

# Spring + Summer



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## Spirit of China

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Images of the Yu Yuan Garden in Shanghai, where one of the owners grew up, loosely inspired the layout of this garden. Blending the opposing Feng Shui forces of Yin — *stillness, shade, moist* — and Yang — *movement, light, dry* — the garden provides harmony and tranquility through both sunny and shady areas of repose. Buddha takes pride of place nestled in the shade.

In the Shanghai garden, a walkway leading up to the Dragon Wall is paved with exposed aggregate concrete of slate-colored pebbles; here the owners favored warm-colored Salmon Bay pebbles. The owners preferred not to interpret too literally the Chinese style, so Feng Shui elements of water, wood, metal, earth and fire are inferred or incidental: the small pond 'feeds' ornamental metal birds; fire is represented by the deep red blossoms of Rhododendrons and Azaleas; mounded planting areas suggest the permanence of mountains and of the earth itself. Plantings emphasize lush evergreen and deciduous foliage, mostly native to China, with some climate-appropriate highlights providing local context. Regional stones were selected in shapes typical of classical Chinese design.

### PLANT LIST

*Acacia melanoxylon*  
*Acacia stenophylla*  
*Acer palmatum dissectum* 'Ever Red'  
*Acorus calamus* 'Variegatus'  
*Arbutus* 'Marina'  
*Azalea* 'Nuccio's Wild Cherry'  
*Azalea* x 'Girard's Hot Shot'  
*Azalea* x 'Mandarin Lights'  
*Azara microphylla*  
*Bambusa oldhamii*  
*Camellia japonica* 'Debutante'  
*Camellia sasanqua* 'Apple Blossom'  
*Camellia sasanqua* 'Yuletide'

*Carex elegantissima* 'Variegata'  
*Chamaecyparis obtusa* 'Gracilis'  
*Cyrtomium falcatum* 'Rochfordianum'  
*Eriobotrya deflexa*  
*Fuchsia thymifolia*  
*Ginkgo biloba* 'Princeton Sentry'  
*Hydrangea petiolaris*  
*Hydrangea quercifolia*  
*Larix decidua* 'Pendula'  
*Liriope spicata* 'Silver Dragon'  
*Loropetalum chinense* 'Zhuzhou Fuchsia'  
*Mahonia japonica* 'Bealei'  
*Mahonia lomariifolia*  
*Nandina domestica* 'Plum Passion'  
*Phyllostachys nigra*

*Pieris formosa forrestii*  
*Pieris japonica* 'Variegata'  
*Pinus strobus* 'Nana'  
*Pittosporum tobira*  
*Podocarpus gracilior*  
*Podocarpus macrophylla*  
*Polystichum munitum*  
*Prunus lusitanica*  
*Prunus serrulata* 'Amanogawa'  
*Prunus* x *cistena*  
*Rhododendron* 'Fred Peste'  
*Rhododendron* 'Jean Marie de Montague'  
*Rhododendron* 'Nova Zembla'

