

## 2013 GOVERNOR'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

### Huntington Japanese House and Gardens Restoration



*The restored Japanese House in the Huntington Gardens*

The Centenary Restoration of The Japanese House and Garden at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens, encompassed the traditional Stream-and-Pond Garden, the Tea Garden and the Teahouse *Seifu-an*, "Arbor of the Pure Breeze." The Japanese House, the original structure at the heart of the garden, attained significance not as an architectural import but as a historic resource with a unique story illustrating the adaptation of Japanese culture to California. Japanese immigrant carpenters erected the structure both in its first location and when it was moved and reassembled. It retains its original form, as well as its relationship to the surrounding garden context. This project revealed a cross-cultural master work, a hybrid of Japanese design and the regional construction techniques of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The garden has been both an anchor and a resource for the local community for more than 100 years, welcoming more than 20 million visitors.

An extensive team of professionals, craftsmen, and volunteers were involved with the design and construction process of the Japanese Garden restoration. From the Huntington staff, the team included James Folsom, the Telleen/Jorgensen Director of the Botanical Gardens, Laurie Sowd, VP of Operations, and David B. Maclaren, Curator of the Asian Gardens. The Preservation and Project Architect was Kelly Sutherlin McLeod Architecture, Inc. Griswold Conservation Associates, LLC was the Project Conservator. Structural Focus was the structural engineering consultant. Takeo Uesugi and Associates,

Inc. was the landscape architect. The Hanatoyo firm of Kyoto, Japan designed the Tea Garden. The traditional Teahouse was originally built and also refurbished by the Nakamura firm, also of Kyoto, Japan. ValleyCrest Landscape Development was the general contractor.

The Huntington Japanese Garden and House will continue to be a vital resource to scholars and the community, providing a living example of the influence and exquisite beauty of Japanese culture in California.

For visitor information and more images of the Huntington Japanese Garden in Pasadena:

<http://www.huntington.org/JapaneseGarden/>