

Artistic Resume

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Artist Statement

I am a potter and I go to my studio to have quiet conversations with myself about my work. I work at applying skill and craftsmanship to the unlimited possibilities of the clay form. My work is made to be used and/or enjoyed.

Exhibitions and Juried Events

- “Wabi Sabi An American Adaptation” Collaborative Exhibit, Northfield Arts Guild, 2012
- Northfield Senior Center Gallery Exhibit, 2012
- “Setting Roots” Ceramics Invitational, Northfield Arts Guild 2011
- “Exploration” Pottery Exhibit, Paradise Center f/t Arts 2010
- “Out of Japan” Collaborative Exhibit, Owatonna Art Center 2009
- Group Exhibit at the Faribault Art Center Gallery 2003
- Minnetonka Art Center Holiday Show 2008/09/10/11/12
- Jesse James Days Art Fair, Northfield MN 2005/06/07/08/09/10/11/12
- Artigras, Rochester, 2011/12
- Owatonna Art Fair, 2011

Related Education-Pottery Workshops

- John Britt, *Understanding Glazes and Firing*, 2012
- Steve Rolf, *All about Function*, 2012
- Robin Hopper, Workshop at Edina Art Center, 2011
- Randy Johnston, *Adjusting Volume: Insights into Hand Building*, 2011
- Mark Pharis, *From Flat to Fat: Function, Content, and Process*, 2011
- Charley and Linda Riggs, *Raku Techniques*, 2011
- Charity Davis-Woodard, *On and Off: Taking Wheel Thrown Work to the Table*, 2010
- Gay Smith, *Vibrant Pots: Form, Surface, and Soda Firing*, 2010
- Kent McLaughlin, *Tableware*, 2009
- Mary Law, *Passion for Form*, 2009
- Val Cushing, *Functional Pottery on the Potter’s Wheel: Ideas to Improvisation* 2008
- Malcolm Davis, *Clay: Shino in the Fire*, 2008
- Shane Mickey, *Kiln Building*, Penland School of Crafts, 2007
- David Stuempfle, *Big Pots*, Penland School of Crafts, 2005
- Steve Lloyd, Faribault Art Center, 2004
- Raku Pottery, Luverne MN, Nationally known instructors, 2003 through 2010, 2012

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- Raku Pottery Firing and Glazing, New London MN, 2003/04
- Steve Rolf Workshop at the Faribault Art Center, 2004
- Rudi Autio and Don Reitz at Mankato State University, 2003

Related Experience

- Recipient Artist Initiative Grant, Minnesota State Arts Board, 2012
- Recipient McKnight Original Works Grant 2012
- Northfield Community Ed, Taught two week intensive pottery for HS students, 2011, 12
- Recipient SEMAC Original Works Grant 2009
- Built my own gas fired pottery kiln, completed 2009
- Shattuck St. Mary's Art Dept. Instructor for Raku firing 2009, 12
- Northfield HS Art Dept. Raku firing and kiln building 2008, 09, 10, 11, 12
- Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council Board of Directors, 2004-2010
- Panelist, Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council 2011, 12
- Panelist, Minnesota State Arts Board Artist Initiative Grants 2012
- Participant, South Central MN Studio ArTour 2005 through 2012
- Served on the Faribault Art Center Board of Directors, three years
- Vice President of the Faribault Art Center, two years
- Served two years on the Paradise Center for the Arts Board of Directors
- Pottery Instructor, Paradise Center for the Arts, current
- Built my own pottery studio, completed in 2004