

Hours of Operation

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

The Whispering Pine Teahouse is open by reservation every 3rd Sunday for events related to Asian Arts & Culture.

To reserve the Teahouse and Friendship Garden please call the City of Glendale at (818) 548-2184 or visit our website at <http://parks.ci.glendale.ca.us>

Tea Space

8 mat tatami platform with tokonoma, sliding screens, mizuya, ro and outdoor machiai.

Seating

Carpeted area in front of platform with seating for 15.

Garden and Koi Pond

Veranda over pond. Outdoor chairs available upon request for an additional fee.

Kitchenette

Available for warming food and refrigeration.

Bathroom

Including space for changing clothes.

Tea Hosting

Full service traditional Japanese tea ceremony available with advance notice for an additional fee.

Free parking is available in Brand Park on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please
place
postage
here.

Friends of Shoseian
P.O. Box 5763
Glendale, CA 91221-5763

Shoseian



Whispering Pine Teahouse and Friendship Garden



On the grounds of

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



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

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 outreach to the community of Glendale and greater Los Angeles. Today, once again, the community can enjoy this cultural treasure and let the "Whispering Pines" speak to us of friendship and goodwill.

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 Asian arts and culture.

Please join us by completing the attached form and mailing with your membership donation.

Membership Benefits

- Special Invitation to Annual Spring Victorian Tea
- Annual Fall Anniversary Tea & Open House
- Invitations to Cultural Events throughout the year

Members of the Board

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Friends of Shoseian

Please complete this form and
 mail with your check to:

Special Interests:

Checks should be made payable to
 Friends of Shoseian

Address:

Suggested membership
 donation: \$20.00

City, State, Zip:

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