

Hours of Operation

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

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

For more details, please contact Keiko Nakada-sensei at tsknakada@earthlink.net.



Brand Park, the Whispering Pine Teahouse and Friendship Garden are owned and managed by the City of Glendale through the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Division

Please place postage here.

Friends of Shoseian
PO Box 304
Glendale CA 91209-0304

Shoseian



Whispering Pine Teahouse and Friendship Garden



On the grounds of

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

www.shoseianteahouse.com
friends@shoseianteahouse.com

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!

Suggested membership donation: \$20.00

Checks should be made payable to **Friends of Shoseian**

Please complete this form and mail with your check to:

Friends of Shoseian
PO Box 304
Glendale CA 91209-0304

Special Interests:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone / Fax : _____

Email : _____