

Special 25th Anniversary Exhibition  
Naha Municipal Tsuboya Pottery Museum

Story of How Earthenware Binds Together the Ryukyu Islands

# Earthenware of Islands

## Beginning and Future

2023.11/3 (Fri) → 12/27 (Wed)

※Museum open from 10am until 6pm (last admission 30 minutes before closing)  
※Closed on Mondays (except holidays)

Naha Municipal Tsuboya Pottery Museum, 3rd Floor Temporary  
Exhibition Room

Admission

Free (tickets required for Permanent Exhibition Rooms on 1st and 2nd floors)

Sponsored by the Naha Municipal Tsuboya Pottery Museum

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For over 340 years in Okinawa, Tsuboya district has traditionally been the center for production of Tsuboya ware, a style of Ryukyuan pottery.

Still today, ateliers in this area craft an array of works from traditional designs to contemporary pottery to the delight of a great many people.

Lined with pottery shops, Tsuboya Yachimun Street is a place where you can encounter the tremendous variety of ceramics produced in Okinawa. There are also cafés and restaurants, some of which use Tsuboya pottery as tableware for their guests to appreciate. Many people also come to enjoy the festival held here in November.

Tsuboya district has many cultural treasures. Some landmarks remaining since the time of the Ryukyu Kingdom and used today include a well and multi-chambered climbing kiln for firing ceramics. The Arakaki Residence is still standing. This house was home to Tsuboya craftsmen for more than 150 years. The government of Japan has designated it an important cultural property.

Visitors to Tsuboya district can experience Okinawan pottery and traditional scenery preserved since the Ryukyu Kingdom. Everyone should take a day to enjoy this historical and enjoyable neighborhood.

#### Tsuboya District Events

##### • Tsuboya Yachimun Street Festival

11/4 (Sat) ~ 5 (Sun) 10:00~18:00

Venue: Tsuboya Yachimun Street

Attractions: Discounts on ceramics/pottery, live music, delicious food & beverages, etc.



##### • Tsuboya Pottery Festival

11/24 (Fri) ~ 26 (Sun) 10:00~18:00

Venue: Naha Municipal Tsuboya Elementary School Field (near Okinawa Urban Monorail Makishi Station)

Attractions: Tsuboya pottery ateliers displaying and selling their wares, pottery auction, pottery-making demonstrations, etc.



No vehicles allowed on roads marked with . One-way traffic only on roads marked with .

※If you are travelling by car, please use one of the commercial parking lots nearby.

1. Arakaki Residence 2. Tsuboya District 3. Tsuboya District 4. Tsuboya Yachimun Street Festival  
5. Climbing Kiln 6. Ufu (Big) Shisa

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