

Steven Hill

Independence, Missouri

Artist's Bio

Steven Hill has been a functional potter since 1974, originally working out of a backyard studio and selling his work mostly at art festivals. By the mid 1990's he was looking for a way to expand his studio, to begin a resident artist program for aspiring potters, and to provide space for other ceramic artists to work. Red Star Studios became the home of Steven Hill Pottery from 1998 - 2006. Steven now lives in Sandwich, IL and has founded Center Street Clay, with his partner Kim Miner. This is a studio and residential facility to hold workshops.

The Tuscan countryside has profoundly influenced Steven's pottery. "It wasn't the Majolica pottery that Italy is famous for, but the colors and textures of Tuscany that spoke to me. The weatherworn painted wood and stucco surfaces, which highlight architectural form by stripping away surface embellishment, have found their way into my pottery." His current pottery features textured matte glazes, with contrasting colors on rims, handles, and feet to accentuate form.

Steven has been a professional studio potter since 1974. Faculty positions have included Avila College, Kansas City Art Institute, and Kansas State University who awarded him the Outstanding Alumni Award in 2002. Steven was the founder and co-owner of Red Star Studios Ceramic Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

In 2006, Steven opened Center Street Clay in Sandwich, Illinois