

Artist Profile

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Doc creates functional stoneware influenced by the early American stoneware tradition of the east coast and the south. From mugs and plates to large outdoor planters and sculpture a wide array of ceramics can be seen at the studio, which itself, is clad in handmade terra cotta tile work and sculpture.



Artist Bio

In 1974 Doc built his first kick wheel and set about to discover pottery while living in Broad Ripple, Indiana. In 1977 he moved to Whitestown, Indiana and opened up shop as Woodsman Pottery and Arts, producing functional stoneware fired in an oil kiln. After potting there for seven years he moved to Paoli, Indiana and built Log Creek Pottery just outside town. Doc continued the stoneware pottery and began work on larger architectural tile pieces.

In 2003 he and his lovely bride, Melanie, moved to North Carolina and set up shop in the cozy Leicester valley. Today Doc creates a line of functional stoneware, decorative and architectural tile pieces and large outdoor planters and garden pieces, living in the mountains and doing the work he loves.

Artist Statement

I am driven to create and clay is the material that I enjoy using. Anyone who has the opportunity to wake up each day and follow their bliss is truly blessed, my time spent working in the studio is just that, so count me among the blessed. When a simple piece of pottery can give the user some measure of satisfaction similar to the joy I experienced when creating it then the circle is complete.

