

森町は、三方を小高い山々に囲まれ、南北に清流「太 田川」が流れる風情豊かな町。かつては秋葉街道、塩の 道の宿場町として、また、古着の町として栄え、街道筋 やその路地裏には町屋や土蔵の町並みが今でも残って

そして、町内には、小國神社や大洞院をはじめとした 由緒ある神社仏閣が数多く点在するとともに、国指定重 要無形民俗文化財の三大舞楽(小國神社十二段舞楽・ 天宮神社十二段舞楽・山名神社天王祭舞楽) などの伝 統文化や歴史的資産が存在し、人々の生活の中にも古 き良き伝統が受け継がれています。

また、それぞれの神社やお寺では、ハギやショウブ、ア ジサイ、キキョウをはじめ四季折々の花が咲き、紅葉や 桜の名所とともに訪れる人々の目を楽しませてくれます。

Morimachi is surrounded by hills on three sides and the clean river "Otagawa" flows through it from north to south in a town rich with beautiful scenery. In the past, Morimachi thrived as a lodging town along Akiha Kaido and the "Salt road" and a town of oldclothes dealers, even now you can still see shops and storerooms from the old days along the town streets and back roads.

The town has a long and distinguished history with many shrines and temples including the Oguni Shrine and Daito Temple.

Morimachi also offers abundant cultural and historical assets including the big three (Oguni Shrine 12 stages of bugaku, Amenomiya Shrine 12 stages of bugaku, Yamana Shrine Tenno Festival bugaku) of court dance with music (Japanese classical) which are designated as an important national cultural asset. This is truly a town that carries on the traditions of past days.

At each of the shrines and temples you can see Japanese bushclover, sweet flag, hydrangea, and Chinese bellflower bloom with the changing of the seasons. Historic spots noted for their red autumnal leaves and cherry blossoms are a delight to the eyes of



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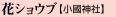
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