



Exhibition:

Sakai's Bamboo Craft Masters

Maeda Chikubosai and
Tanabe Chikuunsai



Maeda Chikubosai I
Hanging flower basket of soot-colored bamboo with a circle window
Mid-Meiji - early Showa era, Sakai City Collection

Open daily: 9:30-17:15 (last entry by 16:30)
Open until 21:00 (last entry by 20:30) during the night
museum event between October 3 (Fri)-5 (Sun)
Closed: Mondays (Open on October 13 and November 3)

Admission: General- 1,000 yen,
high school and university students- 500 yen,
junior high and elementary school students- 250 yen
Free for junior high and elementary school students
living or studying in Sakai city, those aged 65 and over living in
Sakai city, and those with disabilities (proof required).
Tickets for this exhibition are also valid for the
"Simultaneous event Exhibition: Tanabe Chikuunsai IV" (see backside of leaflet).

Organizer: Sakai City
Co-organizer: Sakai City Museum
Supporters: Osaka Prefecture, Sakai City Board of Education

September 20 (Sat)-
November 3 (Mon), 2025

Sakai City Museum

(Inside Daisen Park, address: 2 Mozusekiun-cho, Sakai Ward, Sakai City)

Sakai’s Bamboo Craft Masters

In Kansai region during the Meiji period, leaf tea ceremony became prosperous and craftsmen specialized in producing bamboo utensils for the leaf tea ceremony, such as Chinese-style baskets, were very active. They not only copy intricate weaving skills of Chinese-style baskets, but also developed even more elaborate techniques by themselves. In Sakai, where the tea culture (both powdered and leaf tea ceremonies) flourished, Maeda Chikubosai I (1872-1949) and Tanabe Chikuunsai I (1877-1937) were leaders in the craft. They produced artistic tea tools and other works with unique weaving patterns, bringing bamboo crafts to an artistic stage. This exhibition displays works by the successive heads from the Maeda Family and the Tanabe Family, introducing traditions of each family and features of each craft masters nurtured by traditions. This event also pursues the possibility of new expressions based on traditions through the works of Tanabe Chikuunsai IV, who plays an active role as a representative bamboo craft master.



Left
①Maeda Chikubosai I
Flower basket of soot-colored bamboo
Mid-Meiji - early Showa era, Sakai City Collection

Right
①Tanabe Chikuunsai I
Cicada Basket
1911-1937, Private Collection

Relevant events:

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Lecture and demonstration
“From Sakai to the World
-maintaining traditions is opening new frontiers-” (reservation required)

The Tanabe Family is a traditional bamboo craft family lasting in Sakai since the Meiji period. At this event, Tanabe Chikuunsai IV delivers a lecture with demonstrations by his daughters and son, focusing on the importance of the continuation of traditions and attempts to break new ground.

Date: September 21 (Sun) 14:00-15:30
Lecturer and demonstrators: Tanabe Chikuunsai IV,
Tanabe Sarara, Tanabe Kaguya, Tanabe Mahito
Venue: Sakai City Museum B1 Hall
Capacity: 80 people (chosen by lottery when over-subscribed)
Cost: Free (admission to the museum required separately)

TANABE CHIKUUNSAI



②Maeda Chikubosai II
Sphere: flower basket
1999, Sakai City Collection

③Maeda Chikubosai I
Greaves styled Hand Warmer
Mid-Meiji - early Showa era, Sakai City Collection

②Tanabe Chikuunsai I
Flower basket in the shape of a large sake cup
1927, YUMEKOBOUTO GALLERY Collection

③Tanabe Chikuunsai II
Mountain Dawn: flower basket
1951, YUMEKOBOUTO GALLERY Collection

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Explanation of works
(application unnecessary,
please come to the venue directly.)

A curator will introduce highlights of the exhibition.

Date: September 27 (Sat) and
October 12 (Sun) 14:00 -14:30
Venue: Sakai City Museum F1 Exhibition Room
Capacity: First 20 people per day
Cost: Free (admission to the museum required separately)

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Bamboo basket workshop
(application necessary)

Beginners are welcome.

Date: October 26 (Sun) 14:00-16:00
Instructors: Tanabe Chikuunsai IV and
Tanabe Chikuunsai studio staff
Venue: Sakai City Museum B1 Hall
Capacity: 25 people
(5th or 6th elementary graders and older,
chosen by lottery when over-subscribed)
Cost: Material cost 1,000 yen
(admission to the museum required separately)

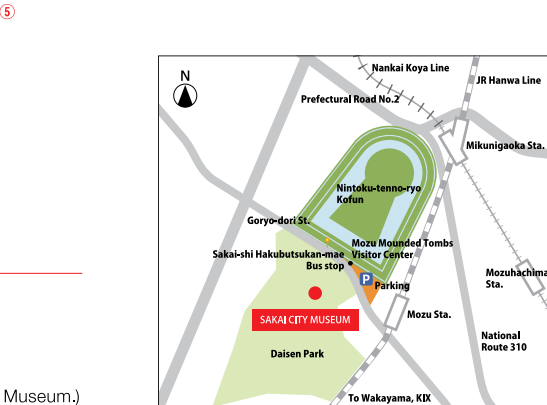


①Maeda Chikubosai II
Double-layered flower basket with interlocking ring pattern
Showa - Heisei era, Sakai City Collection

②Maeda Chikubosai II
Flower basket
Showa era, Sakai City Collection

④Tanabe Chikuunsai III
Jōmon
1974-1991, Private Collection

MAEDA CHIKUBOSAI



Sakai City Museum
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Sakai Ward, Sakai City 590-0802)
Phone: 072-245-6201 Fax: 072-245-6263
Access: By train- 500m from Mozu Station on JR Hanwa Line
By bus: 280m from Sakai City Museum bus stop
(10 min by Nankai Bus 140 route from Sakaihigashi Station
on Nankai Koya Line)
Charged parking lots available

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Other: (Please see the website of Sakai City Museum.)

Tea Ceremony-Encounter with bamboos
(application necessary)

September 29 (Mon)
Firstly: 10:30-12:00 /Secondly: 13:00-14:30 /Thirdly: 14:30-16:00

Night Museum (application necessary)

October 3 (Fri)- 5 (Sun) 17:15-21:00
Special performances only for three days
in the Tea House Shin-an!



CHIKUUNSAI IV

TANABE

Sakai City Tea House Shin-an (Adjacent to Sakai City Museum)

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