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Pottery and ceramic artist for 45 years as a serious hobby. Over the years I have enjoyed offering my personal art as well as teaching pottery to others especially children as an artistic endeavor.

Art Education includes three semesters in the Fine Arts department in ceramics/pottery at St Petersburg College 1974-1976. Additionally, she has participated in multiple focus workshops on pottery, art history, form and function of ceramics as well as sculpture forms, surface formation and glazing methods.

To understand why I love and must make pottery, one must understand what drives me into my studio. During my career as a Nurse Midwife and Family Nurse Practitioner working in a poor rural county in the south, I have had the humbling privilege to be present with many families' during births, deaths, losses, illness and recoveries. I have heard their burdens in privacy and silence. I have taken much sadness along with great joy into my being during those encounters and carry that great empathy and emotion in my soul. I have cherished my time with my own family and the traditions and celebrations we have experienced throughout our life as a family. In my life journey, POTTERY, the making of everyday useful objects of beauty has been my healing place, my praying place, my creative place that has offered an outlet for all that experience as a medical provider, wife, mother, and now grandmother. I offer my pottery to the public as a gift to use. To hold something of beauty and function in your hands on an everyday and special day basis. Experiencing the feel and look of a handmade object can enrich any human interaction with those you love. Additionally, even just a quiet personal moment holding a beautiful pottery cup of tea or coffee can bring a quiet joy to one's life. I encourage each person seeking connection and beauty to engage with artists of all kinds and enjoy these experiences daily.

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