

Artist Statement

I've had a lifelong passion for making functional pottery, the Zen quality of the time at the wheel has always been mesmerizing to me. Today my work has left the realm of high production for "slow clay". Now my work has morphed, and has many sculptural elements. I take my time with each piece and work with it until it says, "I'm here, you can stop now."

The series of work that "Wisdom Pleading" represents is an exploration into the animal world, and more specifically creatures whose existence is threatened by ours. Elephants represent to me some of the most sentient non humans on the planet. They have empathy, community, memory and a strong sense of family. When I see them, get the opportunity to look into their eyes, the sense of pleading for help, is what I experience. They seem to be trying to teach us something.

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