

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE
COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
URBANA

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16
1953

Takahashi
1661 Post Street
San Francisco 15, California

Gentlemen:

The College of Fine and Applied Arts of the University of Illinois will present an exhibition of well-designed products to be called "For Your Home". The show will be held in the Fine Arts Galleries here on the campus from April 19 to May 10.

Last year our first 3-week design exhibition received much favorable publicity with 7000 people attending. Notices of the show were in many national publications, and the Chicago papers carried pictures of the exhibit.

The purpose of this exhibition is to acquaint the people and merchants of Central Illinois with outstanding examples of contemporary design in furniture, fabrics, tableware, appliances, and other items of home living. Information on this exhibition will be released to local and national publications.

We hold all exhibitions and similar programs as a public service. No admission is charged, and all exhibits are open seven days a week. We would like to point out that the University, as host to countless groups from all over the state, cannot be surpassed as an exhibition center outside of Chicago.

We would appreciate your cooperation in assembling this exhibition and have selected for display your items listed on the attached sheet. May we include them? Although we are particularly interested in the items mentioned, we also would like to know about any new products recently released or those to be put on the market in the near future. We will make available to the public prices and any descriptive material which you care to send us.

It is our hope that all items will be sent to us prepaid. We will have all objects insured while in our care and will send them back to you prepaid. We would like to receive all items by April 7.

Thank you for your kind assistance.

Very truly yours,

Granville S. Keith

Granville S. Keith, Architect
Professor of Architecture
Chairman, "For Your Home" Exhibition

K/h
Enc.

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A few samples of your wallpapers
with contemporary designs and items
listed below:

Numbers from
the Good Design
Show in Chicago

(1)	- F. 6	Japanese Silk paper
(1)	- F 9	" " "
(2)	- 139	Cups
(1)	- 140	Kettle
(2)	- H 32	Bowls (Brown and Black)
(1)	- H 33	Bowl with lid (dark)
(1)	- H 34	Bowl - black glaze

March 17, 1953

Cranville S. Keith, Architect
Professor of Architecture
Department of Architecture
College of Fine and Applied Arts
University of Illinois
Urbana Illinois

Re: "For Your Home"

Dear Professor Keith,

Thank you for your kind letter of invitation to participate in your really well-planned exhibit. It is wonderful hearing from you in plenty of time properly ship the exhibit items.

Since you have expressed interest in other new items of similar type aside from the Good Design Award winners, we are adding some other handmade Japanese papers of great interest to architects and interior decorators, and designers in general.

Prices and descriptive material will accompany each piece. It is kind of you to make available to the public this information.

We would be especially happy if you would advise us what shops in Urbana might be interested in carrying contemporary accessories in their modern-type shop, so that the items on display would be more meaningful for the visitors of the exhibit.

Thank you once again.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Henri H. Takahashi

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30
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Mrs. Henri H. Takahashi
1661 Post Street
San Francisco 15, California

Dear Mrs. Takahashi:

We are very pleased that you are participating in our forthcoming exhibit, "For Your Home".

Last week Leonard Linn of Winnetka, Illinois, was down here to attend our annual Festival of Contemporary Arts. He spoke about the possibility of a show of contemporary Japanese items he would put on next fall, with your cooperation. I will make it a point to attend this exhibit.

We do not have one particular shop that sells only contemporary accessories, but you could contact the Robeson Department Store and the Art Floral Shop - both on West Church Street, Champaign, Illinois. These shops do carry a few fine contemporary items. In fact, many of the local shops now have on display items we had in our show last year.

Thank you again for your fine participation.

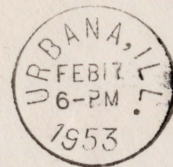
Sincerely,

Granville S. Keith

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