

The Gulf Coast Kiln Walk Society is pleased to announce the arrival of Mr. Masayoshi Shimizu from Iwade City, Wakayama Prefecture, Japan. Mr. Shimizu will arrive on November 27 to orchestrate the second firing of the Kiln Walk's "Historic", 32-foot Anagama kiln located in Holley-Navarre, Florida.

Events include **Mr. Masayoshi Shimizu** conducting a "**Master Class**" Workshop and Slide Presentation at the University of West Florida on Wednesday, November 29, 2006. In addition, **the University will host a reception** in Mr. Shimizu's honor Friday, December 1, at the **Japan Center**, also located on the University of West Florida's main campus.

Activities associated with the second firing of this historic Anagama kiln located in Holley-Navarre will begin December 2, 2006.

Scheduled events include:

December 2-4, 2006 - Glazing the ceramic art and loading it into the kiln

December 4, 2006 - The "Ceremonial Lighting" of the Anagama kiln

December 16, 2006 – Kiln opening beginning at 9:00 a.m.

December 16, 2006 - 1st Annual "Woodstoke" Pottery Festival 9-4:00.

In celebration of the opening this year, the Kiln Walk Society will conduct its 1st annual "**Woodstoke Pottery Festival.**" Society members and select potters from the Gulf Coast will be exhibiting and selling their unique works of art throughout the opening of the Anagama kiln on **December 16, 2006.**

Art Collectors may reserve a Work of Art from this Historic firing for the pre-purchase price of \$75. All pre-purchased art pieces will be dated and marked with a seal representing the Prefecture of Wakayama, Japan, and a seal the second firing of the Anagama. **Certificates of authenticity** will also be provided for each piece purchased.

All events are free and open to the public. Additional details are available on the GCKWS website at www.kilnwalk.com or the UWF website, www.uwf.edu, or you may call 850-939-2744 for more information.