Ceramics by: Yagi Akira Fukami Sueharu Miyanaga Rikichi



Halsey and Alice North are private collectors of contemporary Japanese ceramics. They have produced and coordinated four ceramic tours to Japan since 1989 on behalf of the Japan Society in New York City. They have lectured on contemporary Japanese ceramics at the Museum of Fine Arts Boston and at New York University. They also collect American ceramics with a focus on potters who have been influenced by the Japanese aesthetic. The Norths have been privileged to visit, talk with, and learn from many Japanese and American ceramic artists producing a variety of work.

Halsey and Alice first traveled together to Japan in 1986 to celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary. Previously, Alice had attended Miyagi Gakuin in Sendai as an American Field Service exchange student and Waseda University in Tokyo as part of a junior year abroad program.

Professionally, Halsey and Alice are Chairman and President, respectively, of The North Group Inc. They work together, assisting not-for-profit performing arts centers and theaters across the United States with raising capital and operating funds, strengthening their boards of directors, and doing long-range planning.

Halsey and Alice are both MBAs and, between them, have received the Distinguished Service Award from the North Carolina Association of Arts Councils, the Chairman's Award from Americans for The Arts and the Fan Taylor Award for outstanding service, creative thinking, leadership and significant impact on the profession of presenting the performing arts from the Association of Performing Arts Presenters.



Breakfast buffet:
Salmon platter – Matsubayashi Hosai XV
Bagel dish – Yamamoto Norifyuki
Cream cheese dishes – Shimizu Uichi
Strawberries and figs dish – Munakata Ryoichi VII
Tea bowl with mint sauce – Yanagihara Mutsuo
Cups – Nakazato Taroemon XIII
Plates – Hamanaka Gesson
On window ledge (left to right): Koike Shoko and Tsujimura Shiro
Table: Sakiyama Takayuki
Corner cupboard (top to bottom): Mary Roehm, Yagi Akira,
Miyanaga Rikichi, Shimaoka Tatsuzo and Hamada Shoji



Ceramics by Kitamura Junko and Akiyama Yo

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Halsey M. North Alice H. North

ハールズィーとアリス・ノースは現代日本陶芸のコレクターです。二人は 1989 年からニューヨークのジャパン・ソサエティを代表して日本への陶芸ツアーを計画し、実現させました。そして現代日本陶芸についてボストン美術館とニューヨーク大学で講演も行いました。又、日本の美意識に影響されたアメリカ出身のアーティストの作品も収集しています。そして多くのアメリカと日本の陶芸家達を訪れ、交流を通して知識を深めることができたことを光栄に思っています。

1986年に結婚15周年の記念として初めて二人で日本を訪れましたが、アリスは、それ以前に交換留学生として仙台の宮城学園、東京の早稲田大学に通った経験があります。

二人は株式会社ノースグループを設立し、ハールズィーは会長、アリスは社長を務めています。ノースグループは、アメリカの非営利団体のパフォーミング・アーツ・センターや劇場の資本金、そして運営資金集めを手助けしており、主に各理事会の強化に努め、団体の長期的計画の支援に力を入れています。

MBA(経営学修士号)を取得している私達は、ノースキャロライナ美術委員会連盟から功労賞を受け、又、アメリカンズ・フォー・ザ・アーツ団体からは会長賞、そしてアソシエーション・オブ・パフォーミング・アーツ・プレゼンターからは優れた奉仕活動、創造的思考、リーダーシップ、パフォーミング・アーツを代表する業界に影響を及ぼしたという活躍からファン・テイラー賞を贈られました。

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