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"**CHINESE CLAY ART**" is a newsletter emailed to professional artists, curators, collectors, writers, experts, educators and students in the ceramic field, who want to know about ceramic art in China and things related. This newsletter will be a bridge between China and Western countries for the ceramic arts. Comments and suggestions are very welcome.

An earlier newsletter is on the Web at: <http://www.chineseclayart.com>

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About the Event:

The Pottery Capital of China, Indulging in China

The 7th China Yixing International Ceramic Culture and Art Festival

Sponsored by the Yixing Municipal Government, the Yixing Ceramic Professional Association and Wuxi Institute of Arts and Technology will again host the International Ceramic Cultural and Art Festival this coming May.

Yixing is famous for its unique "Purple-sand Stoneware Teapots" and is known as the Capital of Pottery in China. It is located on the west bank of Lake Taihu, about a three-hour drive from Shanghai.

Qualification and Responsibility: The event is to be held from May 4 to 6, 2013. The educator needs to arrive in Yixing China by May 3, 2013. The selected speaker should be associated with a higher education facility. The topic is Ceramic Art Education in Western society.

Benefit: The organizing committee will pay for the three-days (accommodation and

transportation) in Yixing, plus the international round-trip airfare,
Contact email: Guangzhen Po Zhou, at ChineseClayArt@hotmail.com with the subject:
Yixing Festival.



The Chinese Ceramic Artists Delegation for NCECA 2013

About 32 Chinese ceramic artists and educators will arrive in San Francisco on March 18. The group will visit New York, Washington DC, then fly to Las Vegas, and journey by bus to the Grand Canyon, and Los Angeles. They return home to China via Hawaii. If anyone would like to meet them, please contact me by email

ChineseClayArt@hotmail.com, or stop by our NCECA booth at #428.



Pottery Tour Taiwan, China, Japan 2013 October 10-27

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Taiwan, China, Japan 2013

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Taipei, Shanghai, Yixing, Jingdezhen, Xian, Beijing, Shigaraki, Kyoto, Tamba, Imbe, Nara

Studio Visits to:

Ahleon	YaoYongkang	Kondo, Takahiro
Xu Xiutang	Kohara Yasuhiro	Ichino Masahiko
Wang Yinxian	Arakawa Satoshi	Kimura Hideaki
Zhou Guozhen	Rakusai Takahashi	Fujiwara Kazu

With Visits to:

Taipei National Museum	Jingdezhen Ancient porcelain factory	Shigaraki Ceramic Center
Yingge Ceramic Museum	Jingdezhen Museum	Hyogo Ceramic Museum
Taipei Old Pottery Street	Terracotta Warriors Museum	Kondo Museum
Shanghai Museum	Muslim Market	Kanjiro Kawaii Museum
Yu Garden	Tian-an-Men Square	Kiyomiso-dera temple
Yixing Ceramic Museum	Forbidden City	Todayji temple
Yixing Ancient Dragon Kiln	China Great Wall	Archaeological Museum of Kashihara

\$4,950.00

Plus International airfare

Contact Bill Geisinger for more information
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The tour cost is \$4950.00, based on sixteen tour members. The price is per person. There is an additional charge of \$350.00 for single travelers. Rates are based on the exchange rate in effect March 1, 2013 and are subject to change due to variations in the exchange rate.

International Air Fares from your home to Taipei and returning flights from Japan to your home.

Not included in the price of the tour. Airport departure taxes and U.S. Transportation taxes are also additional and must be paid by the traveler at the time of departure or ticket purchase.

Included in Tour Cost

The land tour includes all nights in Taiwan, China, and Japan as shown on the itinerary using accommodations in businessman hotels double occupancy. Air transportation from Taiwan to

China. China in country flights. Air transportation from China to Japan. Ground transportation by private motor coach, public taxi, sightseeing per itinerary, and entrance fees throughout the entire itinerary; costs of planning and the administration of the tour. Lunch and dinner in China.

Not Included in Tour Cost

The tour cost does not include any meals in Taiwan or Japan except breakfast or features not specifically listed, any optional tours or admissions, any items of a personal nature such as laundry or telephone calls, passport costs, gratuities to coach drivers or local guides, or anything else not specifically listed above.

Reservations

A deposit of \$3000.00 by May 1, 2013 reserves your place on the tour. The first 16 individuals will be accepted as tour participants and anyone number 17 and after will be assigned to a waiting list. Your deposit guarantees that we can guarantee tour arrangements. Final payment of the balance on the tour cost is due no later than August 1, 2013

Cancellation Penalties

In case you must cancel prior to the departure of the tour, the following penalties apply.

If you cancel in writing on or before August 1, 2013, Full refund

If you cancel in writing August 2 - 31, 2013, 50% refund

If you cancel in writing September 1st or later 2013, 0% refund

Insurance

We recommend you obtain trip cancellation insurance to protect against loss of deposits and other trip payments. If you must cancel due to unforeseeable sickness, injury or death of yourself, a family member, your traveling companion or your companion's family member--excluding conditions for which medical treatment has been received within 60 days prior to the policy date. The insurance will also provide reimbursement of non-refundable tour expenses if it is necessary to interrupt or terminate while on tour, due to illness or death. In addition you may also wish to obtain medical emergency, accidental death and baggage insurance. It is important for your own self-interest and protection to make certain that you have adequate insurance coverage. This covers you if you do not provide insurance, please sign the waiver box on the registration form.

Documents

A valid passport is required for this trip. It is the responsibility of the tour participant to obtain a passport. Non U.S. citizens should check with the appropriate Consulates and U.S.

Immigration Service to determine documents needed. China requires a visa from the Chinese embassy it is necessary to obtain this prior to leaving the US.

Responsibility

Bill Geisinger, Guangzhen Zhou and Ben Horiuchi are individuals and not travel counselors.

We are not professional tour leaders or travel agents. We act only as agents of hotel and restaurant accommodations, ground transportation, sightseeing tours, etc. in conjunction with this tour, and therefore shall not be responsible for any damage, injury, or loss resulting from any cause or by reason of any event breach of contract of any careless or international damages or losses caused to the traveler in conjunction with natural causes, terrorism, strikes, social unrest, mechanical or construction difficulties, disease, climatic conditions or any other developments, actions, conditions, or omission outside the of our control. We reserve the right to accept or reject any person as a tour member, to expel any person from a tour, to make changes in the itinerary whenever deemed necessary for the comfort, convenience and/or

safety of tour members and to cancel a tour at any time. If a tour is cancelled for whatever reason, we have no responsibility beyond the refund of all monies paid by tour members. The standard airline passage contract, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser or passenger associated with the travel for Taiwan, China, Japan Pottery Tour 2013. The airlines concerned shall not be held responsible for any act or omission occurring while the passenger has disembarked from the aircraft. By embarking on his/her travel, the traveler voluntarily assumes all risks involved with such travel whether expected or unexpected and is hereby warned of such risks and advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage. The acceptance of tickets, vouchers or other tour documents indicates the passenger's agreement to these conditions



Local Event

OVCAG is excited to be hosting CLAY CARNIVAL, a full day of mini-workshop sessions that are lots of fun and very reasonably priced! This event is happening on Saturday, April 13st at Clay Planet in Santa Clara and includes sessions on throwing perfect bowls, making ceramic jewelry, slab-built rainsticks, preparing pots for alternate firings, and much more. We are presenting 8 different ceramic mini-workshops altogether. Each is 90 minutes long, and participants can attend up to 4. These include demonstrations as well as hands-on sessions. I've attached a flyer, and you can find more information at our website: <http://www.ovcag.org> Registration is now open! Cost is \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members. We will accept walk-ins the day of the event, but we have space only for 100 people. Once that number is reached, we will close registration. Therefore, we highly recommend registering in advance. This event is always well attended, and we have a great group of presenters this year. Thank you for your time, and we hope to see you there!

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