

## **The Pomona Tea Party**

**December 6, 2008 to January 21, 2009**

**Reception & Tea Ceremony:** Saturday, December 13, 2008 6 – 9 pm

**Art Walk:** Saturday, January 10, 2009 6 – 9 pm

Armstrong's is pleased to announce an exhibition and holiday sale. "The Pomona Tea Party" will feature sculptural and functional works of art from the renowned ceramic artists from all over the United States featuring tea pots and tea bowls from such highly skilled ceramic artists as Don Reitz, Philip Cornelius, Tom and Elaine Coleman, Fong Choo, Porntip Sangvanich, Steven Hill, William Waters, Yoshiro Ikeda, Glenn Grishkoff, Patrick Horsley and many more.



"Untitled Green Tea Set"  
Porntip Sangvanich

The traditional Japanese tea ceremony is a religious and social event along with an essential concentration on aesthetics. The tea bowl used for this ceremony embodies beauty, dignity, cleanliness, and humbleness. Traditional Japanese tea ceremony bowls in ceramic arts has gone through many changes over time and in Western culture ceramists started challenging themselves to create art works extending to this tradition.

Artists bring new life to Japanese convention while showing off their own artistic expression and style as well as pushing the boundaries of what a tea pot or bowl can be or look like. Changes include materials used, firing techniques and an overall breakaway from traditional styles while still acknowledging conventional thinking about the tea bowl and its original purpose and meaning in Japanese culture.

In celebration of this prominent event, a special demonstration of the traditional Japanese tea ceremony will take place in the gallery on Saturday, December 13, 2008. The event will run from 6 to 9 p.m. There will be a raffle for patrons to participate in this Japanese tea ceremony demonstration. A raffle ticket will be given to every person who purchases

items from the gallery on Saturday, December 13, 2008. This exceptional event will bring the aesthetic concept of harmony, which is the heart of traditional Japanese culture.



Art lovers and enthusiasts are invited to join Armstrong's in this informative and special event filled with tea and conversation. "The Pomona Tea Party" will show a variety of ceramic tea pot and bowl styles, from formal to whimsical, that display all the artists' expertise and unique techniques of the celebrated and distinguished ceramic medium.

"Teapots"  
Fong Choo

Armstrong's is located at 150 East 3rd Street Pomona, Calif., 91766. The gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and every second Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Gallery reception and tea party will be held on December 13 and January 10 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. These two open events are free to the public.

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