

Kitahatagama

Mitsuharu Nishikawa

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Access: 5 minutes' drive from Kitahata Exit of NISHIKYUSHU EXPWY.

<http://kitahatagama.com/>



▲ Kiln mark/Potter's mark



Mitsuharu Nishikawa

- ▶1964 Born in Karatsu.
- ▶Trained with Sajiro Tanaka for 10 years.
- ▶Opened own studio and kiln in Kitahata, Karatsu.

A passion for pottery

Nishikawa san began his quest for Karatsu at the age of 18. He is interested in traditional Karatsu ware, and strives to reproduce the Old Karatsu techniques and methods of the Muromachi period of 400 years ago. He is fastidious about his materials and only uses natural materials in his clay bodies and glazes.

Nishikawa san comes across as a big hearted, jovial person. "I don't have anything to hide. I'll teach anything I know to anyone.", he says without hesitation. His passion for pottery is bottomless, and there is no detail too small to obsess over, and nothing he won't try. "In this world, your work has to have impact and character or you've got no hope of selling it." Everyday he keeps making work, and everyday he wonders how far he'll be able to pursue the Karatsu tradition.



- Business Hours:
10:00 am - 6:00 pm
- Closed:
Open 365 days
- Languages:
Japanese / English
- Gallery:
OK
- Studio Tour:
OK *Reservation is required.
- Kiln Tour:
OK
- Type of Firing:
Wood
- Pottery Lesson:
OK *Reservation is required.
- Lesson Fees:
From ¥3,000 and up
- Parking:
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