



Randy O'Brien

I find a lot of pleasure exploring the infinite possibilities in ceramics. Throughout my career I have done thousands of glaze tests. Melting different materials at different temperatures with different applications just for the anticipation of seeing the results. Through careful control, the beauty of these materials can be coaxed to resemble the texture and brilliance of mosses, lichens and mineral formations. My glazes take a step further from a 2 dimensional surface to a 3 dimensional surface. They add as much form to my work as does the clay. All my pieces are created with a love and passion for the process.

Education

1994-1996 New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University
BFA ceramic art
1989 University of Alaska Fairbanks
1984-1987 University of California Santa Cruz
1981-1982 University of California Berkeley

Selected Group Exhibitions

2006 "Surface Intrigue", Tohono Chul, Tucson, Arizona
2005 SOFA New York, Bentley Gallery, New York, New York
2003 "2003 NCECA Clay National", San Diego, California
2003 "Wall Works", Baltimore Clayworks, Baltimore, Maryland
2003 "Ashes To Art", Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, California
2002 "Vases", Peck Gallery, Providence, Rhode Island
2001 "Ashes To Art", Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, California

One and Two Person Exhibitions

2006 Gaffer Studio Glass, Aberdeen, Hong Kong
2006 Proctor Fine Art, Sedona, Arizona
2003 Running Ridge Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
2003 Wexler Gallery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2002 Wayne Art Center, Wayne, Pennsylvania

Permanent Collections

Pratt Museum, Homer, Alaska
Warner Brothers

Publications

Sedona Magazine, Spring 2005
Phoenix Home and Garden, May 2004
Sedona Monthly, May 2004
Phoenix Home and Garden, March 2004
Experience Clay, Maureen Mackey, Davis Publications, 2003
Scottsdale Life, September 2003
Ceramics Monthly, April 2002

