Snow Viewing Lantern
This lantern was a gift from Nagasaki, St Paul’s sister city. These legged lanterns are commonly placed near water because their compact shape and size easily fit into the composition. This lantern was cracked and repaired, which is a metaphor that we can be “fixed” when we are in trouble.

Fountain Lantern
This fountain was used in Como Park during the early 20th century when one had to fill a cup at water fountains. There are “eye” hooks for the water cups. The red rock was added to create texture over the concrete. A water fountain is not a normal feature of a Japanese garden, but Masami Matsuda liked its novelty.

Pastiche Lantern
Located in the tea garden, but can be viewed from the Pine Grove Walk. Assembled from the parts of five other lanterns by Masami Matsuda in 1991. Pastiche means a mix of styles or materials; a hodgepodge.

1904 Lanterns
These three lanterns come from the 1904 St Louis World’s Fair. They are made of sierra white granite. They were a part of the Como Japanese Garden from the turn of the last century which was located in a portion of what is now the Como Golf Course. Lantern 1 is near the north end of the pond, Lantern 2 is near the Viewing Stone and Lantern 3 is near the mature pines up on the hill.