

Fujino Art Village

Fujino Art Village is a haven for people who love art and crafts. Studios and workshops are scattered throughout the village and wider Fujino area, and visitors can view and purchase the work of local artisans and craftspeople. There are programs offering hands-on craft experiences, which offer visitors the opportunity to make such things as jewelry, glassware, and pottery. It is also possible to watch the artisans in action and purchase one-of-a-kind crafts directly from the studios.

The art village was established by local people in 2010 to foster creativity and support communication and community-building between local residents. Fujino offers the resident artisans and craftspeople discounted rents and free business advice, as well as a place to showcase their work. The crafts on display in the studios and workshops include jewelry and accessories, glassware, leather goods, woodwork, mother-of-pearl inlay mirrors, doors and chairs, home accessories, pottery, and ceramics.

At Noyama no Shokudo, the village's café-restaurant, the chef and cuisine differ depending on the day. From Monday to Thursday, one chef uses fresh Fujino vegetables and brown rice to make a range of organic dishes. From Friday to Sunday, professional potter and Fujino resident Tohei Nakamura uses local organic produce to make stone-oven pizzas.