



OJAI STUDIO ARTISTS

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NEWS FLASH: Last Chance to Visit Heino Studio

Ojai, CA - September 27, 2009. On October 10th and 11th, during the Ojai Studio Artists (OSA) Tour, the working studio of world-renowned potters Otto and Vivika Heino will be open to visitors one last time. Otto died July 16, 2009, active at his wheel to the very end. He and his wife Vivika, who died in 1995, worked in collaboration as a husband-and-wife team for over 45 years.

Thanks to the graciousness of the Heino family, the Ojai studio will be included on the Tour. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for those interested in the highest order of craftsmanship to see The Pottery where fine art has been created since 1973.

“Otto and Vivika spent their lives creating art, fostered by a strong work and craft ethic, which is reflected in their living and working space,” states OSA president Linda Taylor. “After the tour, this historical reference may no longer exist, so we are honored to make this visit possible.”

In addition to opening the studio, the family of Otto Heino has donated one of his bowls to the auction that will be held during the Tour’s Saturday night reception, October 10th. It is #227, a dolomite glazed bowl with blue slip decoration of primitive fish, 6.5" tall by 7" wide, dating from 2006. Proceeds from the auction will go to the Ojai Studio Artists (OSA) scholarship fund for promising artists.

The Heinos were active members of OSA and tireless supporters of art education. Over their lifetimes, both had devoted themselves to teaching as well as studio work. This is a rare opportunity to purchase one of Otto’s works – and a fitting, final contribution from an icon of mid-20th century art.

For more information on the Tour, visit www.OjaiStudioArtists.org. To purchase tickets, which include the reception/auction, call the Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce, (805) 646-8126.

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