



Welcome to Jardin Portland

One of the most unique international projects of its kind, Jardin Portland brings together the people of two Sister Cities - Portland, Oregon and Guadalajara, Mexico - to create a public park that will provide a global model for landscape design, environmental sustainability, and cultural, educational and economic exchange.

The History

In late 2006, the City of Guadalajara awarded the people of Portland (via the Portland Guadalajara Sister City Association) with one acre of park land in Bosque Colomos, Guadalajara's largest central-city park (www.bosquecolomos.org.mx) to create a "Garden Portland" or "Jardin Portland." Bosque Colomos is a treasured natural preserve inside a highly-developed metropolitan area, similar to Portland's Forest Park.

After being gifted the land, the PGSCA and Portland-based Probitry Builders began efforts to identify its best use and the means of turning this dream into reality. Numerous brainstorm sessions in Portland and Guadalajara were facilitated to craft a vision for the garden's layout. In Sept. 2007, the master plan was approved by stakeholders including Presidente Municipal de Guadalajara Dr. Alfonso Petersen Farah and Portland Mayor Tom Potter.

The Jardin

In February of 2008, the first period of Jardin construction was completed with the unveiling of the "Phase One" Rose Garden. This simple entryway area features two distinct rose gardens, one to represent each of our two "Rose Cities." The roses were planted by students from the Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara.

The "Living Phase" of the Jardin, to begin construction in 2009, will include an amphitheater to accommodate concerts and events and a beautiful water feature, both modeled after some of the Portland region's most cherished outdoor spaces. The final "Learning Phase" will boast the Verde Learning Center. One of the world's most unique, hands-on environmental and sustainability learning facilities, the Center will be open to all of the Bosque's one million annual visitors.

Turning Dreams into Reality

The Jardin is slated for completion in 2011, concurrent with the Pan American Games. The project is made possible through the support of both cities' governments, the Universidad Autónoma de Guadalajara, Portland State University, Portland and Guadalajara-based designers, architects and engineers, and a large group of caring business sponsors and individual supporters.

This continued support is crucial to the completion of this \$1.5 million project, which will bring worldwide visibility for project partners. Jardin Portland will be a source of pride, fellowship and learning that crosses borders, unites cultures and shares the world's most advanced approaches toward the preservation of our natural environment.

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Jardin Portland – Mission and Values

Mission

The Portland Guadalajara Sister City Association's Jardin Portland is an educational, environmental and cultural resource dedicated to improving the public's understanding of the Portland region's culture, lifestyle and environmental best practices.

Vision

As one of the most unique international projects of its kind, Jardin Portland brings together the people of Sister Cities Portland, Oregon, and Guadalajara, Mexico, to create a gathering place inside Bosque Colomos that will provide a global model for landscape design, environmental sustainability and the exchange of culture and tourism.

Values

Culture & International Exchange - While respecting local culture and Bosque Colomos, Jardin Portland shall encourage cultural and economic exchange while stimulating the development of goodwill, partnership and trade between Mexico and the United States.

Live-ability - Focusing on the Portland Metropolitan Area, Jardin Portland shall communicate the personality and live-ability of the region by presenting representative icons, flora, art and history.

Green Building - "A better future, a better now" - Jardin Portland shall demonstrate sustainable "green" living with exhibits and experiences designed to increase awareness and promote environmental, social and economic health and harmony.

Education - Drawing from the established reputation of Bosque Colomos as a local learning center, Jardin Portland shall provide an educational resource on Oregon culture and industry with an emphasis on sustainable best practices and principles for improved lifestyles.

PGSCA - Seeking to serve as model for other sister cities, Jardin Portland shall promote the Portland Guadalajara Sister City Association (PGSCA) as an organization dedicated to creating and strengthening partnerships and fostering goodwill between the City of Portland and the City of Guadalajara.

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