

# POTTERY, RAKU - MINIATURES

## OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECTS

<b>Repository:</b>	Crandall Public Library. Folklife Center Glens Falls, NY.
<b>Creator:</b>	Carolyn Nygren Curran CNC Pottery 8 Pershing Road, Glens Falls, NY 12801 (1999)
<b>Title:</b>	Pottery, Raku - Miniatures
<b>Dates:</b>	1999
<b>Quantity:</b>	2 items: a pitcher and a lidded pot
<b>Identification:</b>	Folk Art

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Carolyn Nygren Curran ("CNC") established CNC Pottery in 1971 in Glens Falls and has been a practicing potter ever since. A sole proprietor getting on in years, CNC wants to alert people of her continuing pottery work at this point. Tempus fugit. Check out [The City Potters, New Bern, NC](#) for news about this coop studio where CNC does much of her work and enjoys the fellowship of the other member potters. Look for her work at Bank of the Arts in New Bern as well as in her ETSY shop and on EBay. (Often if you click on CNC Pottery on either of those sites, you'll find listings by dealers selling pottery I made some 30 years ago. My work is becoming as vintage as I am. And no, despite currant reports from an ebay client, I am not retired!) In October 2019, I will move to The Quadrangle, 3300 Darby Road, Haverford, PA 19041. [adapted from several postings online].

## A NOTE ABOUT RAKU

True Raku had its roots in the 16<sup>th</sup> century Japanese tea ceremony, but contemporary American potters since the late 1960s have added "post-firing reduction" to the procedure. This involves taking a red hot pot out of a kiln with tongs, then immediately plunging it into a container filled with hay or other combustibles. The hay ignites and the resulting flames act upon the still molten glaze. . . Each raky piece bears the unique fingerprint of the flame in which it was created, and is a truly one-of-a-kind vessel.

## INDEX TERMS

**Topics:** Raku pottery  
Japanese pottery  
Pottery  
Miniature pottery

**Places:** Glens Falls, Warren, NY  
New Bern, North Caroline

**Important People:** Curran, Carolyn Nygren

**Form/Genre:** realia

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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Folklife Center  
Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, NY.

**Accession Information:** Purchased from the artist by Todd DeGarmo, December 16, 1999.

**Processing Information:** Arranged and described by Erica Gonyea, September 2019.

## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECTS**

The two items in this collection are miniatures. One is a pitcher with a handle and a spout. The other is a round vessel with a decorated lid. The pitcher is 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches tall x 1  $\frac{7}{8}$  inches wide. The round pot is 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches tall and 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches wide. Its lid has a knob handle and a "dental" decoration around the rim. It is 1  $\frac{1}{4}$  inches in diameter. Both pieces are blue-grey in color.