Jiku Gama

Toshiko Mine

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▲ Kiln mark/Potter's mark



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▶ Having become enamored with the charm of ceramic ware, began serious independent study of ceramics. Later, became an apprentice of Living National Treasure Inoue Manji. After mastering the basics of ceramics, began to create conceptually free ceramics, unbound by rules.

Japanese aesthetic combined with a modern woman's sensibilities

Mine san found Karatsu ware through a local pottery class she started attending at a time when she was looking for something new and interesting in her life. She aspires to a modern Japanese aesthetic in her work. By incorporating her woman's perspective and sensitivity into traditional Karatsu ware, she is striving to make work that is traditional and at the same time expresses a clean, crisp feeling.

Looking at the refined Japanese sensibility found in Tea Ceremony, Japanese cuisine, and hospitality, she is constantly asking herself how this might be expressed in her work. Being engaged in work passed down through her ancestors is a source of happiness, and it is clear in her smile as she speaks about it.

A life of learned in clay. There is still so much to do.



- ☐ Business Hours: Contact us
- □ Closed:
- Closed Irregularly
- ☐ Languages: Japanese
- □ Gallery:
- OK
- ☐ Studio Tour: OK *Contact us
- ☐ Kiln Tour:
- OK
- □ Type of Firing:
 Wood / Electric / Gas
- □ Pottery Lesson: NO
- □ Parking:













