



Kenneth Klostermeyer

Kenneth H. Klostermeyer was introduced to pottery through an adult education class at Bethany College in 1972. He subsequently received a studio art degree from Bethany, and has both produced and taught pottery at Marymount College and Kansas Wesleyan University, as well as YWCA, Imagination Place community art center and Salina Parks and Recreation classes. Other activities took precedence for approximately 12 years, until Ken received a Salina Arts and Humanities Commission Lana Jordan Developing Artist grant in 2004 to purchase an electric kiln and resume his passion for forming and decorating clay.

Wheel thrown stoneware and porcelain, incorporating a variety of decorating techniques, including carving, incising, application of oxides and glazes, constitute the majority of Ken's work. Pieces are designed for function, as well as to invoke a visual response. Ken's ceramics have been exhibited in invitational shows at Bethany College, Marymount College, the Smoky Hill River Festival, the Birger Sandzen Gallery, the Bluestem Gallery and Kansas Artist and Craftsman Association exhibits in Wichita, Topeka and Hays. Commissioned works have included lidded jars, tumblers, communion sets and a 4' X 8' ceramic wall mural, and his works are found in private collections across the country.