

TRAUDI THORNTON  
Ceramic Artist

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SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 1999 Group Exhibition, "Seven Wilmington Women Artists," St. John's Museum of Art, Wilmington, NC
- 1999 Group Exhibition, "No Boundaries: Selected Work from the First Bald Head Island International Art Colony (1998)," Claude Howell Gallery, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC
- 1998 Group Exhibition, "Female Artists of Wilmington, NC," Meredith College Gallery, Meredith College, Raleigh, NC
- 1996 One-Person Show, "Beyond the Clay Circle," St. John's Museum of Art, Wilmington, NC
- 1996 Group Exhibition, "Visual Languages," Abstein Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 1995 One-Person Show, "Earth Harvest," The Holden Gallery, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC
- 1994 "The Artists' Forum: Artists of Southeastern North Carolina," Group Exhibition, William Randall Library, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC
- 1994 "Kitchen Show," Juried Exhibition, St. John's Museum of Art, Wilmington, NC
- 1994 Invitational Group Exhibition, Thalian Hall, Wilmington, NC
- 1994 Juried Group Exhibition, "Contemporary Forms in Ceramics: A Regional Survey," Sarah Moody Gallery of Art, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- 1993 One-Person Show, University Gallery, Francis Marion College, Florence, SC
- 1993 Invitational Group Exhibition, "Contemporary Wilmington Craft," St. John's Museum of Art, Wilmington, NC
- 1993 Three-Person Show, New Elements Gallery, Wilmington, NC
- 1993 Juried Group Exhibition, "Carolinas Clay Competition 1993," Pope's Gallery, Charlotte, NC
- 1993 Invitational Group Exhibition, "Hunter Moon Show," Acme Art, Wilmington, NC
- 1992 Two-Person Show, City Art Works, New Bern, NC
- 1992 Juried Group Exhibition, "North Carolina Clay," Visual Arts Center, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
- 1992 One-Person Show, The College Gallery, North Greenville College, Tigerville, SC
- 1991 Invitational Exhibition, "Emerging Artists Program: A Celebration of Community," St. John's Museum of Art, Wilmington, NC
- 1990 Juried Exhibition, "Wilmington VI," St. John's Museum of Art, Wilmington, NC

- 1990 Two-Person Show, The Holden Gallery, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC
- 1990 One-Person Show, Chelsea Gallery, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC
- 1990 Annual Members' Exhibition, Durham Arts Guild, Durham, NC
- 1990 Invitational Group Exhibition, Arts Council of Wilson, Boykin Gallery, Wilson Arts Center, Wilson, NC
- 1989 Juried Exhibition, "Wilmington V," St. John's Museum of Art, Wilmington, NC
- 1989 One-Person Show, Duke University Union Galleries, Duke University, Durham, NC
- 1989 Juried Member Exhibition, Durham Arts Council, Durham, NC
- 1989 Tenth Annual National Exhibition, Franklin Square Gallery, Southport, NC
- 1989 Two-Person Exhibition, The Art Center, Community Council for the Arts, Kinston, NC
- 1987 Juried Exhibition, "Wilmington IV," St. John's Museum of Art, Wilmington, NC
- 1987 Three-Person Show, "Mind Gardens," Craven Arts Council & Gallery, New Bern, NC
- 1986 Group Exhibition, "Sixteen Women Artists," Arts Council of the Lower Cape Fear, Wilmington, NC
- 1986 Juried Exhibition, Sixth Annual National Exhibition, Franklin Square Gallery, Southport, NC
- 1982 One-Person Show, Landratsamt, Pirmesans, Germany
- 1982 Group Exhibition, Galerie zur Burg Lichtenfels, Thallichtenberg, Germany
- 1981 Juried Exhibition, Stadthalle, Mannheim, Germany
- 1978 Group Exhibition, Southroad Gallery, Bellevue, Nebraska
- 1976 Group Exhibition, Sheldon Gallery, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 1976 Group Exhibition, Craftsman's Guild Gallery, Omaha, Nebraska

#### GALLERY AFFILIATIONS

Museum Gallery, St. John's Museum of Art, Wilmington, NC  
 New Elements Gallery, Wilmington, NC  
 City Art Works, New Bern, NC  
 Green Tara Gallery, Carrboro, NC

#### PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Applied Analytical Industries, Wilmington, NC  
 Takeda Chemical Products USA, Wilmington, NC  
 Coastal Orhtopaedics Sports Medicine and Joint Replacement Center, Wilmington, NC  
 James Overton and Associates, Wilmington, NC  
 First Union National Bank, Durham, NC  
 College of Education, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC

## PRIVATE COLLECTORS

William Barnett, Henderson, NC  
Hathia and Andrew Hayes, Wilmington, NC  
Bobby Kadis, Goldsboro, NC

## SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

- 1996 Artist in Residence, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC
- 1995 Artist in Residence, College of Education, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC
- 1992 Artist in Residence, North Greenville College, Tigerville, SC
- 1990 Emerging Artists Grant, Arts Council of the Lower Cape Fear, Wilmington, NC
- 1989 Corporate Purchase Award, Juried Member Exhibition, Durham Arts Council, Durham, NC
- 1987 Purchase Award, CenterFest '87, Durham, NC
- 1987 Purchase Award, Spring Arts 1987, Craven Arts Council & Gallery, New Bern, NC
- 1987 Merit Award, Spring Arts 1987, Craven Arts Council & Gallery, New Bern, NC
- 1986 First-Place Award in Sculpture, Sixth Annual National Exhibition, Franklin Square Gallery, Southport, NC
- 1986 Purchase Award, Sixth Annual National Exhibition, Franklin Square Gallery, Southport, NC

## REVIEWS

Linda Grattafiori, "She Molds Images into Shapes," Wilmington Star-News:4 January 1986.

Charlotte Brown, "Traudi Thornton" (artist profile), in North Carolina Clay 1992, Exhibition Catalog, "North Carolina Clay 1992," Visual Arts Center, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC.

"Focus: Arts and Crafts: A Potpourri of North Carolina Artisans," North Carolina Home (August 1993):12-15.

Anne Brennan, "Traudi Thornton: 'Beyond the Clay Circle,'" St. John's Museum of Art Newsletter (November 1996).

Betsy Perkins, "Traudi Thornton and Tom Spleth: Current Exhibitions at St. John's Museum of Art," Encore 7 Nov. 1996: 11+.

Anthony F. Janson, "Traudi Thornton," in No Boundaries: International Art Colony, Bald Head, Island, NC 1998 (Wilmington, NC: No Boundaries, Inc., 1999).

## SPECIAL INTERESTS

Hand-building  
Surface texture  
Ceramic sculpture  
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## EDUCATION

Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska (1972-1973)

Instructor: Jeremiah Horning

University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska (1973-1975)

Instructor: Henry Serenko

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan (summer 1987)

Instructor: Tom Phardel

Additional Educational Experience: Attendance and participation in numerous ceramics workshops, including workshops with Paul Soldner and Donald Reitz

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

For the past twenty-one years, I have worked and been self-supporting as a studio potter, both in the United States and Germany.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1996: Visiting Artist, Warren Wilson College, Swannonoa, NC

1995: Visiting Artist, College of Education, University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Wilmington, NC

1992: Visiting Artist, North Greenville College, Tigerville, SC

1988-1995: Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington, NC

1979-1983: Catholic Community Arts Center, Pirmesans, Germany