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**WELCOME
to our
SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION!**

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Make Checks payable to *Sequim-Shisô Sister City Association.*

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___ Friendship Garden

___ Other _____

THANK YOU!



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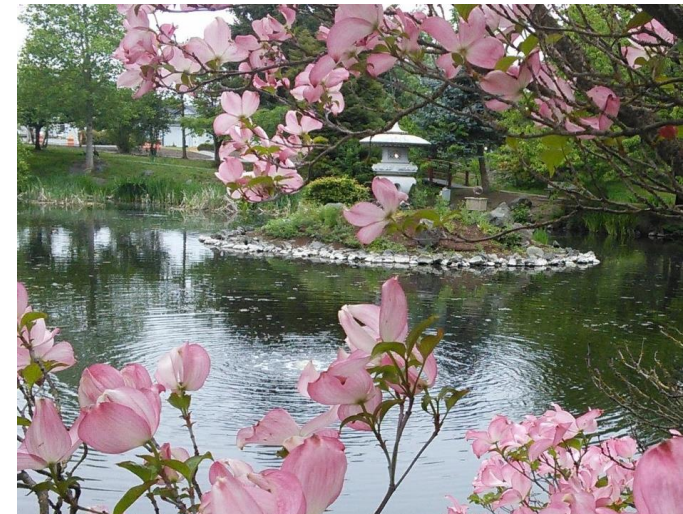
Sister City Friendship Garden
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Sequim- Shisô Sister City Association

founded in 1993

*promoting mutual
and everlasting
friendship*



*Sister City Agreement
between the
City of Sequim, Washington State,
U.S.A.
and the
City of Shisô, Hyogo Prefecture,
Japan*

The City of Sequim, Washington State, U.S.A. and the City of Shisô, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan, hereby agree to sign this Sister City Agreement to promote mutual and everlasting friendship.

The two communities shall encourage the exchange of people and ideas in such fields as education, culture, sports, commerce, welfare, etc., and shall spare no efforts to bring about the prosperity and happiness of both communities.

This agreement shall serve as a bond between the citizens of the two communities, and shall be a cornerstone for the progress of Sequim and Shisô.

1993 and 2004

**Japan
&
Hyogo Prefecture**



The Sequim-Shisô Sister City Association works in partnership with the Japan-America Society of the State of Washington. Members and interested citizens together enjoy cultural programs, plan activities, schedule visitations and student exchanges, support the Friendship Garden, and promote friendship and mutual understanding between our communities. Please contact the Association to learn more.

Purpose:

1. **Friendship and Cultural Exchange**-arranging tours, exhibitions, and home stay visits between citizens of the Sequim-Dungeness Valley and Shisô City.
2. **Education**-providing greater educational opportunities for the students of the Sequim-Dungeness Valley and Shisô City through exchanges and home stay experiences.
3. **Community Involvement**-expanding the range of experiences available to the peoples of Sequim and Shisô City, to foster greater participation in their communities.
4. **Commerce**-responding to economic challenges and creating opportunities for sustainable growth for both communities by sharing ideas, commodities, and techniques.

Shisô City, Japan

The city was founded on April 1, 2005 from the merger of four towns from the Shisô District: Chikusa, Haga, Ichinomiya, and Yamasaki.

The new city is located in the center of Hyogo Prefecture in Japan. To travel there it takes approximately two hours from Osaka by car on the Chugoku Motorway. Since ancient times, the city played an important role in transportation between the Japan Sea and the Inland Sea.

People have benefited from a peaceful life in this river valley surrounded by gently sloping mountains.

The area has a population of 45,460 people. Timber, wood products, and furniture manufacturing using the rich forestry resources have been the main industries of the area.

Yamasaki Town first established the Sister City relationship with Sequim in 1993. In 2004, following the merger to form Shisô City, the sister city agreement was renewed between Sequim and Shisô City.



2019 Sequim and Shisô City Exchange Ambassadors at Sequim's Sayonara Party. Photo by Annette Hanson.