



Personal impressions

Funda-in is one of my three favorite temple gardens in Kyoto. I came here with my colleagues Yoshino-san and Suda-san on a warm Sunday afternoon in early November. The air in the temple was sweet with cinnamon incense and only a few visitors were sitting on the sunny veranda talking quietly. Architect and colleague Yoshino and I enjoyed taking pictures of the temple and its garden, and after we had captured every angle of it, we quietly sat on the engawa for a long time without saying a word.

The temple's atmosphere is very intimate and familiar. Everything in this temple is prepared with care and love - the small flower arrangement on the hand washing basin, the carefully placed dried plants in the sliding doors and the neatly placed floor cushions sent one clear message to all visitors: You are very welcome!

The author Jenny Feuerpeil in the Tonan-tei tea room



Garden designer Ken Suda and architect Masato Yoshino enjoying the autumn sun on the engawa of the south garden.



Picture of Jenny Feuerpeil by Masato Yoshino.