



# EXPLORING THE GARDENS OF JAPAN

*with Matthew Ross, Executive Director of The Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park*

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*This presentation details the journey of Matthew as he traversed over 2,000 miles of the Japanese Landscape (some of that was in flight) and visited over 150 temples, shrines, public gardens, parks, and residential landscapes in November and December of 2024.*

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