

# **RAKU WORKSHOP WITH GORDON LEISHMAN**

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24TH**

**FROM 9:00 TO 4:00**

Raku is a thrilling firing technique developed by the Japanese and modified to its current format by American potters in the 60's. The pottery is constructed with clay that is suitable to withstand the thermal shock. It is removed from the red-hot kiln with metal tongs and placed into a reduction chamber. The chamber is lined with newspaper or other combustible materials that create a wonderful pallet of metallic, crackle and iridescent colors.

## **Workshop details:**

- Each participant can bring up to 3 pieces. The pieces need to be no more than 10" tall x 6" wide. No bowls, tiles or plates!!
- To withstand the thermal shock, the pieces should be made from WS-5, WSO, or Soldate 60 clay, and bisque fired to cone 04. Pieces can be hand built, wheel thrown or sculpted, and can be textured or smooth. Lidded jars, luminaries, vases, figurines are some ideas. Pieces cannot be excessively thick.
- This will be an all-day workshop from 9:00 to 4:00 so bring a lunch, snacks, and beverages.
- All materials are included. We will glaze one piece, load, and fire first thing in the morning. The process takes about 45 minutes, so we will continue this cycle until 3:00 so we have enough time for the last firing to cool down and clean up.
- A maximum of 10 students.
- Participants will complete 3 to 4 pieces to take home at the end of the workshop.

**WORKSHOP FEE 115.00**

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