



SPRING PAINTING COMPETITION.

The West Oxfordshire Arts Association will be presenting this event, for which the Burford Garden Company has generously donated a £500 prize for the winning entry. Entries can be in oil, pastel, watercolour, gouache or acrylic, or a combination of any of these media. Maximum outside frame dimension is 36" x 28". The competition is open to all. No more than two paintings each may be entered. The Arts Association is also going to donate four media prizes of £50 each.

Judging will take place in early April and selected work will be exhibited at the Association's Bampton Gallery from 13 April for three weeks.

Entry Forms may be obtained from The Administrator, West Oxfordshire Arts Association, The Gallery, Town Hall, Bampton, OX18 2JH. The Entry Fee is £5 for non-members of the Association, £3 for members. The last completed entries must be returned with payment to the Gallery no later than 14 March.

In a Japanese Garden

A Japanese garden is a great place to be,
 So I must be very lucky I think you'll agree,
 To spend all my time keeping one tidy,
 Because that is my job from Monday 'till Friday.
 I take it for granted but most people say
 It's so totally different they're willing to pay
 Five pounds a head for a full guided tour,
 To have it all explained takes just over an hour.
 Many questions are asked on how it's all done,
 I tell them and show them, these visits are fun.
 It's never been boring and I don't think it will,
 Because at the end of the day when everything's still
 And I stand and I listen and all I can hear
 Are the sounds of the birds and water so near
 As it flows over the sluice and into the stream.
 It wouldn't be any trouble to just stand and dream,
 But home I must go for a wash and some tea,
 And get myself ready for at seven you see
 A dozen more visitors are going to call
 To raise a few more pounds for our new village hall.

Jack W.