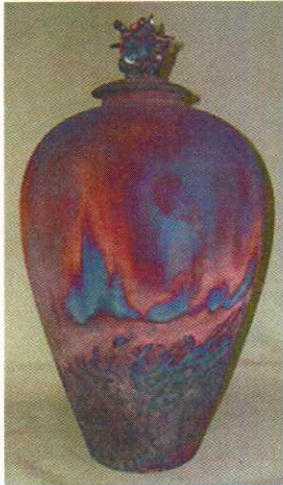


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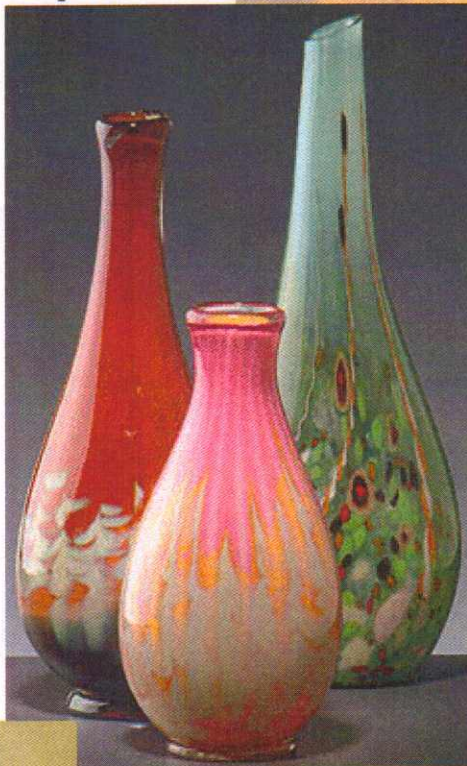
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I was born in Minneapolis Minnesota & raised in North Dakota. As a boy in the midwest during the 1970's, there was limited exposure to the arts.

While attending High School, my ceramics teacher discovered my talent & aptitude for clay. After sitting down at the potter's wheel for the first time, I immediately felt comfortable & knew I was meant to throw clay.

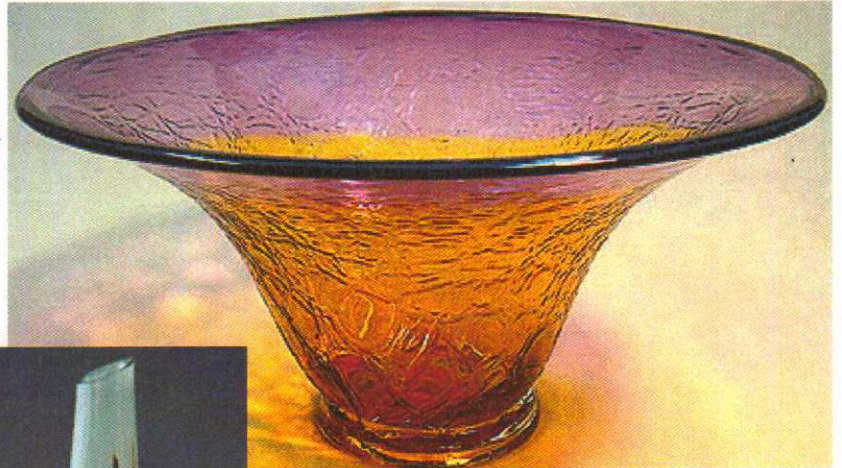
After moving to California, I enrolled in college to



further my studies in clay. I quickly learned the unlimited possibilities in ceramic shapes & firing techniques.

In college, I was introduced to the raku process which I have

continued to develop until today. I love the feeling of opening the kiln & am continually surprised by

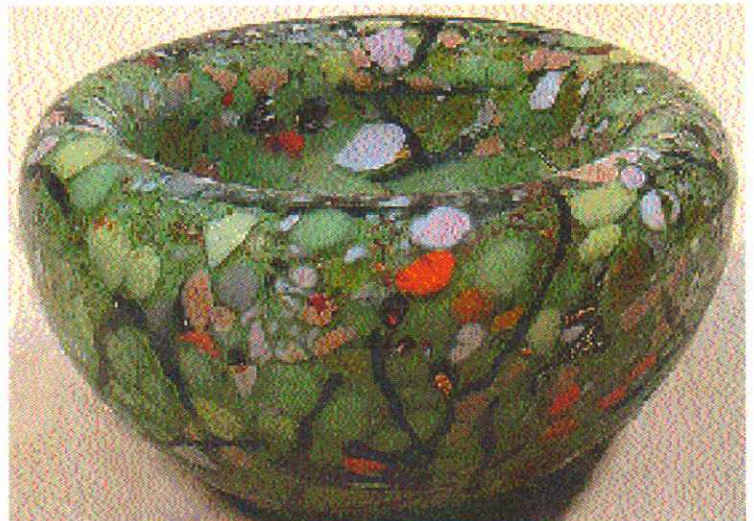
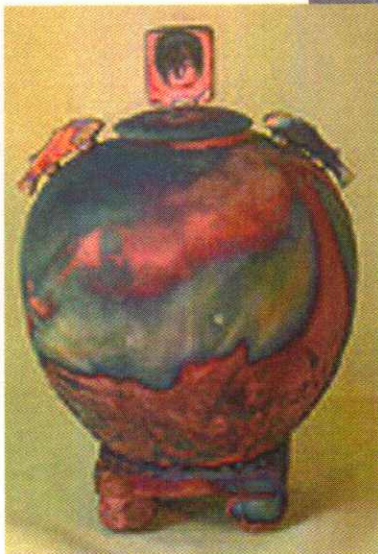


the unique & beautiful ceramic pieces that the raku process creates.

A few years ago, I began to blow glass. I have always been intrigued by the glass-blowing process & am fascinated by the transparency of glass which allows light to shine through it. This wonderful quality is not found in ceramics. I particularly enjoy designing my own cane & murrine as elements for my glass.

Conveniently, many of the same galleries that sell my ceramics have welcomed my glass enthusiastically. I have now built a glass studio attached to my ceramic studio & I happily go back & forth between them.

My intent is to combine the two mediums in the years to come.



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