



Tokuo Tezuka

Biography

- 1938 Born in Imaichi, Tochigi Prefecture (now Nikko City).
- 1959 Entered Tokyo University of the Arts, Department of Sculpture.
- 1962 First selected for the Nika Art Exhibition with "Owl." Continued exhibiting until 2003.
- 1963 Graduated from Tokyo University of the Arts, Sculpture Department. Graduation work won the Salon de Printemps Award. Entered the newly established graduate school.
- 1964 Joined "Sculpture Group Kan" formed by young Nika sculptors.
- 1965 Completed graduate studies at Tokyo University of the Arts under Professor Toshio Yodoi. Became assistant at the university's sculpture department (until 1969). Worked as part-time lecturer at various universities until becoming full-time at Tokyo University of the Arts.
- 1966 Promoted to associate member of Nika Art Association.
- 1968 Promoted to full member of Nika Art Association.
- 1978 Became lecturer at Tokyo University of the Arts.
- 1981 Held first solo exhibition in Tokyo. Became associate professor at Tokyo University of the Arts.
- 1984-1985 Studied at Rhode Island School of Design and in Mexico as government research fellow.
- 1986 Became board member of Nika Art Association.
- 1987-1988 Traveled to US to study contemporary American art.
- 1989 Became professor at Tokyo University of the Arts.
- 2000 Won Minister of Education Award at Nika Exhibition.
- 2005 Left Nika Art Association. Retirement exhibition held at The University Art Museum, Tokyo University of the Arts.
- 2006 Retired from Tokyo University of the Arts, became professor emeritus.
- 2009 Solo exhibition held at Kosugi Hoan Memorial Nikko Art Museum.
- 2014 Held solo exhibition at childhood home.
- 2015 Passed away at age 76.
- 2018 Tezuka Tokuo Stone Sculpture Museum "Fukuro no Mori" opened in Nikko City on November 1.

Visitor Information



Opening Hours: 10:00 - 16:00 (Last entry at 15:30)
 Open: Saturdays, Sundays, and Public Holidays
 ※Closed during New Year's holidays (December 29 - January 3)

Admission: Free

Contact Information:

- Museum direct line: 0288-22-5211 (Sat, Sun, Holidays 10:00-16:00)
- Nikko City Board of Education, Lifelong Learning Division: 0288-21-5182 (Weekdays 8:30-17:15)

Access:

- JR Nikko Line
From Imaichi Station: 1km, 15-minute walk
- Tobu Nikko Line
From Kami-Imaichi Station: 350m, 6-minute walk
From Shimo-Imaichi Station: 1km, 15-minute walk
- From Kanto Bus Kasugacho 1-chome bus stop: 1-minute walk
- From Nikko-Utsunomiya Road Imaichi Interchange: Approximately 1km

Parking:

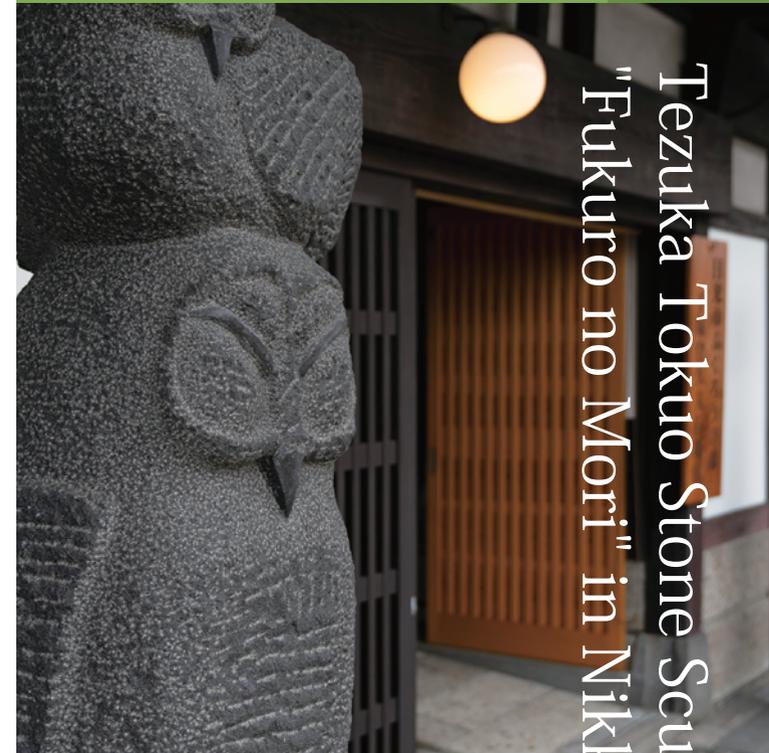
Available at Imaichi-juku Ichien Hiroba parking lot or Suginamiki Park parking lot



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Tezuka Tokuo Stone Sculpture Museum
 "Fukuro no Mori" in Nikko City

Welcome Message

The Fukuro no Mori Tezuka Tokuo Stone Sculpture Museum was established to exhibit works by sculptor Tokuo Tezuka (1938-2015), a native of Nikko City.

This building, which was Tezuka's childhood home, was originally built in 1877 as Shirakawaya, a traditional inn. Tezuka spent his junior high and high school years here, and continued to use it as his studio and residence until his passing in 2015.

In 2016, the Tezuka family generously donated the building to Nikko City, along with his artistic works. After graduating from Tochigi Prefectural Imaichi High School, Tezuka studied sculpture at Tokyo University of the Arts. From 1989, he served as a professor at the same university, dedicating himself to educating and guiding the next generation of artists. Meanwhile, he created numerous stone sculptures, with over 40 pieces displayed outdoors across Japan.

Many of his works feature owls as their motif. This was inspired by memories from his youth, when his art teacher kept an owl that Tezuka helped care for. His works also express the forests of his hometown where he spent his boyhood years.

We incorporated "Fukuro no Mori" (Owl Forest) into the museum's name to help visitors envision the imagery of the exhibited works.

As the only facility that comprehensively displays Tezuka's works, we hope this museum will help visitors appreciate the achievements of this artist who was born in and loved this region. Furthermore, we wish for this space to nurture everyone's cultural sensibilities through these artistic works.

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Various works by Tezuka are displayed across the premises.

Main Gallery Wing
Exhibition Area (Areas 1-4)
Gallery (Area 5)
Workshop Wing (Area 6)
Garden (Area 7)
Sub-Gallery Wing
Exhibition Area (Area 8)

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FLOOR MAP

