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BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--Lithuanian ceramists Kostas and Antanas Ulevicius are visiting artists-in-residence at Illinois Wesleyan University during February.

Three public programs will be presented in which they will discuss the education and place in society of artists in the Lithuanian-Soviet system; life under Soviet rule; and Lithuanian art, both folk and contemporary. All of the programs will be at 4 p.m. in room 218 of the art building. In addition, they will hold "open studio" from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week during which time informal visits will be permitted as they work.

Pieces they produce while at Wesleyan will be displayed in the foyer of the art building Feb. 27-Mar. 16 with an artists' reception at 7 p.m. on Feb. 27. The pieces may be purchased with the proceeds helping to finance their travels and extend their stay in the United States.

Born in Kaunas, a city of 370,000 in south central Lithuania, they studied at the Lithuanian Art Academy in Vilnius, the capital. Kostas currently is on leave from the Kaunas campus, where he teaches ceramics and glass. He has done a number of public art works in cities throughout the country. Antanas studied architecture for two years before he became a ceramist. He has finished his studies, but has delayed his thesis to do research in this country.

They have been in the United States since July, principally in the Chicago-area. Their work may be seen in the Ciurionis Gallery of Lithuanian Art in Chicago.