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Dr. Robert M. Small Clay Exhibit Opens

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE–The Mountlake Terrace Arts Commission presents the Dr. Robert M. Small Raku Clay Exhibit at the Mountlake Terrace Library, 23300 58th Avenue West.

Dr. Small retired from Lynnwood Group Health in 2002 to pursue his heart's desire – the art of Raku clay. He had previously done some painting in oils and watercolors, but his true attraction was the vibrant color and spontaneous variety found in the art of Raku. The transition from doctor to artist came naturally for Dr. Small. After practicing optometry for 40 years, he moved from a devotion to improving eyesight to improving what the eye sees.

Raku Clay Art originated in Asia in the 1600s A.D. A specific ceramic firing process uses both fire and smoke to cause unique patterns and designs to form on the pottery. No two pieces turn out the same in color, so each piece is unique.

Dr. Small enjoys the challenge of combining nature's scenic beauty with the world of clay. "The balance found between a person's expression through art and the desire of others to display that art in their homes is a true form of personal satisfaction in life," said Dr. Small.

A member of the Cascade Clay Artists, Dr. Small work is displayed in the Art Merchant International Gallery in Monroe, the Stanwood House Gallery and the Good Earth Gallery in the Fairhaven District in Bellingham.

The show runs through June 30, Mondays through Thursdays, 10 am to 9 pm, Fridays, 10 am to 6 pm, Saturdays, 10 am to 5 pm and Sundays, 1 to 5 pm.

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