

Quick notes on Ciscoe and Kubota

Kubota

- Fugitaro Kubota emigrated from Japan in 1906
- Was interested in landscape and the artistic arrangement of plants
- In 1927 he established a nursery in South Seattle. Is now Kubota Gardens, public park
- Pioneered the Northwest Style of gardening, a naturalist style with a Japanese influence
- Worked on SU campus during the 1950's -1960's with Fr. Raymond Nichols who was Grounds manager at the time
- Brought many of the large evergreens to campus to establish a sense of place. The Giant Sequoia was planted by him
- He created the beautiful gardens that SU is well-known for in the horticulture community
- Fugitaro died at 93 in 1974
- His sons, Tommy and Tak, and grandson, Allen also did landscape installations on the SU grounds. Allen Kubota designed and installed the Japanese American Remembrance Garden

Ciscoe

- Ciscoe Morris- a well-recognized gardening expert and personality on television and radio
- Was the Grounds and Landscaping Manager at Seattle University for 23 years, 1980-2003
- Started as gardener at SU in 1976
- He has been a courageous and tireless fighter in the front lines of pesticide use reduction in the urban landscape
- Began the first IPM program at SU in 1980
- IPM= Integrated Pest Management - a systematic method of monitoring pests and then taking action in a specific, tiered approach, using the least toxic means first
- He drastically reduced the use of pesticides on campus when it was not popularly accepted practice
- He released beneficial insects and used safer soap and oils to control pests
- He championed creating wildlife habitats on campus where beneficial insects and birds could live undisturbed and complete their life cycles
- The idea of the balance of nature, that beneficial insects and birds could keep pest species in check, was the bright new future of landscape management

