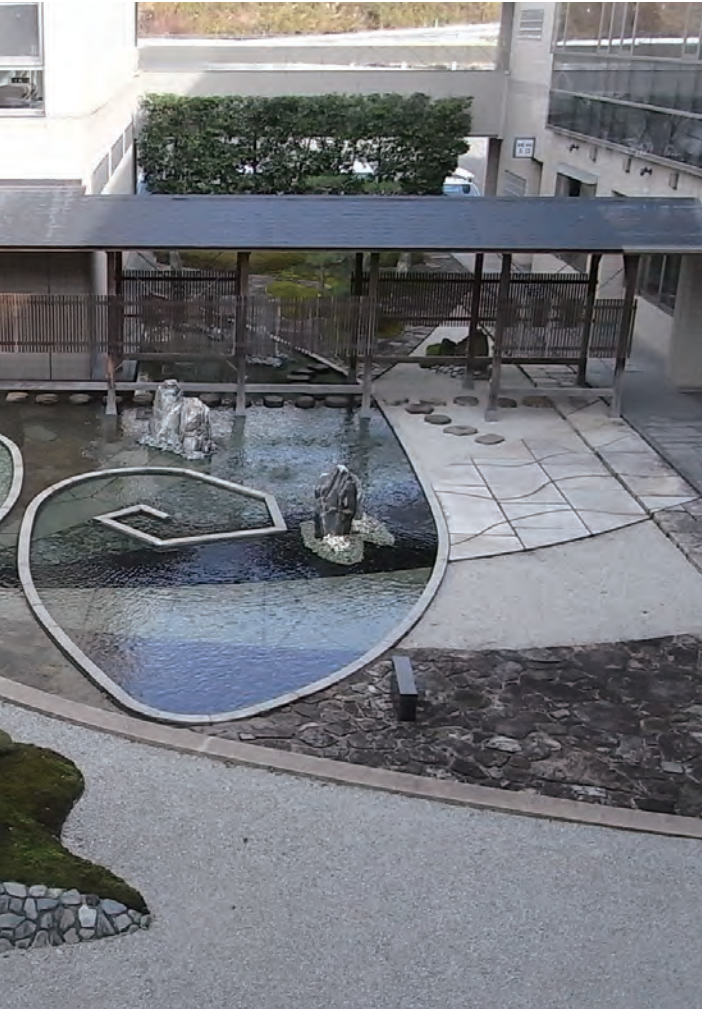


Biography

- 1896 Born as the eldest son of Genjiro and Tsuru Shigemori and named Kazuo.
- 1913 Designed and built a teahouse at his home. (The teahouse was moved in 1969 to the grounds of the Yoshikawa Hachimangu Shrine, which is next to the Mirei Shigemori Memorial Hall on the southeast side.)
- 1919 Graduated from the Nihonbijutsu Training School
- 1923 Graduated from Toyo University
- 1925 Adopted the professional name Mirei
- 1929 Moved to Kyoto
- 1932 Established Kyoto Rinsen Kyokai
- 1933 Published *Kyoto Bijutsu Taikan – Teien Hen* (Survey of the Arts of Kyoto – Garden Volume)
- 1936 Published *Nihon Teienshi Zukan*(Guide to Japanese Garden History)(1936~1939)
- 1939 Completed the Hojo Garden for the abbot's hall and the Komyo-in Garden at Tofuku-ji temple in Kyoto
- 1969 Completed the Yurin Garden in the courtyard of the Kyoto Yuzen Cooperative Association showroom (moved to Kayo Branch, Kibichuo Town Hall in 2002)
- 1971 Published *Jissokuzu Nihon no Meien*(Measured Maps of Famous Japanese Gardens)
- Published *Nihon Teienshi Taikei* (A Scheme of Japanese Garden History)" (1971~1976)
- 1972 Completed the Shusekitei Garden at Hokoku Shrine in Osaka, and a garden at Kanyo-ji temple in Yamaguchi Prefecture
- 1973 Published *Chashitsu Chatei Jiten* (Dictionary of Tea Rooms and Tea Gardens)
- 1975 Completed a garden at Matsuo Taisha shrine in Kyoto.
- Died at the age of 79.



Mirei Shigemori Memorial Hall



Memorial Hall Exhibit Corner

Through the cooperation of Kyoto Rinsen Kyokai, established by Shigemori to promote garden appreciation and enhance garden design, the collection includes many of his writings and his maps of famous gardens, including the garden at the Golden Temple. There are also many of his calligraphic works and paintings.



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Exhibit Room for Panels of Mirei Shigemori's Works

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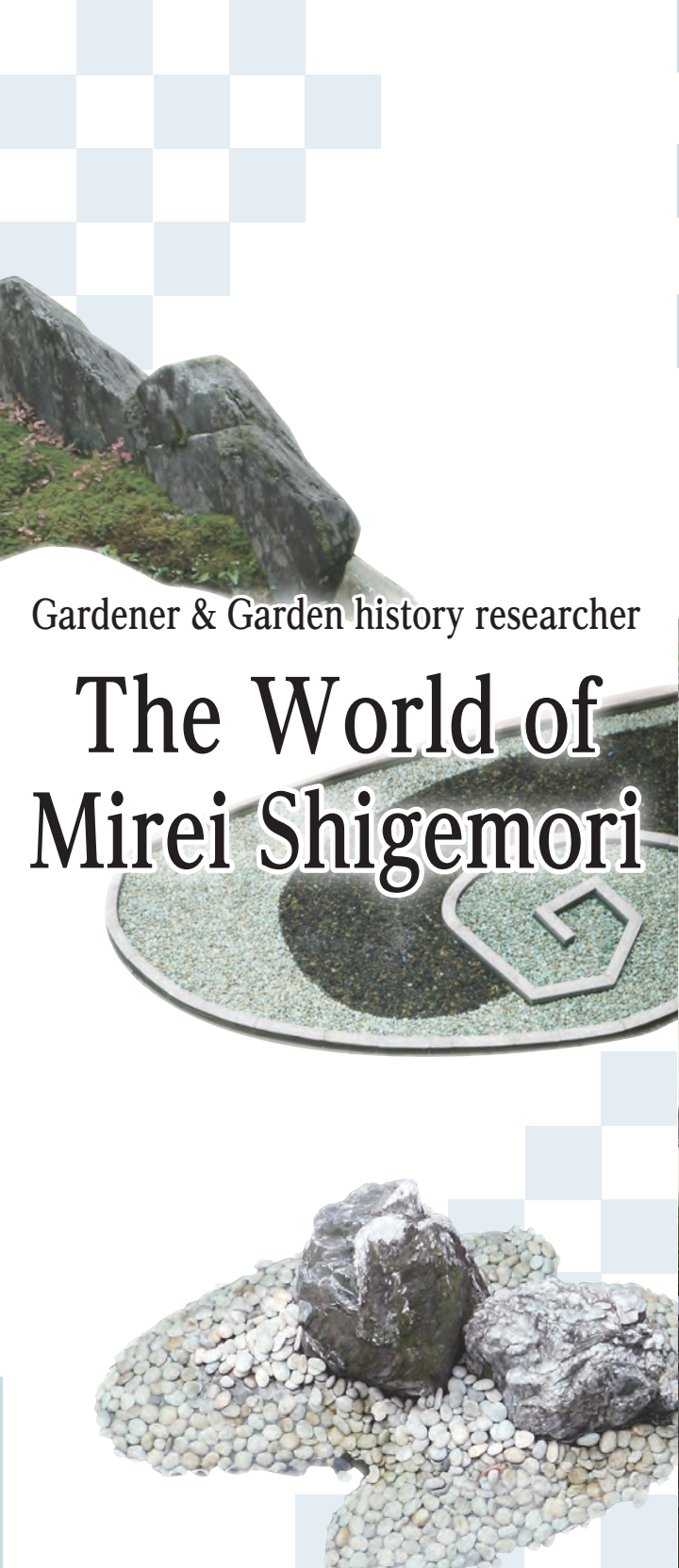
Mirei Shigemori(1896-1975)



Born in 1896 and died in 1975
Born in Yoshikawa Village, Joho County (currently Yoshikawa, Kibichuo Town), Okayama Prefecture
Shigemori was a leading landscape architect of the Showa Period (1926-1989) who created unique Japanese gardens.
A master of traditional arts including tea ceremony and flower arrangement, he contributed enormously to the world of Japanese landscape gardens as a garden history researcher.

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The World of Mirei Shigemori



Yurin Garden (moved to Kayo Branch, Kibichuo Town Hall in 2002)





① Yurin Garden

This garden was created by Mirei Shigemori in the Kyoto Yurin Hall in 1969 and moved to Kayo Branch, Kibichuo Town Hall in 2002.

The garden name Yurin combines one character each from the names of Miyazaki Yuzen, who perfected the art of yuzen dying, and Ogata Korin, painter and designer of the Rinpa school. The garden is designed for strolling around a pond (chisen kanshoshiki teien). The pond in the court is designed after the decorative motif of tabane-noshi (bundled strips), and its shallow, crystal-clear water flows in a helical fashion. The garden on the north side is designed after the famous scenic Amanohashidate peninsula.

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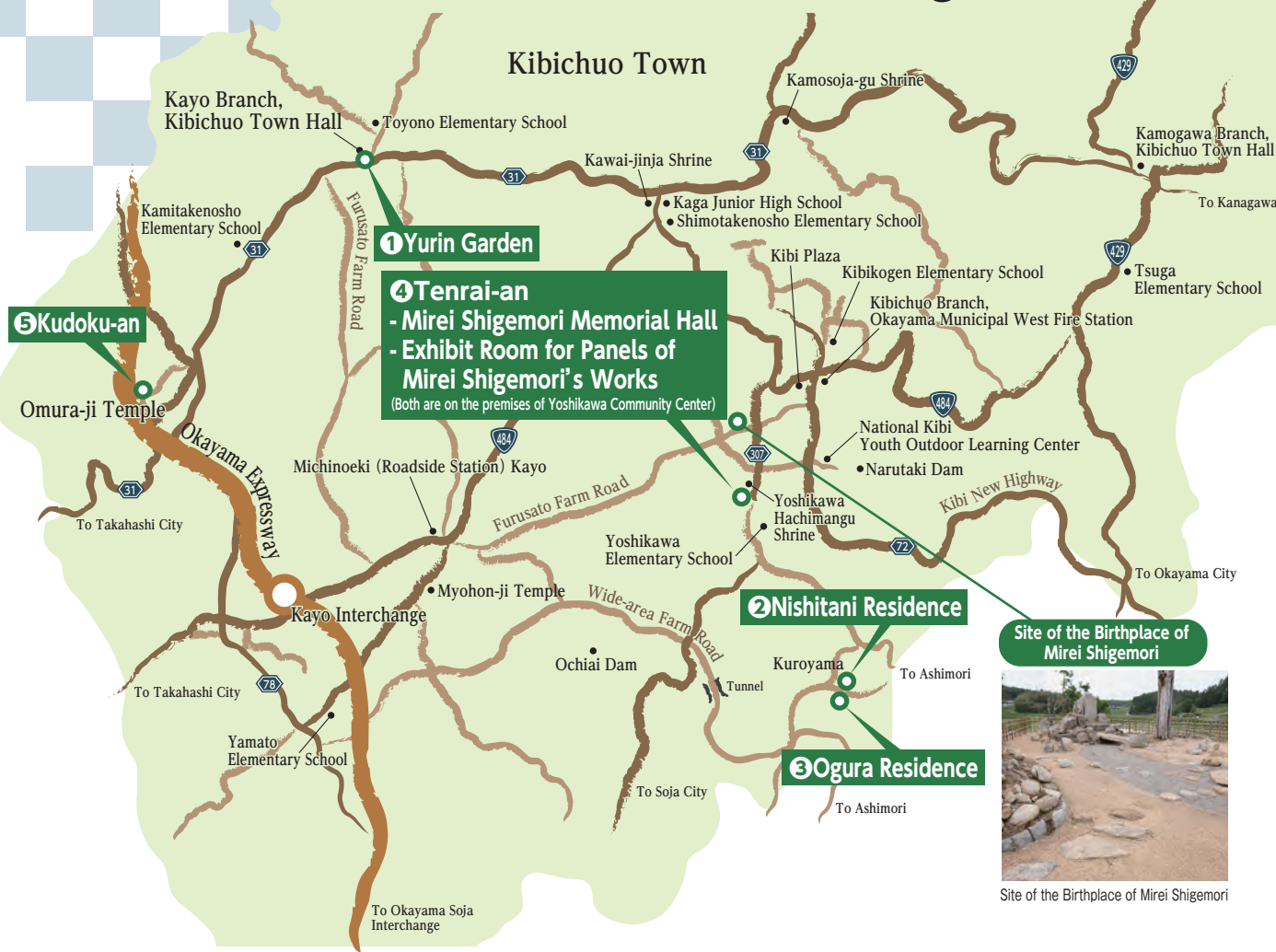


② Nishitani Residence

The Kyokurakutei garden was designed and overseen by Mirei Shigemori in the spring of 1929. The southeast garden at the Shoin uses the borrowed scenery of mountains to the south. This is one of the few gardens that Mirei completed before starting his full-scale garden research.

- ◆ The garden was made in 1929.
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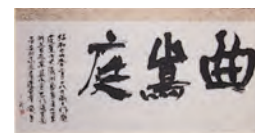
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③ Ogura Residence

Created in 1951 at the Ogura residence, the Kyokuto-tei garden is a horai-shinsen design, an elaboration of the shinsen style. It contains three stone groups, each surrounded by a bed of juniper haircap moss. Viewed from the shoin building, at the rear is a horai group representing a mythical mountain with eight stones. Before it to the left is the hojo group with seven stones, and to the right is the eiju group. The three groups represent, respectively, the shin, gyo and so elements of a classic garden, arranged in a new style as an expression of the worldview of mountain-dwelling immortals (horai shinsen). The overall form of the garden has an odd resemblance to a bonsai-style tray landscape.

- ◆ The garden was made in 1951.
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④ Tenrai-an



This was Shigemori's debut work, created in 1913 when he was 18 years old, and was moved in 1969 to the grounds of the Yoshikawa Hachimangu Shrine, which is next to the Mirei Shigemori Memorial Hall on the southeast.

In the tea garden that was created at the time of the relocation, the tea room was built and colored cement set in the ground, creating an abstract design evoking a sea and mountains, which was the first time to try this.

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⑤ Kudoku-an



Shigemori created this teahouse when he was 64 years old, at the Tatsuka residence in Okayama City. It was moved to the Omuraji temple in 1999. Kudoku-an is considered to be the outstanding master work of Mirei Shigemori.

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