



JUDY ANDERSON

POTTERY ARTIST

Judy Anderson asks herself two questions. Is she an artist who also teaches or is she an art teacher who also makes art? Having taught for almost 30 years, she can no longer separate the two. Much of her creative energy is spent on project ideas and advising her students. She finds that as rewarding as creating a drawing or forming a sculpture.

Judy earned her BS in Art Education from Western Illinois University and her MS in Art Education from Illinois State University. She has exhibited her work in juried shows throughout the Midwest and has had individual and group gallery showings in Chicago, Rockford, Davenport, Champaign, Springfield, and the Illinois Valley.

She loves teaching ceramics and has taken a number of classes in recent years. She find that the creation of three-dimensional art, practical or not, fills a part of her that drawing and painting do not. Her work has always flowed from an unknown place within and working with clay has always been an intuitive act for her. Judy loves color, whimsy, and organic forms. She loves experimenting with textures and shapes. She loves allowing the piece to evolve; to trust her art to express what she is feeling or thinking even if she is not fully aware herself. Working with clay feels good and Judy is always anxious to see how things come out. Opening the kiln and inspecting the final piece is always exciting. Judy is pleased to share some of her most recent surprises with you.

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