose of trash properly. Thank you for caring for this special space!



Welcome to the garden!

The Friendship Garden was created to celebrate the sister city relationship between Sequim and Shisō. This unique garden blends Japanese and Pacific Northwest flora, offering a tranquil space where visitors can appreciate the harmony of both landscapes and the enduring bond between the two communities.



Seasonal Beauty



Each season brings something special: spring has buds and blooms, summer is lush and green, autumn glows with ginkgo and maples, and winter enchants as a wonderland

