## POTTERY by SUZANNE SHERWIN

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## **Artist's Statement**

I have been interested in creating my own art for most of my adult life but only in the past 15 years have I been free to try different media and attend classes to see where my journey would take me. I come from a family that was always involved in 'crafting' in one way or another and I suppose I took my cue from them.

I started working with PMC at first. Precious Metal Clay. That involved the silver clay, of course and also fused glass cabochons. I joined a fused glass class at Cape Coral Art Center. Making a long story even longer, I continued glass for a number of years until a clay instructor at CCAS showed me how to make a mold from clay to use to slump my glass. I joined that class and the rest is history.

About 10 years ago I began my love of clay. I slab build and also throw on a potters wheel. I have tried my hand at sculpting, raku, carving techniques such as sgraffito and Mishima, silkscreen, making tools, making underglaze transfers making texture and so many more techniques. It gives me such joy to see a piece through from a lump of clay to bisque to finished, through a minimum of 3 kiln firings. It is almost like Christmas morning to open that kiln after the final firing and see the result of all my creativity and effort.

I like incorporating nature and sea life into my art. I especially like turtles, octopuses and fish. I also make mugs. So many mugs. I enjoy making them all different with different glazes and underglazes and textures. I am not a production potter by a long shot. I enjoy creating what is in my head and at my own pace. I recently put a new kiln in my garage and my own wheel so that I can make. Makers gotta make.





