

## Speaking the Common Language of Clay

Oregon Potters Association welcomes from Hokkaido, Japan,  
**The Hokkaido Pottery Society**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – AT CERAMIC SHOWCASE

#### Friday, April 25

- 4:00 - 6:00 Main Stage: Wheel demonstration by Hokkaido potters, Minori Ogi & Hideki Takai.
- 6:00 - 6:30 Formal welcome by Portland dignitaries and OPA officers.
- 6:30 - 7:00 Ceramic Showcase 2008 awards.
- 7:00 - 9:00 Japanese Koto music performed by Mitsuki Dazai.

#### Saturday, April 26

- 11:30 - 1:00 Main Stage: Sogetsu School of Ikebana, Portland Branch, demonstration.
- 1:00 - 2:30 Main Stage: Overglaze brush demonstration by Hokkaido potter, Masatoshi Shimada.

#### Sunday, April 27

- 10:00 - 5:00 Japanese Tea Ceremony in the “Interiors” space.

#### OnGoing Showcase Events

- Hokkaido Pottery Society Booth:* Works by 24 Hokkaido potters featured within Ceramic Showcase.
- Lobby Display:* Features vessels for flowers and arrangements by Sogetsu School of Ikebana.
- Showcase Sculpture Garden:* Japanese Flower arranging demonstrations by Sogetsu School.



### ABOUT THE EXHIBITIONS

Now in its 26th year, OPA's Ceramic Showcase welcomes 15 Hokkaido potters in honor of the Hokkaido Pottery Society's 40th year. Twenty-four HPS members' clay art will join works of the 230 OPA clay artists displaying at Ceramic Showcase. Through collaborative efforts, we all learn from and are inspired by other traditions and visions. These joint exhibitions will stimulate and enhance interest in ceramic art and inspire new generations of clay artists while expanding our relationship with Portland's Sister City, Sapporo. Oregon potters will travel to the Hokkaido Pottery Society's annual exhibition in June 2009, showing the work of 30 OPA members.

### ADDITIONAL EVENTS – AT THE PORTLAND JAPANESE GARDEN

- April 11-20 Preview exhibition of Hokkaido Pottery Society.
- April 19 4:00 pm – Woodfire lecture by Jeff Shapiro, followed by a reception with four potters from the Hokkaido Pottery Society.
- April 20 2:00 pm – Japanese Tea Ceremony with Hokkaido tea bowls.

