

Nunose Shrine

One of the Matsubara Six Shrine Fortune Pilgrimage shrines. Susanoo no Mikoto, Yaekotoshironushi no Mikoto, and Takemikaduchi no Mikoto are worshipped here. According to shrine records, a white cloth was laid down to bring what was at Amami Hill in the Northern Amami region to this location, leading to the shrine being named Nunose and the village being named Mukai Village (currently Kita-Shin Machi).

The main hall is constructed in the Ikkensha Nagare-zukuri style from the early Edo period which follows the Momoyama style. The roof is thatched with Japanese cypress bark. The curved wooden support on top of the main beam is inscribed with Buddhist Sanskrit characters that represent Susanoo no Mikoto and is very valuable as a physical mix of Shintoism and Buddhism. In front of the main hall hangs a framed picture with the words, "Nunose Shrine" on it written by Kosenshoton, the Obaku sect head temple, Manpukuji Temple fifth generation priest of Uji (Kyoto). The lions painted on either side of the main building were said to have been painted by Kano Tanyu. The inner shrine was a donation by a member of the Kinoshita family, a parishioner from Shimizu Village (Currently Minami-Shinmachi) as a prayer for continued luck in war and safety from illness and disasters on May 9th of the 3rd year of the Kanbun era (1663) and is a Designated Cultural Property by Osaka Prefecture. In the 17th year of the Heisei period (2005) the wood used in the inner shrine was tested and as a result was found to have been gathered from Yamano during the Northern and Southern Court period within 50 to 100 years after 1372.

A set of wooden pictures, called the "Nunose Hakkei," presented on November 13 of the 2nd year of the Hiei era (1705), are kept in the hall of worship. In the pictures, eight poems, Kyuri Hakuou, Koson Yusho, Noto Shunjitsu, Heiden Shugetsu, Nanzan Zansetsu, Seikai Banbo, Chikurin Ojaku, and Rochi Hakuou are inscribed, with four pictures with two poems per picture. Two sets were made and the surviving six pictures have been designated as Designated Cultural Properties by the city of Matsubara.