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Teapot - Buffalo River Series

7" x 11" x 6"

Ceramic

\$250.00

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Bio

I love the physical nature of putting your hands into the earth and making something come out of it. I am also drawn to the ancient tradition of clay work. Some of the earliest works we study in art history are pottery, because they have lasted. After 40 years of working in and earning a living with clay, I feel I have just begun to scratch the surface of the possibilities. I like working within the restrictions of functional pottery and discovering that within that, surfaces and forms, that work and make out everyday rituals in the kitchen and home something more than ordinary. I started working with clay in 1983. I received a BFA from Northeast Louisiana University and an MFA from the University of North Texas. I served as the artist in residence at Mark of the Potter in Clarksville, Georgia. And after that, started Shade Tree Pottery for Dollywood in Pigeon Forge Tennessee. I then moved to Northwest Arkansas and talked a banker into lending me the money to start Wild Goose Pottery. I have been doing that since 1995.

Artist Statement

The Buffalo River Series began when one of my daughters told me she was getting married. She asked me to do her place settings and after a day trip to the Buffalo River with her and her fiancé, I had the inspiration for the work. I wanted these pieces to convey the water, the transparency, the colors, and textures that are layered together when you get out and experience the river. These pieces represent a part of the exploration of this subject matter that I will be continuing in the years to come.