

Welcome to the Hanaoka Seishu Honoring Facility Seishu-no-Sato! Shunrinken, Flower Hill Museum  
Seishu-no-Sato (Kinokawa City, Wakayama, Japan)

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Closed day/Every Tuesday  
(If Tuesday and holiday coincide, the  
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#### Notice from the Seishu-no-Sato.

##### Notice of resumption of buffet

We will resume the buffet on September nineteen (Saturday).

In addition, we are implementing measures to prevent the spread of new coronavirus infections, and we will change the contents to the following to ensure the safety of our customers.

- \*Wearing a mask other than when eating and drinking, temperature measurement when entering the store, etc.
- \*Meal time is 60 minutes.
- \*Reservations are not accepted.

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#### About Seishu-no-Sato

Hanaoka Seishu is the world's first person to succeed in removing breast cancer using general anesthesia. Seishu-no-Sato was built as a facility for honoring and to enjoyably learn his great achievement. It has the home and clinic, which was made by Seishu, and also has Flower Hill Museum, which was designed with a motif of Detura flowers by the late architect Kisho Kurokawa. The museum has an exhibition room that exhibits the records of Hanaoka Seishu. Also the restaurant serves as a base for food education recommended by Kinokawa City, where you can enjoy dishes made with local seasonal ingredients in a buffet style.



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Shunrinken (home and clinic) /Time to visit: 10:00~16:00

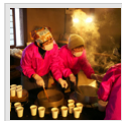
(March~October 10:00~17:00 (last admission at 16:30))

#### Event information



##### Seishu Festival

Seishu Festival has been cancelled this year due to COVID-19.



##### Nanakusa Gayu Festival

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## Seishu Hanaoka's life

**Seishu Hanaoka's portrait [The picture of "Ryukei"]** Seishu in 1826 (Bunsei 9) ▶

Seishu Hanaoka invented an anesthetic called "Tsusensan". He was a great physician conducted the first successful mastectomy surgery with general anesthesia in the world. Seishu was born in 1760 on 23 October between Otsugi and Naomichi Hanaoka. Naomichi Hanaoka, Seishu's father, was also a doctor so Seishu grew up watching patients suffering from various illness and injury. The experience carved the dream to become a doctor and to save lives in Seishu's life path since early childhood.



Seishu went to Kyoto to study medicine in 1782 at the age of 23 when he learnt ancient medicine under Nangai Yoshimasu and surgery under Kenryu Yamato. At that time, Seishu came to know about Hua Tuo, a Chinese doctor used to utilize anesthetics in surgeries and helped a huge number of patients. Seishu was so eager to develop his own anesthetics and medicine to cure terminal illness at that time so as to save people from pain. With the great and ultimate dream of "becoming Hua Tuo in Japan", Seishu had three years of intensive study and hardship before he returned to his hometown Hirayama. Back to his motherland, Seishu was very devoted to cure patients, develop new treatments, and collect medical herbs like his father. All are for his research on anesthetics.

## Seishu Haraoka's Treatments

Unfortunately, we do not have detailed records about Seishu's anesthetics research. It's believed that Seishu first did animal tests to confirm the usages and safety of his medicines before clinical tests on human body. Seishu's mother "Otsugi" and his wife "Kae" both volunteered to be the subject in anesthetics human tests. It's said that Seishu did actually involve his mother and wife taken anesthetics in his series of tests. On 13 October 1804(Bunka1), Seishu eventually made his anesthetic "Tsusensan" and conducted the first successful mastectomy surgery with general anesthesia in world. Seishu Hanaoka immediately taken the entire Japan by storm and attracted patients all over the country, as well as disciples wanted to learn "Hanaoka medicine".

## Seishu Hanaoka's Disciple (Student)



◀**Shunrinken**(his residence and clinic)

Seishu established "Shunrinken" as his clinic and medical school in where he saved a tremendous number of patients and taught medical science to many students of his. Seishu also opened a branch called "Gosuido" in Nakanoshima, Osaka, which was managed by Rokujo Hanaoka, Seishu's younger brother (the fourth son in his family). The total number of students in Hanaoka's schools including those from Gosuido was 1,861, including big names like Soken Homa and Gendai Kamada.

## Seishu Hanaoka's Late Years

Seishu's reputation reached Harutomi Tokugawa, the domain lord of Kishu. They met each other in 1802 (Kyowa 2), in which Seishu was authorized to wear a sword with him. The power summoned Seishu as the official doctor for the samurai, Seishu first rejected as he wanted to help all commoners instead of only officers. Yet, the lord insisted and Seishu was granted "Kobushinishikaku (literally "general physician certificate")" in 1813(Bunka 10). Seishu was approved to continue his clinic for commoners upon his own request. He was also allowed to continue to live in Hirayama, his motherland, even with his governmental title. In 1819(Bunsei 2), Seishu was promoted to "Kokubunshigoishi (official doctor)". The huge title required Seishi to move to Wakayama Castle indeed. Nonetheless, Seishu was allowed to stay in the castle for 15 days a month only so he could keep the doors of his clinic opened to commoners on the other 15 days, and that's upon his own request as well. In 1833(Tenpou4), Seishu was further promoted to "Okuishikaku".

In 1835(Tenpou6) on 2 October, Seishu Hanaoka passed away at the age of 76. What he left in world is his great accomplishment of creating general anesthetic and saving an enormous number of lives.

Remark) the age is rounded down according to the year, not to the exact birthday.

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#### Shunrinken (Old Residence & Clinic)

[A panoramic view of Shunrinken ▶](#)

Seishu Hanaoka's residence is in today's Shunrinken and Hanaoka Tomb. It was a thatching around 66m2 small, while it was home for Seishu and generations of his ancestors. Seishu was born there, and he kept all his medical work and research in the thatching after taking over his family business.

Seishu took the country by storm in 1804 when he succeeded in a breast cancer surgery using anesthesia, which also helped him to attract patients all over the country, as well as disciples wished to learn about "Hanaoka medicine". Seishu understood that he could not provide medical treatments and instructions to cater all the needs in the small space, thus he decided to build a new clinic, which was as large as 660m2. The exact period remains unknown while it is commonly said to be somewhere between 1804 and 1816. Seishu named the lodge "Shunrinken" for the aroma of the woods; it's also called "Rakusudo."



#### Shunrinken in the Taisho Era



◀A view of the old Shunrinken before relocation from the west

Shunrinken was originally in Hirayama, but the main hall was relocated to the old Kokawa Town in the Taisho Era for the change of the landlord.



◀A view of the old Shunrinken before relocation from the east

The roof of the main hall, the "three-sickroom" (the front building), and the nurse hostel (the two-storey building on the right).

#### The current Shunrinken after relocation

[Shunrinken after relocation ▶](#)

In 1997(Heisei9), Shunrinken was remodeled; the main hall was well preserved and moved back to Hirayama. The main hall and warehouse of the current Shunrinken were used by Seishu when he was active and doing things while other buildings were rebuilt based on research data.

▶ Spot Size : 1,614m2

▶ Total size of the 8 lodges : 533m2



#### ◀Surgeries

Inside are figures, audio guides, and videos portraying Seishu's surgeries and lectures for his disciples.



#### ◀Anesthetic Experiments

Passing through the gate, we are travelling to the Edo Era. Let's feel how Seishi was working in the old time.



#### Distribution and Functions of Shunrinken and other buildings

Shunrinken Tutorial is the residence, hospital, and medical school of Seishu Hanaoka, the great physician conducted the first successful mastectomy surgery using general anesthesia in the world. The success of the anesthesia surgery made Seishu nationwide famous and brought him as many as 1,033 disciples. It is now a group of buildings with the main hall surrounded by the tutorial block/pharmacy, administration room, sickroom block, food stock, nurse hostel, storeroom, and warehouse.

#### A full view of Shunrinken (a bird's-eye view)



#### Main functions of the buildings



1	Dirt floor
2	Manufacturing room
3	Horse hut
4	Three-sickroom
5	Granary
6	Nurse hostel(Second floor)
7	Firewood storage shed
8	Information office
9	Warehouse

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