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When: October 29, 2006

4pm - 6pm

(set-up begins @ 3:00 pm)

Where: UC Plaza

There will be on-site registration on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Professor crafts unique art pieces

By HEATHER CLARK
Staff Writer

Assistant art professor Ken Shipley likes to keep busy. He recently took some time off from teaching ceramics at Austin Peay State University to take part in a two-month art residency in Vallauris, France. He spends a good deal of time crafting exquisite ceramic creations that have been exhibited as far away as Germany and Japan. While he has a lot to be proud of, he maintains an air of modesty, chalking his successes up to "good luck, good fortune, and a lot of hard work." Well, it appears that fortune continues to shine on him, and the hard work is still paying off. Shipley will be flying to Shanghai, China to display pieces at the International Teapot Masters Exhibition.

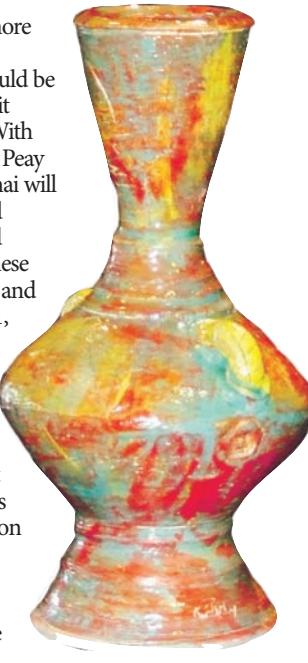
Shipley learned of this exhibition during his residency in France. A fellow resident from Taiwan told him about the exhibit and took some photographs of Ken's pieces. Not long after, he received word that he was one of 10 international artists chosen by a selection committee to be part of this event. Among the others are artists from Taiwan, Japan, Australia, Great Britain and Lithuania. Shipley is the only representative from the United States.

Shipley considers this opportunity "a real honor," as well as a rare chance to expand his reputation among the international art community. His work will be on display for ceramics sponsors and international art dealers. Two of his teapots will even be chosen to remain in an exhibit at the Shanghai Museum, which has some of the world's top ceramic

collections. He is hoping that this exposure will lead to more national and international exhibitions.

While worldwide exposure and sales opportunities would be incentive enough for most people to head over to China, it turns out that this adventure is rife with fringe benefits. With the exception of airfare — which was provided by Austin Peay and the Center for the Creative Arts — the city of Shanghai will be fully funding the artists' trip. The artists will be catered around the city by government officials and sponsors and provided with a few extras to make the transition to Chinese culture a little easier — things like a tour guide, translator and a chef. Yes, a chef. After the exhibition, which ends Nov. 1, Shipley will be enjoying a trek to the inspirational city of YiXing, a place rich with traditions in ceramics, especially teapots.

Shipley is excited and honored to be one of the few selected out of a world's worth of ceramic artists. Christopher Penny, one of Shipley's students, believes that his teacher is definitely deserving of the honor. "He works hard, he's dedicated... and it's that hard work and dedication that shows in his work." This obviously wasn't a phenomenon that happened overnight. Ken Shipley has been working in ceramics and paying his dues since the 1970s. He feels that opportunities such as this one are the product of perseverance. "You work hard for a long time and then all of a sudden things start to happen." Shipley will return from this exhibition on Nov. 4. ♦



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Looking for a career with promotion opportunities?!

Jennifer Parks is a 2001 Austin Peay graduate and a valued member of the leadership team at 21st



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