

Master bamboo artists weave quite a tale

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Florida Tech will host bamboo artists Tanabe Shochiku III and Charissa Brock April 4 and 7.



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Tanabe Shochiku III, a world-renowned master of bamboo artwork, has made the trek from Japan to the States for a workshop this weekend at the Ruth Funk Center for Textile Art.

Shochiku plans to show off the art of bamboo weaving during a demonstration at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the botanical garden on Florida Tech, 150 W. University Blvd., Melbourne. A reception follows the event.

It coincides with the Funk Center's newest exhibition, "Modern Twist: Contemporary Japanese Bamboo Art," which will have several pieces from Shochiku on display. Shochiku trained with his father, fellow bamboo artist Chikuunsai III, whose work is included in the "Modern Twist" exhibit, a news release states.

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Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday through April 25.

Admission for the bamboo demonstration and reception is \$25 or \$20 for members of the Friends of Textiles.

Next week, bamboo artist Charissa Brock of Portland, Ore., presents "From the Bamboo Grove to the Studio: The Creative Journey" at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Denius Student Center's Hartley Room at the campus. It will be preceded by a reception at 5:15 p.m.

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Brock has crafted artwork with natural materials since 1994, a news release states, creating unique bamboo sculptures with fine details. Some of her work is on display in the Arizona State University Museum, the release states.

Cost for the lecture is \$10 and free for Friends of Textiles members and Florida Tech students, faculty and staff.

For more information on the bamboo events, call Donna Sewell at 321-674-6129, email textiles@fit.edu or visit textiles.fit.edu.