

We are actually continuing the family tradition into the tenth generation, represented by Karol Elas-Necel.



Small tulip



Lila branch

Our museum can be found on the main street in Chmielno on the shores of Lake Białe. It is open from Monday to Saturday from 9-00 to 18-00 all year round. On Sundays and holidays we open for previously booked groups.



The Kashubian Ceramics of the NECEL Family

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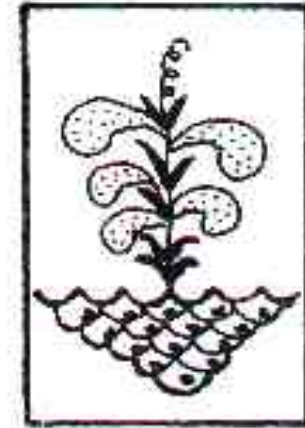
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Franciszek Necel with his son Leon (1923 r.)

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The history of the Necel family ceramics spans 10 generations. The first in the line of potters lived and worked in Kościerzyna. Hard times in 1897 forced Franciszek Necel (seventh in the line of potters) to move his workshop to Chmielno. This allowed his family tradition to survive and further develop. Franciszek and his successors used forms and decorative designs inherited from their forefathers. As they came to have faith in the beauty of their traditions their well-crafted ceramics gained recognition and became appreciated by tourists.

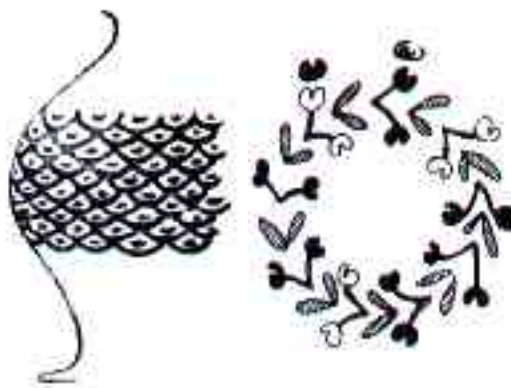
Political changes also affected the Necel Workshop in 1950 when it was taken by "Cepelia", the state firm for folk arts. In 1979 the family managed however to regain property. In the spring of 1993 the pottery workshop was transformed into "living museum" of ceramics where visitors may currently view a historical pottery collection, a modern workshop where you can see pots being hand made and visitors can also test their skill on the potter's wheel. Also on display are the actual, working ceramic kilns.



All our designs are handmade using seven designs exclusive to the family. Our products may therefore be purchased as souvenirs of Chmielno itself. These unique ceramics are authenticated by the family signature. Our designs are 100% practical to use. We also take individual orders.



Kashubian star



Kashubian wreath

In 1935 Leon Necel took over the family tradition from his father Franciszek. The onset of war forced production to be suspended, but it was recommenced in 1946.

Fish scales



Water-lily

