

Joy Tanner

My childhood in eastern Tennessee was full of music lessons and exploring the natural world. I found my creative focus when I discovered working with clay in college, and in 2004 I received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Ceramics at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. I pursued a Resident Artist position at the Odyssey Center for the Ceramic Arts in Asheville, North Carolina and the EnergyXChange in Burnsville, NC. In 2007 I established my clay studio Wood Song Pottery near Penland School of Craft in Bakersville, North Carolina. Immersing myself in the beautiful mountains has greatly inspired my creative life. When I'm not making pots, I enjoy being outside in nature in my garden, hiking with my family, doing yoga, cooking, and playing the piano.

My pottery reflects an awareness of the present moment, resulting in uniquely designed pottery that is just as inviting to ponder and touch as it is to use and share. Firing my stoneware forms in a soda kiln yields an ever-changing palette of natural variations of color. The hand carved patterns and textures in my work are direct reflections of the nature and inspirations I find surrounding me. I strive to bring this awareness of the beauty of nature full circle, directly into the hands of people holding and using my pots.

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