水舞松 Water Dancing Pine

**Where:** Our inaugural named tree is the shore pine (*Pinus contorta*) whose three trunks reside along the edge of the water, directly east of the Moon-Locking Pavilion, in bed 11W.

**Who:** It is a tree that was selected by Lan Su’s original garden designer, Ms. Fengchun He, while sourcing plants for the garden. This shore pine, along with two others in the garden, was slated to be destroyed during a highway building in the Sylvan area in the West Hills of Portland. How lucky Lan Su is, and how lucky this tree is, that we can appreciate it for decades to come.

**Why:** Substantial structural work has been done over a number of years by Lan Su gardeners. A big focus has been extending the branch out over the water. We have employed a brace to help us accomplish this. Braces are very commonly employed in classical Chinese gardens. The tree also has a lot of cool contortions in the canopy. Take a look up!

**How:** From submissions gathered from members of Lan Su in July 2023, a committee of Lan Su staff helped narrow the list down to the five best names. Our members then voted on their favorite name. At the Member Appreciation Evening in December 2023, the member-named Shore Pine, the Water Dancing Pine 水舞松 (shuǐ wǔ sōng), was revealed to the public.