ART 250, Beginning Ceramics Yukio Ozaki, Rm. Eiben 101

## Objectives:

To achieve basic skills and technical knowledge of clay work through hand building.

To develop a general feeling for ceramics esthetics.

To cultivate creative thinking by developing individual solutions to each problem.

To perform effectively and responsibly in a shared learning classroom.

To connect diverse values of life to Fine Arts concepts thorough creative and critical thinking. "Cross Cultural Diversity"

Reading Requirement: Some individual research is required.

Writing requirement: #1 What is art? What is your experience relating to art?
What do you plan to gain from this class?

- #2 What change do you see in yourself as a result of this class?
  How do you value the understanding of art and creativity in your life?
- #3 An essay on your best work of the semester, (concept, design, technical imput, reflection on the result etc.).

  Turn it in with a photo of the work.

Oral requirement: Project ideas, work experience, technical information, critical thoughts, etc. must be explained at each project critique class. Plus/minus of points applied in relation to the projects.

Project requirement: Four projects (about 13 works) must be completed. The following three Project Focal Points must be satisfied:

A. Traditional values. Includes technical excellence, traditional Historical or Cultural subjects, practical efficiency, elegance of design, challenge to the degree of difficulty etc.

B. Personal values. Includes creative originality and unique thinking, meaningful personal value, research value etc.

C. Humanity and Global concerns. Includes expressive messages stimulating truly healthy values.

Project #1: Pinch and paddle method, 5 works due by:

Get used to the nature of clay, working discipline, course

objectives and a variety of surface design techniques.

Project #2: Coil method, 3 works due by:

Experiment in control of larger size and complicated forms.

Project #3: Slab method, 3 works due by:

Experiment with flat sheets of clay in a variety of ways.

Project #4: Combined methods and quality concepts, 2 works due by:

Express your uniqueness to the fullest and summarize the whole semester's research experience.

## Tools and materials:

Clay work kit (needle, knife, wire, sponge, trimming tool, rib etc.)
Bowl, brush, ruler, towel, work clothes, plastic bags, texture objects, etc.
Total tool cost: about \$30.

50 pounds of HIGH FIRE clay (cone 10): about \$20.

## Stores:

Ceramics Hawaii, 501 Kokea St. Bldg. #6, 845-8100 University of Hawaii Bookstore Ceramic Hobbyist, 1204 Kona St., 593-4420