

## **Sasebo Japanese Garden**

(9/26/07)

- **The opening ceremony for Sasebo Garden was at 10:30AM on Friday, September 28, 2007, at the Rio Grande Botanic Garden.**
- **The plant palette includes both traditional Japanese and American Southwest plantings.**
- **Sasebo Garden Original Masterplan Design: Sites Southwest**
- **Sasebo Garden Landscape Consultant: Toru Tanaka, Portland Landscape Design**
- **Japanese Garden Phase I General Obligation Bonds (03): \$1.7 million**
- **Japanese Garden Phase II General Obligation Bonds (05): \$1.2 million**
- **Grant from New Mexico State Legislature (07): \$300,000**
- **Sasebo Garden footprint: 4 acres**
- **Sasebo Garden is a classic Japanese Garden in design and construction.**
- **This four-acre 'garden within a garden' features authentic Japanese architecture and exquisite, traditional design elements such as:**
  - **Tile-capped garden wall**
  - **Tile-roofed entry gate**
  - **Elevated bell tower**
  - **Stone lanterns and Pagoda sculptures**
  - **Copper-roofed ceremonial hand-wash basin**
  - **Waterfall and Stream Features**
  - **Elegant Koi Pond**
  - **Arched Moon Bridge**
  - **Moon viewing deck**

### **Additional Activities Planned for the Weekend**

- **Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>:**
  - **Guided tours of the Japanese Garden at 11am, 12pm, 1pm and 2pm**
  - **Origami from opening until 2pm**
- **Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>:**
  - **Guided tours of the Japanese Garden at 10am, 11am, 12pm and 1pm**
  - **Origami from 10am - 2pm**
- **Sat. & Sun., Sept. 29-30, 9am -5pm: Ikebana Show in Garden Showroom sponsored by Chapter 41 of Ikebana International.**

**The Sasebo Garden exhibit is included with general admission to the Rio Grande Botanic Garden.**