fulltime operation for Bolder, who has a retail store in Kansas City and another in Eagle River. He also sells his work to galleries throughout the Midwest. His work can be seen in galleries in the United States and in parts of Europe.

Bolder is an exciting form of pottery that began in Japan several years ago. The word 'raku' is interpreted to mean happiness, pleasure and delight. The process is exactly all of those things," Bolder said.

"Raku is an instant form of pottery," he continued. "In about 30 minutes a form can be made from clay, shaped, and cooled. Raku gives immediate results; artists can actually watch the pot inside the kiln change color and the glaze change from the dry to the wet. It is a process that is an experience of fun and learning."

RRR permitting, Bolder will be demonstrating the process outside the Exhibition Building at Marathon Park. The public will be invited to observe and also to participate in the process.

Bolder said, "Raku art is an everyday experience." Bolder said. "I like to inject that little 'something special' into any work — that can allow a common mug or cup to be elevated to a special position in the life of the person who owns it, and, in turn, perhaps being a catalyst to allow new people to experience life with more sensitivity and awareness."

Bolder and his wife Pat are the parents of two sons, Matthew and Kevin. He was raised in the Gleason area; he graduated from Whitewater with a degree in art and with the help of friends, he formed a self-supporting craftsman. For the past five years, Bolder has been a professional potter, working in the field of Raku art.

Raku will be one of 85 and craftpersons at Art in the Park. The artists will include Raku demonstrations at Art in the Park, with an almost endless variety of arts and crafts being exhibited. There will be acrylic and watercolor paintings; charcoal and pastel drawings; stitchery; stained glass; quilting; batik; decoupage; macrame; leather; quilts; roses; fiber; dried floral arrangements; duck decoys; silversmiths and woodworkers will also share their art along with makers of dough art, gingerbread buildings and metal furniture. There will be something for all ages to enjoy.

Mary Barthels, chairman of Art in the Park, noted that artists and craftpersons from all parts of the state will be exhibiting. From Green Bay, Bruce Grimes will demonstrate his pottery; in St. Paul, Minnesota, potter Steven Schultz will exhibit his paintings of Wisconsin's vanishing landscapes. Barthels said that there will be a number of artists who have galleries of their own, along with many exhibitors from the area.

Throughout the two days of the festival, music and food will be provided. The festival will be open to the public beginning at 10 a.m. each day. It is being sponsored by the Dells Art Association.