Shimpo of America Workshop

The Ceramic Store of Houston and Alvin Community College will be co-hosting the Shimpo of America workshop featuring artists Yosuke Koizumi and Karen Wise on November 15th at Alvin Community College from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Participants will have the opportunity to make bowls for the Houston Empty Bowls and meet Craig Dunn Clark who works closely with the charity. He will offer guidelines and advice on donating bowls. The Houston Empty Bowls event is March 19, 2011.

- There will be wheel throwing demos and a slide show.
- Learn about under glazes and how they work.
- Discover how to carve balsa foam to use as clay stamps.
- Experience the wheel and hand building techniques.
- Underglazes and clay will be provided by Ceramic Store.
- Lunch will be provided by Alvin Community College.
- Cost to attend is $15.00 (that covers lunch and clay)
- Attendance will be limited to the first 30 people to RSVP.
- RSVP with Cherie at 281-756-3605

Contact Cherie Richey in the Art Dept. for more information at (281) 756-3605.

Yosuke Koizumi is a potter from Japan who joined the Shimpo team in Japan, after working as a production potter for two years in the pottery village of Shigaraki. Yosuke was instrumental in the development of the RK-Whisper potter’s wheel. He is quite a talented potter, a graduate of Tulane University, whose demonstrations focus on the spontaneity of Japanese pottery.

Karen Wise received her Bachelor’s Degree from Northeastern Illinois University where she majored in Art and Secondary education with an emphasis in studio ceramics. She currently teaches teen and adult ceramics at the Brickton Art Center in Park Ridge. Karen also continues to create her Native American influenced ceramics in her home and shows her work across the U.S.