

Takaoka Traditional Crafts Exhibition

Takaoka:
A City of Craftsmen and
Traditional Artisanship

Sogo Torita (Copperware / Engraving)

Gun-ei (A flower vase with a zogan metal inlay, which depicts a school of sayori fish.)



2024

November 22 fri.—**28** Thu.

11a.m.—7p.m. (first day starts at 12 noon)

Japan Traditional Crafts Aoyama Square

1F, 8-1-22 Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo

Tree-minute walk from Tokyo Metro Aoyama-itchome Station (Exit 4 North)

**FREE
ADMISSION**

Shinji Saito (Lacquerware / Muji Nuri Lacquer Coat)

Serujimon dora-nuri sorigata moriki

(A curved serving platter with red dora nuri accents and an ingrained rectangular pattern.)



Takaoka Takumikai

(Traditional Craft Experts Association)

Come and enjoy the best of Takaoka's traditional artisanship. Each piece of traditional copperware and lacquerware was created by our members designated as "Takaoka City Traditional Craft Experts."



Takaoka Takumikai website
(Japanese language only)

Come with your children to experience traditional crafts!

Takaoka Traditional Crafts Workshop

Participation fee:

3,300yen (including materials)

Send application to:

Japan Traditional Crafts Aoyama Square
(Tel: +81-3-5785-1301)

Learn and experience how to craft Takaoka copperware and lacquerware. Priority given to early applicants. Participation on the day of is possible if spots are available.

*Please contact us for the start times of each workshop. Children may participate if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Metalworking Workshop

Dates: November 22 fri.- 25 mon.

Duration: 1 hour

Instructors: Kume Kazu Shimatani / Yoshinobu Tatekawa

Try making small plates and other dishes in this workshop, and pound tin sheets to create their patterns and designs.

*You can take home your piece after the workshop.



Decorative Raden Design Workshop

Dates: November 26 tue.- 25 thu.

Duration: 2 hour

Instructors: Yoshinori Musashikawa / Katsuhisa Hata

Raden is a Japanese decorative technique used in traditional lacquerware and woodware crafts. It involves inlaying the iridescent inner layer of abalone shells and various other shells into the piece. Design your own Raden tray with the aogai-nuri technique where you create patterns with the small iridescent shells.

*Your tray will be delivered about a month and a half later, after the shells are polished and coated. You will be responsible for the cash on delivery shipping costs.



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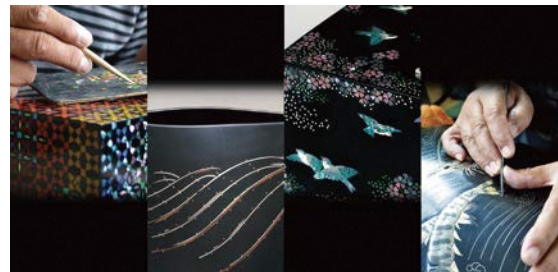
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Founded in 1971 by the designated Traditional Crafts Experts of Takaoka City, Toyama Prefecture, the Takaoka Takumikai aims to promote the development of the traditional craft industry. At the Japan Traditional Crafts Aoyama Square shop and gallery, the Takumikai will exhibit works from their master copperware and lacquerware craftsmen, the pride of Takaoka. Displays will showcase the tools and materials that the Takumikai members use in their daily work, and there will be videos to demonstrate their craft techniques. Feel free to participate in the hands-on metalworks and lacquerware workshops, held every day of the exhibition!

*Event content and hours are subject to change. For the latest information, please visit our website (<https://kougeihin.jp/>).

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What are Takaoka City Traditional Craft Experts?

Takaoka City Traditional Craft Experts are craftsmen who have extinguished skills and knowledge in the traditional industrial crafts of Takaoka copperware and Takaoka lacquerware. As of April 1, 2024, 126 craftsmen and artisans have received this title since its creation in 1967 – 85 for copperware and 41 for lacquerware.

Takaoka City Traditional Craft Experts database



Search data on 126 copper and lacquerware craftsmen.
(Japanese language only)

<https://www.suncenter.co.jp/takaoka/database/>



Craft Workshop and Takumi Studio Tour in Takaoka City, Toyama Prefecture!

2025

February 22 sat. / 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.

PRE-REGISTRATIONS
ONLY

● **Participation fee:** 5,000 yen (including lunch, craft workshop fees, and insurance)

● **Meeting place:** JR Takaoka Station or Takaoka City Hall (please choose one)

Application deadline: Wednesday, February 5

Send application to: Takaoka Takumikai Office in Takaoka Design & Craft Center

Tel: +81-766-62-0520 Email: tdcc@suncenter.co.jp

- ▶ Tours held in Japanese only.
- ▶ Please give your name, address, telephone number, date of birth (for insurance purposes), preferred meeting place, and whether you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions. There are a limited number of spots, and applications will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. The tour itinerary and details will be sent by mail roughly one week before the event.

On this tour, you will visit craft studios in Takaoka, trying out some traditional craft techniques in the morning, and touring another in the afternoon. Come and experience firsthand the skills of Takaoka's craftsmen. Pre-registration is required as it is a tour.



Craft Workshop

Make your own tin plate using cast metal

Instructor: Kikuo Nakamura (copperware, gas molds).

During this tour, you will create your own tin plate by pouring molten tin into a mold. You will carve out your own design for the mold and can take home the finished plate after the workshop. The plate will be approximately 13 cm in diameter.



Studio Tour

Musashigawa Kobo Ltd. Studio

Tour Guide: Yoshinori Musashikawa (lacquerware, Raden inlay technique)

Aogai-nuri, a classic technique of Takaoka lacquerware (mother-of-pearl inlay technique using thin shells of about 0.1mm; the white seashells emit a blue glow against the backdrop of a black lacquered base) and the *sabie* technique (using a paste made of water, lacquer, and whetting powder for design purposes).



Enjoy the flavors of
Toyama for lunch!



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