

BEAR HANDS ART FACTORY

Shelley and Chris Mathiot



ABOUT US

Pottery is a spiritual experience for me. I think of how God took clay and formed Adam, and how God is pictured as the Potter in the Bible. The trials we go through are His strong hands shaping us, the opening up of the clay on the wheel is Him removing ourselves from the center of our lives and hollowing us out, so that we can be expanded and filled and used for His purposes.

When people take home my work it creates a connection. When I see them again, their lives may be different, but they still have my work in their homes and they tell me about where it is and how they use it. I never grow tired of making my work better and more meaningful and then meeting the people who will drink their coffee from my mugs or put their meals into my bowls.

When I'm not in my studio in New Bern NC, I am walking my Royal Poodle, Charley, or camping in the mountains with my husband, Chris. My four grown children, all amazingly talented and beautiful have a lot of my pottery, mostly my first experiments!



FEATURED

In the Museum Store of the North Carolina History Center and several other Eastern North Carolina galleries.

EDUCATOR

Has taught private lessons and classes for the past 10 years.

About my work

Shelley likes to make useful and beautiful things that become an intimate part of people's lives. colors, patterns, contrast, and texture make her happy. People describe her work as funky, boho, original and quirky, which is fine with her!

CHICKENS

MY BEST SELLER



All chickens are one-of-a-kind, and stamps and colors vary unless you request specifics..



BUNNY BOWLS

MY NEW SERIES



Oxide on the outside with beautiful glaze and metallic accents on the inside.



WORD PLAY

FUN AND GAMES

phrases, quips, and sayings made physical



BEAR ART

TRIBUTE TO NEW BERN

New Bern's celebration and love for their mascot inspired many bear-themed pieces.

