

City of Craftspeople

Takaoka and Its Traditional Skills

Admission free!

Takaoka Traditional Crafts Exhibition

2023

November 24^{Fri.} – 30^{Thu.}

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

Japan Traditional Crafts Aoyama Square

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

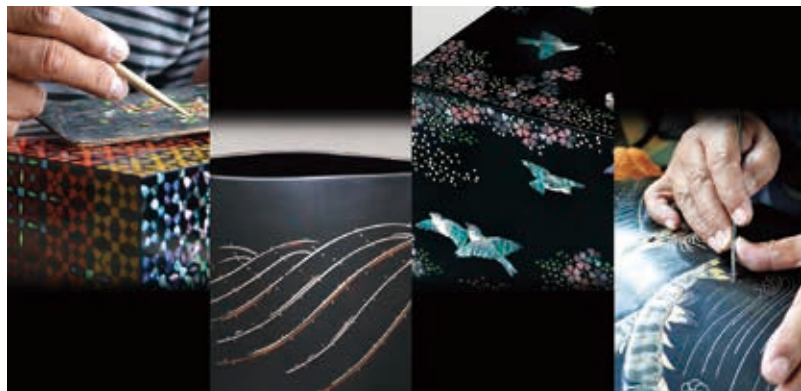
Three-minute walk from Tokyo Metro

Aoyama-itchome Station (Exit 4 North)

*The event content and hours may suddenly change. For the latest information, please visit our website (<https://kougeihin.jp/>).

The Takaoka Takumikai was established in 1971 by members who were designated as Traditional Craft Experts by Takaoka City in Toyama Prefecture, with the aim to promote the development of the traditional craft industry. Works by master copper and lacquerware craftspeople, who are the pride of Takaoka, will be exhibited at the Japan Traditional Crafts Aoyama Square in Tokyo. Tools and materials used by Takumikai members in their daily work will be on display, and films showing their techniques will also be playing. Hands-on classes in metalworks or lacquer craft will be held every day during the exhibition.

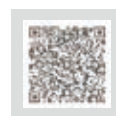
Takaoka City Traditional Craft Experts Since 1967, Takaoka City has designated craftspeople with excellent skills and knowledge of the traditional industrial crafts of Takaoka copperware and Takaoka lacquerware as Takaoka City Traditional Craft Experts. As of April 1, 2023, 125 craftspeople have received this designation (copperware 84, lacquerware 41).



← Takaoka Takumikai website

Find information on exhibitions, members, and representative works (Japanese language only)

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



← Takaoka City Traditional Craft Experts database

Search data on 125 copper and lacquerware craftspeople (Japanese language only)

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

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

*Tours will be held only in Japanese.

Advance registration required

2024

February 24^{sat.} 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

- Participation fee: 5,000 yen (including lunch, craft lesson fees, and insurance)
- Meeting place: JR Takaoka Station or Takaoka City Hall (please choose one)

Application deadline: Wednesday, February 7

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

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

Please inform us your name, address, telephone number, date of birth (for insurance), preferred meeting place, and whether or not you have any food allergies. There is a limited capacity, and applications will be accepted in the order they are received. The day's itinerary and details will be mailed to you approximately one week before the event.



You will visit studios in Takaoka City, trying out some techniques hands-on at one studio in the morning and touring another in the afternoon. Advance registration is required as it is a tour. Come see and experience firsthand the skills of our craftspeople.

Craft lesson **Make small tin plates from cast metal**

Instructor: Kikuo Nakamura (copperware, gas mold)



You will create a cast plate by directly carving a design into a mold and pouring molten tin into it. It will be approximately 13 cm in diameter and you can take it home with you.

Studio tour **Musashigawa Kobo Ltd.**

Tour guide: Yoshinori Musashikawa (lacquerware, mother-of-pearl inlay)



Aogai-nuri, a classic technique of Takaoka lacquerware (mother-of-pearl inlay technique using thin shells of about 0.1 mm; 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).

