

Museum History

- 1975 Michio Sakima started "a collection of paintings" of Makoto Ueno, Käthe Kollwitz, Georges Rouault, Kojin Toneyama and other artists.
- 1983 Truly impressed and pleased to know that Iri Maruki and Toshi Maruki were working on "The Battle of Okinawa".
- 1984 Met Iri Maruki and Toshi Maruki who entrusted "The Battle of Okinawa" to Sakima.
- 1992 Had the land of 1801sqm returned from US Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.
- 1994 Opened Sakima Art Museum on November 23 (designed by Yoshikazu Makishi).
- 1995 Sakima Art Museum was listed in United Nations publication "Peace Museums Worldwide".
- 2010 Held Käthe Kollwitz Exhibition at Zhejiang Art Museum and Beijing Luxun Museum in China.
- 2011 Awarded the 33rd Ryukyu Shimpo Activity Award.
- 2014 Published "Ahtode Heiwawo Tsukuru (Create Peace by Art) - The Path of Okinawa and Sakima Art Museum" from Iwanami Booklet.
- 2015 Held Käthe Kollwitz Exhibition at North Seoul Museum of Art in South Korea.



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Hours of Operation : 9:30~17:00

Closed : Tuesdays, Obon (lunar calendar), year-end through New year holidays

Admission Fee :

Adult ¥900 (810)

Student(19+) & Senior(70+) ¥800 (720)

13 to 18 years old ¥700 (630)

6 to 12 years old ¥300 (270)

※Fees in brackets apply for a group of 20 or more.

※Discount is available for people with disability (half prices).



サキマの本

Iwanami Booklet No.904
Ahtode Heiwawo Tsukuru
 (Create Peace by Art)
 The Path of Okinawa
 and Sakima Art Museum
Price: ¥660 (+ tax)

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Sunset on June 23, Okinawa Memorial Day

Message from the Director

Plants in Okinawa strongly grow with thick roots in a rich natural environment although their branches and leaves get torn off by a stormy wind.

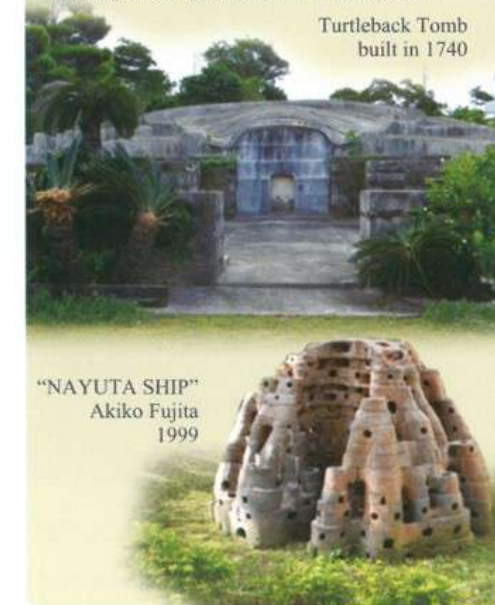
I wanted to build "a place for people to be calmly lost in thought" on this land which was damaged by the fierce ground battle and tremendous US military bases had lingered afterwards, and I thought it could be possible with the help of "the power of art".

I truly hope this art museum will bring peacefulness to everyone's mind.

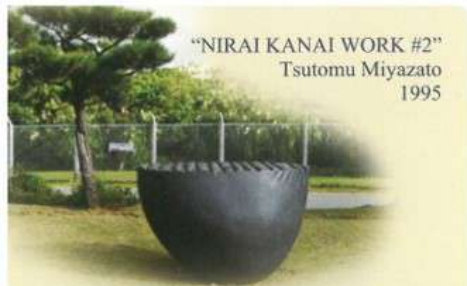
Michio Sakima, Director

Garden of Sakima Art Museum

Turtleback Tomb
built in 1740



"NAYUTA SHIP"
Akiko Fujita
1999



"NIRAI KANAI WORK #2"
Tsutomu Miyazato
1995

Artworks by students of Okinawa Prefectural School for the Blind 1980



Permanent Exhibition
“The Battle of Okinawa”
 (1984 4 x 8.5m)
 By Iri Maruki and Toshi Maruki

The Battle of Okinawa

*Shame yourselves not!
 You must die
 Give us hand grenades
 Use your sickles, your hoes, your razors...
 Kill! Die!
 Parents to child, husband to wife, young to old
 The emerald green sea to crimson
 Called mass suicide
 In truth, a hands-off mass murder*

Iri
 Toshi



Iri Maruki and Toshi Maruki working in Yomitan Village, Okinawa.

Iri Maruki (1901-1995) and Toshi Maruki (1912-2000) came to think, after finishing a series of 15 paintings of “The Hiroshima Panel”, that people should learn from the ground battle of Okinawa.

On the land of Okinawa, they listened to survivors, asked them to be models and continued working on a series of 14 paintings of “The Battle of Okinawa”.

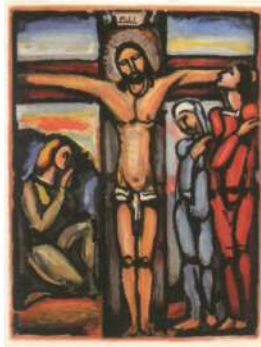
Iri is also well known for his magnificent ink wash drawings as well as Toshi for her work of 130 picture books.

Collection SAKIMA COLLECTION

*These are not in the permanent exhibition.
 Please inquire for artworks being displayed.



Käthe Kollwitz
 《Woman with Dead Child》1903



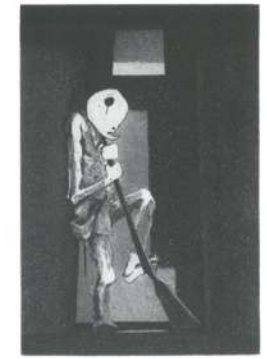
Georges Rouault
 《Christ on the Cross》1936



Yuken Teruya
 《You-I, You-I》2002



Yayoi Kusama
 《Pumpkin》1986



Chimei Hamada
 《Elegy for a New Conscript (Sentinel)》1954

Other artists' artworks: Miyako Ishiuchi, Osamu James Nakagawa, Hong Song-dam, Lee Yunyop, Makoto Ueno, Susumu Kinoshita, Aya Daido, Kojin Toneyama, Kosu Matsumura, Suma Maruki, Kanemasa Ashimine, Masayoshi Adaniya, Yasunosuke Arakaki, Ansei Uchima, Seikan Omine, Hiroshi Gima, Mitsuru Kinjo, Minoru Kinjo, Seisho Kuniyoshi, Takemi Shima, Seikichi Tamanaha, Yoichi Chikada, Norihisa Nagao, Yasuhiro Nakazato, Tsutomu Makishi, Akira Miyagi, Kenshin Yamashiro, Shinzan Yamada, Taichi Yonaha and many other artists.