

## Kaori Arakaki (Kay) visits Court Barn

Kay is doing a post graduate diploma in Metal Work Conservation at West Dean College, Singleton, West Sussex. This is the only College in the UK that offers this course.

In 1997 Kay arrived in England from Okinawa, Japan, her mission to study English. She was so successful that she decided to stay.

Kay has had good experience in plumbing starting in 2004 doing a plumbing course at Vauxhall College. In 2006 she took a City & Guilds course 129 in Lead Work and in 2012 she joined the Historical; Building Course at Straford Building Craft College to complete a 2 year course.

As with all degree courses they require a research thesis and Kay's chosen topic is corrosion in sheet lead. Being so close to the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum it wasn't long before Kay found that The Worshipful Company of Plumbers have a Museum where they carry out lead work demonstrations.

Kay made a visit to Court Barn when Peter Cheesman's team were demonstrating and introduced herself. Peter being an educationalist invited her to join the team and she has made two visits getting physically involved with lead casting.

Photos show Kay casting a lead fire mark and then admiring her work, with Liveryman Peter Cheesman, as it is secured to the structure of Court Barn.

