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## Opening Reception for Akira Satake

April 4, 2013: HandMade in America is pleased to announce the upcoming reception for local artist, Akira Satake. Opening reception will take place on June 13 from 5:30-8:00 PM at the offices of Beverly-Hanks in Biltmore Park Town Square to celebrate the work of the internationally known artist. This exhibit, running from April 12- July 10, is supported by the N.C. Arts Council, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources, Starbucks and Windgate Charitable Foundation.

Japan born artist Akira Satake now resides in Swannanoa, NC and is a member of the Southern Highland Craft Guild as well as the Piedmont Craftsmen. He describes his work and the act of creating as "...a collaboration between myself, the clay, and the fire. Collaboration means finding what the clay wants to be and bringing out its beauty in the way that the beauty of our surroundings is created through natural forces..."

Beverly-Hanks, in collaboration with HandMade in America, features the work of a different WNC craft artist each quarter and hosts a reception in their honor. Artists featured in the past include Nathan Blank, Alex Bernstein, Bridget Fox, Matt Tommey, and Chris Perryman.

Opening Reception will take place June 13 from 5:30-8:00 PM at the Beverly-Hanks office at One Town Square Blvd., Suite 140, Asheville, NC 28803 in Biltmore Park Town Square.

For more information about HandMade in America and its programs visit [HandMadeinAmerica.org](http://HandMadeinAmerica.org) or call 828.252.0121.

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HandMade in America grows economies through craft, transforming both individuals and communities through education, entrepreneurship and economic development. HandMade in America has an 19-year tradition for pioneering innovative ways to empower the people and towns of Western North Carolina through programs that educate and facilitate the needs of creative entrepreneurs and communities. Additional information is available online at [handmadeinamerica.org](http://handmadeinamerica.org) or by calling 828-252-0121 x307.

Contact Sheet



Vase (Yakishime-01)  
Stoneware - 8.5x4.5x4.5"



Tea Pot (Kohiki-01)  
Stoneware, kohiki glaze -  
8.5x5x4.5"



Kaki Platter Set (yuuyaku-01)  
Stoneware, 12.5" diameter

All photos taken by Akira Satake.