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THE ART OF JAPAN

Wildwood is proud to introduce Shiga, a capsule collection of eleven one-of-a-kind lamps and four vases handmade in Shigaraki, Japan. Marrying ancient techniques with a modern sensibility, Shiga embodies beauty found in the natural world and raw elegance, achieved only through old-world craftsmanship.

Known for its artisan pottery and ceramic techniques, Shigaraki is a small village in the southern part of the Shiga region where the collection takes its name. Shigaraki is one of Japan's Six Ancient Kilns, sites that are considered the oldest ceramic production sites and famous for its centuries-old clay beds and kilns.

Wildwood's relationship to Shigaraki began three generations ago. Wildwood's founder Bill Kincheloe started developing lamps in Japan and Hideo Nishiofuku was hired as Director of Japan operations for the Rocky Mount, North Carolina-based company. Today, Wildwood and Hideo, who has come out of retirement, and Hideo's son Tomo, have come together to develop Shiga, an official capsule collection celebrating many years of collaboration.

Transforming this beautiful art form into functional lighting and decor pieces means that no two are alike. The factory has mastered a unique technique in handling their special local sandy clay from the bed of Lake Biwa, which has a warm orange color and makes for very durable pottery. With glazes dripped, sprayed, or splattered over the ceramic surface, each piece is then oxidation fired. This allows iron oxides to be used as part of the coloring process, achieving a unique mineral glaze surface. The coat of ash and minerals will vary, and often has a bluish-green tint with unapologetic impurities. The result is small batch stoneware pieces emblematic of iconic Shigaraki ware, which Wildwood has transformed into artful lamps, completed with cloth wiring, and topped with a refined rolled-edge linen shade.

About Wildwood:

For more than 100 years, Wildwood has established a legacy of master craftsmanship and visionary inspiration with peerless commitment to quality. Crafting transitional interpretations of classical design elements, Wildwood is an American heritage design brand offering distinctive lighting, furniture, and home accessories. Wildwood is based in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and sells to designers and retailers all throughout the world, with showrooms in High Point, North Carolina, as well as Atlanta, Georgia.

Explore Wildwood's unique new collection made in Shigaraki, Japan at April High Point Market.