



江戸和竿

[えどわさお]

Bamboo Fishing Rods

●主な製造地

台東区、葛飾区、荒川区ほか

●指定年月日

昭和59年11月1日

平成3年5月20日(国)

●伝統的な技術・技法

1. 切り組みは、作ろうとする竿の種類に応じて、全長・調子などを考え、竹を選別して切る。
2. 火入れ(矯め)は、竹に火をとおしながら、油抜きをし、矯め木にて真直ぐにする。
3. 継ぎは、継ぎ口を寸分のヌキのないように仕上げる。継ぎ方は、並継ぎと印籠継ぎとする。
4. 塗りは、精製漆の摺り漆仕上げとする。

●伝統的に使用されてきた原材料

タケ

すげ口に使用する糸は、絹糸とする。

漆は、天然漆とする。



●沿革と特徴

「江戸和竿」の発祥は天明年間(西暦1781～1788)に泰地屋東作が下谷稲荷町の広徳寺前で開業したのが始まりとされている。

1723年(享保8年)に書かれた日本初の釣りの解説書「何羨録」には既に継ぎ竿の選び方に関する記述があり、当時から数種類の竹を組み合わせた継ぎ竿が作られていたことが確認できる。

江戸和竿の最大の特徴はその多様性である。

例えば庄内竿は磯釣り、紀州竿はヘラブナ釣り、郡上竿は鮎釣りや溪流釣りの竿に限定されるが、江戸和竿は江戸周辺で釣れる多くの魚種・釣法に特化した多種多様な竿が作られている。

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■ Traditional Technologies and Techniques

1. The cutting of bamboo staves and the constructing of Edo Wazao (bamboo fishing rods) occurs in accordance with the type of rod the craftsman has in mind. After issues such as rod length and format have been settled, the craftsman selects the appropriate bamboo and staves are cut from it.
2. The process of bamboo heating (straightening) involves passing the material through a flame, removing oil from the cane, and making it pliant and straight.

■ History and Characteristics

When it comes to traditional Japanese bamboo fishing rods, there are those made from a single piece of bamboo (called nobezao in Japanese), and those constructed by connecting together by spigot joints sections originating from numerous bamboo staves (called tsugizao in Japanese). According to oral history, it is said that “at the end of the Heian Period, in the fourth year of the Jisho Era (1180), tsugizao were developed in Kyoto”. However, there is no documentary evidence to support this claim. The birth of the tsugizao in Edo is believed to have occurred during the Kyoho Era (1718-1735) somewhat later than in Kyoto. It is often said that a shop called “Taichiyatosaku” (established in the eighth year of the Tenmei Era (1788)), made significant contributions to the techniques employed when manufacturing bamboo fishing rods.

3. Fitting together the sections of a rod created from bamboo staves involves finishing the spigot joints to ensure there is no play in them. There are two types of joints used in Wazao, ferrule joints and telescopic joints.
4. Urushi (lacquering) is done using refined lacquer.

■ Traditionally Used Raw Materials

Bamboo

The twine used at the mouth of spigot joints is silk thread.

Natural lacquer is used for lacquering.

In terms of what Edo Wazao (bamboo fishing rods) actually are, the term describes a single fishing rod constructed from a number of staves of different bamboo varieties (golden bamboo, arrow bamboo, black bamboo, timber bamboo). This is what is called a tsugizao.



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