

Suien Hamada (1926~2020, Kochi Prefecture, Japan)

- 1926 Born in Aki City, Kochi Prefecture
- 1946 Graduated from normal school (followed by teaching at public schools in Kochi for 40 years)
- 1976 Began practicing calligraphy under Yasuoka Neisui
- 1977 Joined Tokyo Shosoin; met the late Master Kuwahara Suiho
- 1981 Became a member not subject to prior examination for submission to Shosoin exhibition
- 1984 Became superintendent of a kindergarten after mandatory retirement
Renovated own house to start the "Hamada Bunko" library (open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. every Saturday; read to children and continued activities including story telling, origami, hand games, picture story shows, etc. throughout the year)
- 1990 Hamada Bunko received 100 books donated by the UNESCO Lottery Children's Library
- 1991 Became a calligrapher not subject to prior examination for submission to Aki City Exhibition
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- 1994 Became a calligrapher not subject to prior examination for submission to Nakaoka Uzan
Kinen Zenkoku Shoten (National Exhibition Commemorating Nakaoka Uzan)
- 1998 Awarded a library grant of 500,000 yen from the Itochu Foundation
Became Counselor of Shosoin (as of the present)
- 2005 Donated the entire library to the city's child support facilities
- 2006 Named the former library "Kogetsuan" for use as a place for meeting with fellow calligraphers
- 2020 Eternal sleep

Literary works

- 1989 Essay (joint work) *Kyoiku Shunju* published by Kochi Shimbun
- 2004 Calligraphy and Children's Poetry *Kokoro to Asobu* (Playing with the Mind) published by Seiunsha
- 2006 Calligraphy and essay *Rinne* (Samsara) published by Seiunsha
- 2007 Calligraphy and essay *Sumi no Meimyaku* (A Thread of Life in Japanese ink) published by Seiunsha
- 2008 Collection of Calligraphy *Yume no tochu* (In the Middle of a Dream) published by Kitai Kikaku

- 2010 Collection of Works *Kokoro no Moyou* (Figure of Hearts) published by Kitai Kikaku
- 2011 Collection of Works *Kokoro no Kaze* (Wind of Hearts) published by Kitai Kikaku
- 2012 Collection of Works *Kokoro no Iro* (Color of Hearts) published by Kitai Kikaku
- 2012 Collection of Works *Kokoro no Sora* (Sky of Hearts) published by Kitai Kikaku
- 2013 Collection of Works *Koto no Ha* (Word leaf) published by Kitai Kikaku

Exhibitions

(Private exhibitions):

- 1997/1999/2000/2004/2005 Gallery Otsubo (Kochi)
- 2010 Takadaya gallery (Kochi)
- 2011/2012 Kitai gallery
- 2020 Takadaya gallery (Kochi) *The Exhibition of the Remaining Works.

(Group exhibitions):

- 2000 World Peace Art Exhibition (Istanbul, Turkey)
- 2001 World Peace Art Exhibition (Vietnam)
- 2002 Exhibition Commemorating the Quincentennial of the Death of Sesshu (Paris, France)
- 2003 Exposition Kakemono du Japon a Paris (Paris, France)
- 2005 All Kochi Art Competition Exhibition at Aki Calligraphy Museum (Kochi)
- 2006 East Kochi Art Exhibition at Tano Fureai Center (Kochi)
- Memorial exhibition for the 6th issue of *SHOKOH* at Gallery Kitai (Tokyo)
- Exhibition commemorating the publication of *ART UNION JAPAN* Vol. 5 at Gallery Kitai (Tokyo)
- 2009 Contemporary Art of Japan Exhibition at Cultural and information Center of the Embassy of Japan (Brussels, Belgium)
- 2011 Sumi_ism #1 at Gallery Kitai (Tokyo)
- 2012 Sumi_ism #2 at Gallery Kitai (Tokyo)
- Exposición de Kakejiku Por artistas contemporáneos japonese-
-at Centro Cultural e Informativo de la Embajada del Japón (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- KAKEJIKUTEN* at Gallery Kitai (Tokyo)
- Shosoin Exhibition at Ginza Gallery (Tokyo) (annual submissions since 1980)
- 2013 Sumi_ism #3 at Gallery Kitai (Tokyo)