



Come to this 3 day seminar using clay to examine Japanese culture. A free and creative experience provided to the Tracy community by a Tracy Arts Commission (TAC) grant.

Eat, Drink, Explore Memuro, Japan... Tracy's Sister City!

Dates: **July 16th, July 23rd & July 30th at (2:30 to 5:30)**

Experts from the Sister City Association of Tracy, Inc. will collaborate to provide high quality resources and cultural guidance to each day of the project. The seminar series of three Saturdays, is open to the general public (ages twelve and above) and there is no cost to register. Participants will receive hands-on instruction to create clay artifacts based on the Japanese lifestyle, such as ceremonial tea bowls, that promote understanding of the Japanese culture.

Once the Japanese clay artifacts have been created the artwork will be glazed and fired allowing participants to use them in the exploration of the Japanese culture on day three.

Day One: *Eat Japan* (July 16th at 2:30-5:30) in the ceramic's studio

The background of Tracy Sister City's student exchange program with information, resources and pictures will be shared. Examples of Japanese ceramics, sample meal items and dinnerware will be on display. Participants will receive hand-building instruction on using slab construction for making sushi plates and clay coils to create a Japanese tea bowl.

Day Two: *Drink Japan* (July 23rd at 2:30-5:30) in the ceramic's studio

The significance of tea in Japanese history will be investigated. Participants will continue the use of clay art, try wheel work and glaze procedures for use on their bisque sushi plate and coil tea bowl from day one. Also, participants will practice design techniques on greenware clay tea bowls using underglazes.

Day Three: *Explore Japan* (July 30th at 2:30-5:30) in the ceramic's studio

Participation in an official Japanese Tea Ceremony using their own hand made tea bowls takes place on day 3. Time will be made for viewing and discussion of participants' clay artwork in a flash exhibition space. This will be followed by a "Sushi Share" with family, friends & Sister City Board Members all invited. Sushi will be provided for all to enjoy while "Travel Tales" are shared.

These travel tales come from Tracy residence that have visited Memuro, Japan over the last 33 years. Their cultural experiences and knowledge of the Japanese people will be presented as closure to the seminar.

Class size is limited for *Eat, Drink, Explore Memuro, Japan...Tracy's Sister City!*

Email: 44thand@gmail.com to register

by the July 9th deadline or to ask Tricia Hand questions about this seminar.