

## Hours of Operation

The Friendship Garden is  
open Monday through  
Thursday  
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friends of Shoseian conducts  
classes in the traditional Japanese  
Tea Ceremony on the third Sunday  
of each month.

For more details, please contact  
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Brand Park, the Whispering Pine Teahouse  
and Friendship Garden are owned and  
managed by the City of Glendale through  
the Parks, Recreation and Community  
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*Friends of Shoseian*

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# Shoseian



Whispering Pine  
Teahouse  
and  
Friendship Garden



On the grounds of

Brand Park  
1601 West Mountain Street  
Glendale, CA 91201-1209

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# History

Shoseian, built in 1974 through combined efforts of the Sister Cities of Glendale and Higashi-Osaka, Japan is one of the few traditional Japanese Teahouses open to the public in the United States. Spearheaded by Mrs. Otto Neufeld, local Glendale educator and prominent citizen, the Teahouse represents the spirit of goodwill, lasting peace and friendship between the people of Japan and the United States.

Given the name "Shoseian" or "Whispering Pine Teahouse" by the Fifteenth Grand Tea Master of the Urasenke School of Tea in Japan, the Teahouse is designated an official Tearoom. Dr. Yamazaki of Higashi-Osaka provided initial support for the Teahouse and Gardens. The Teahouse design is by architect Hayahiko Takase. A unique blending of western and eastern design, the Teahouse is an apt expression of the spirit of cross-cultural community.

Although the structure has remained open to the public, over the years the core focus of friendship and cultural exchange has waned. With the founding of Friends of Shoseian in 2001, this spirit is rekindled. Through recent cooperative efforts by the City of Glendale and Friends of Shoseian, the Teahouse is refurbished and established as a Landmark Building by the Glendale Historical Society.

Nestled at the foot of the Verdugo Mountains beside a koi pond in a charming Japanese-style garden setting, the Teahouse is in a unique position to out-reach to the community of Glendale and greater Los Angeles. Today, once again, the community can enjoy this cultural treasure and let the "Whispering Pine" speak to us of friendship and goodwill.

Cover art by Julie Bagish

# Vision

Friends of Shoseian were founded to maintain and preserve the beauty and serenity of Shoseian and the Friendship Garden for future generations to enjoy. Our mission is to promote the Teahouse and Garden through various events and classes connected to the Japanese Tea Ceremony, and related Asian culture and arts.

## Membership Benefits

- Special Holiday & Spring Tea Ceremonies
- VIP invitations to Cultural Events throughout the year
- Be a vital participant in supporting the ongoing maintenance of this cultural treasure for the community.

You may join us by completing the attached Form and mailing with the suggested membership donation.

Your generous donation in any amount is appreciated, and will provide much needed funds to remodel and preserve the interior of the Shoseian Tea House.

## Friends of Shoseian

☐ Helping build community and character through the World of Tea ☐

Please join us!

Name:

Suggested membership donation: \$20.00

Address:

Checks should be made payable to

City, State, Zip:

Friends of Shoseian

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