

The Alden B. Dow Home and Studio and the Japanese Cultural Center, Teahouse and Gardens of Saginaw celebrate and explore the connection between the Dow Family, Midland and Japan.

## FAR EAST OF MIDLAND



In each of our individual lifespans, there are seminal moments and experiences that shape and influence us. It can be the interaction with one person, a place, a building, or being part of an event or happening that changes how you think and how you move throughout life. One hundred years ago this year, Alden B. Dow traveled to Japan on a trip that would forever alter how he saw the world and how he envisioned and created the future.

Together with his parents Herbert and Grace Dow and his two younger sisters, Margaret and Dorothy, Alden B. Dow was fortunate to experience the multifaceted culture of Japan of 1923. Steeped in tradition of thousands of years, he immersed into the Japanese culture's appreciation of nature, beauty, simplicity, reverence and humility. He would see first-hand the artful interaction and impact of structures and nature woven together and the effect this relationship has on us as humans. Not only did this trip profoundly impact Alden's life and the buildings he would create, it continues to influence the design and aesthetic of Midland and the surrounding areas.

In celebration of this life-altering trip and Alden B. Dow's appreciation of Japanese Culture, The Alden B. Dow Home and Studio together with the Japanese Cultural Center, Teahouse, and Garden of Saginaw are offering experiences throughout 2023 to further our understanding of the trip and its enduring impact.

### Events during 2023

- **Far East of Midland Exhibit** at the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio  
March 15 - December 31, 2023 - **Free of charge**
- **Ikebana Demonstration and Far East of Midland Exhibit** at the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio  
March 19<sup>th</sup> or September 10, 1-3pm **\$50 per person**
- **Far East of Midland Presentation and Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony**  
At the Japanese Cultural Center of Saginaw  
Sunday, May 7, 11am – 1 pm or  
Sunday, May 7, 1:30pm -3:30pm **\$50 per person**
- **Far East of Midland Presentation and Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony**  
At the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio.  
Sunday, November 5, 2:00 – 4:00 pm **\$50 per person**

Reservations for all events can be made by calling the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio at 989-839-2744 or by visiting the website at [www.abdow.org](http://www.abdow.org).

## **Far East of Midland Exhibit at the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio**

**March 15 - December 31, 2023 - Free of charge**

Experience the Dow Family's 1923 Trip to Japan through lens of Alden B. Dow as they set sail on the Taiyo Maru from Hawaii to Tokyo. Mr. Dow's photos document this excursion to beautiful landscapes, ancient temples, the Imperial Hotel by Frank Lloyd Wright as well as the people they met that became life-long friends. Excerpts from Grace Dow's diary of the trip document their journey. In addition, items that were purchased on the trip as well as treasures from Japan purchased by Alden and Vada Dow on a subsequent trip in 1960 will be on display. Incredible woodblock prints by Hiroshige, Hokusai, and Seiko are also on exhibit. Correspondence between the Dows and people they met on their trip further defines the appreciation for their interactions and experiences in Japan.



### **Far East of Midland Presentation and Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony**

#### **At the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio**

Join Daria Potts and Randi Kawakita of the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio as they present the **Far East of Midland Program** that documents the Dow Family's incredible trip to Japan in 1923. After the presentation, Professor Soyu Nabeta and assistants will perform a traditional tea ceremony. Nabeta, an Honorary Professor of the Urasenke School of Tea Ceremony, is among one of the highest-ranked masters in the world of tea ceremonies outside of Japan.

**Sunday, November 5, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Cost \$50.00 Reservations required.**



Reservations for all events can be made by calling the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio at 989-839-2744 or by visiting the website at [www.abdow.org](http://www.abdow.org).