

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*
- Jesse James Days Art Fair, Northfield MN 2005/06/07/08/09/10/11*
- Artigras, Rochester, 2011*
- 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*

- 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. Marys Art Dept. Instructor 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
- 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
- Built my own pottery studio*, completed in 2004