

**22nd NAOTA CONFERENCE**  
**September 8 - 12, 2025**  
**Portland, OR USA**

The 22nd NAOTA conference will be held from September 8 – September 12, 2025 in Portland, OR USA. The conference is hosted by the Oregon Chapter, led by Chairperson, Carolyn Alter and Co-Chair, Diane Sayrizi.

**ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

**INSTRUCTORS**

The instructors for the conference will be Professor Hirokazu Yokohigashi assisted by Grand Master Ingrid Luders.

**VENUE**

Crowne Plaza Portland – Downtown Convention Center  
1441 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Portland OR 97232 503-233-2401

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

**Monday, September 8 :** Registration from 4 - 6 pm (tentatively)

Welcome Reception will be from 6:30 – 8:30 pm (tentatively)

**Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> :**

Workshops Morning (9:00 am to noon) and Afternoon (1:00 pm to 4:00 pm).

Lunch is provided all three days from 12 – 1:00 pm.

**Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

Certificate Ceremony Following the Afternoon workshops from 4:15 – 4:45 pm.

General Meeting A NAOTA General Meeting is scheduled for 4:50 pm on **Thursday** following the Certificate Ceremony.

**Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

Optional Tour/Box Lunch of the Portland Japanese Garden (additional fee TBD ~\$30)

Demonstration At the Portland Japanese Garden Pavilion from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Bus transportation is provided to/from the PJG departing the hotel at 9 am **only** and leaving the PJG at 4 pm after the demonstration. If you do not take the bus, you will need to arrange your own transportation. There will be very limited space on the bus for guests.

Sayonara Banquet 7 pm

## REQUIRED SUPPLIES

NAOTA will provide containers and floral materials. Participants must bring their own scissors, kenzans, wires, etc. Information about the types of kenzan needed will be provided at a later date.

## ROOM RESERVATIONS

NAOTA has reserved a block of rooms at the Crowne Plaza Portland Hotel for the conference at a nightly rate of USD \$179 plus 16% for state and local taxes.

**Reservations must be made before Wednesday, August 6, 2025.** This rate is also available three days before and three days after the conference, subject to availability. This rate includes complimentary guest room high speed internet. Self-parking is available with limited overnight parking of \$27 per night or event day-use for \$15 for attendees. Parking rates are subject to change.

To book your hotel room reservation, please click on the link below and scroll down to view the availability. **The room reservation link will be available beginning on April 1, 2025.**

<https://book.passkey.com/go/NAOTA>

You may also book via their Reservations Desk at 866-242-1264.  
Please mention that you are attending the NAOTA CONFERENCE.

## TRANSPORTATION

The nearest airport is Portland International Airport (PDX) located approximately 7 miles or 20 minutes away. There is a complimentary hotel shuttle from the airport based on availability. Taxi and Ride share are also available.

## REGISTRATION FOR THE CONFERENCE

Enclosed are two Registration Forms – one for payment in US dollars, the other for Canadian dollars. Select one payment method, complete the corresponding Registration Form, and mail via **regular mail** with payment as instructed. Participants will be accepted to the conference based on the mailing date (postmark) of their conference Registration Form. Please do not send your Registration Form by overnight delivery or any method requiring a signature. No one will be available to sign for any delivery.

Your March 2024 – February 2026 NAOTA dues must be paid in order for your Registration Form to be processed.

**Space is limited. Consider registering promptly to avoid disappointment.**

**Please review the following important information before sending in your registration form.**

### **ENTERING U.S.A.**

For those living outside of USA, we strongly recommend that you carefully monitor entry requirements into the USA to ensure that you will be able to attend the conference. The following USA government website provides detailed, up-to-date information about entry requirements into the USA:

[Travel | USAGov](#)

It will be your responsibility to make sure you comply with all entry requirements.

We also recommend that you check your health insurance coverage for validity in the USA. You may want to consider purchasing travel insurance as well.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

The standard NAOTA conference cancellation policy will apply:

- Before June 1, 2025: full refund of conference fees.
- After June 1, 2025:
  - A full refund will be made if the slot can be filled by another NAOTA member on the waiting list.
- There is no partial refund if a workshop is not attended.

Should you need to cancel, please **email** NAOTA Treasurer Beth Bowers-Klaine [beth.klaine@gmail.com](mailto:beth.klaine@gmail.com)