

## Michael Kline

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### Education

**1989** Penland School. Scholarship to attend Michael Simon workshop.

**1986** University of Tennessee Knoxville. BFA in Ceramics with prior studies in Civil Engineering

### Selected Exhibitions

**2022** “Pottery on the Hill” The Hill Center, Washington, D.C.  
“Spruce Pine Potters Market, Spruce Pine, NC  
“2nd Annual Clay To Table” Bakersville, NC  
“ Korean Influence in North Carolina Pottery” NC Pottery Center, Seagrove, NC

**2021** “Fluid Expressions” Red Lodge Clay Center Gallery, Red Lodge MT  
“Pottery on the Hill” The Hill Center, Washington, D.C.  
“47th Annual Pottery Show”, The Art School at Old Church, Demarest, NJ  
“1st Annual Clay To Table” Bakersville, NC  
“RAMEN + RICE | The Idiosyncratic Bowl” Penland Gallery, Penland NC

**2020** “Landscape” Radius Gallery, Missoula MT  
“46th Annual Pottery Show”, The Art School at Old Church, Demarest, NJ  
“Pottery on the Hill” The Hill Center, Washington, D.C.  
“Three Potters Anniversary Exhibition” The Bascom, Highlands, NC  
“Artstream 2020 Spring Tour: North American Potters” Artstream Nomadic Gallery, Carbondale, CO  
“Middle Brothers: Kline, Shapiro, Taylor” Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI  
“Contemporary Soda Invitational” Pottery Northwest, Seattle, WA  
“Potters Market Invitational at the Mint” Mint Museum Charlotte, NC  
“Liberty Town Presents: Pottery on the Hill”, Fredericksburg, VA  
“Southern Crossings Pottery Festival” Louisville, KY

**2019** “Clay Currents: The Wichita National Ceramics Invitational” Ulrich Museum of Art Wichita, KS  
“Art of the Pot Invitational” Melissa Mencini Pottery, Austin, TX  
“Pottery on the Hill” The Hill Center, Washington, D.C.

- “Floriferous” Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, NC  
 “Solo Show: New Work” In Tandem Gallery, Bakersville, NC  
 “Yunomi Invitational” AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA  
 “Dirty South Cup Competition” River Oaks Art Center, Alexandria, LA  
 “Annual Benefit Auction Exhibit” Anderson Ranch, Snowmass, CO
- 2018**
- “3 Potters: Carpenter, Philbeck, and Kline” The Bascom, Highlands, NC  
 “Pentaculum Symposium”, Arrowmomnt Gatlinburg, TN  
 “Ceramics Invitational” Blue Spiral Gallery, Asheville, NC  
 “Whorled” w/ Becky Lloyd, Kyle Carpenter, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI  
 “14th Annual Potters Market Invitational” The Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC  
 “Pottery on the Hill” The Hill Center, Washington, D.C.  
 “26th Annual St. Croix Pottery Tour Invitational” Shafer, MN
- 2017**
- “43rd Annual Pottery Show” The Art School at Old Church, Demarest, NJ  
 “13th Annual Potters Market Invitational” The Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC  
 “A Culture of Pots” [Weisman Art Museum](#), Minneapolis, MN  
 “Pottery on the Hill” The Hill Center, Washington, D.C.  
 “25th Annual St. Croix Pottery Tour Invitational” Shafer, MN
- 2016**
- “42nd Annual Pottery Show”, The Art School at Old Church, Demarest, NJ  
 “Penland Clay” NC Pottery Center, Seagrove, NC  
 “Designed + Crafted” Signature Gallery, Atlanta Contemporary, Atlanta GA  
 “24th Annual St. Croix Pottery Tour Invitational” Shafer, MN  
 “Earth to Table: The Art of Functional Ceramics” Court House Cultural Center Gallery, Stuart, FL
- 2015**
- “KCUP Spring Invitational at the NCECA Gallery Expo, K.C. MO  
 “Pottery on the Hill” The Hill Center, Washington, D.C.  
 “Wax” Toe River Arts Council, Burnsville, NC  
 “100 Cups” NCECA / The Clay Studionotion  
 “Designed + Crafted” Signature Gallery, Atlanta GA  
 “41st Annual Pottery Show”, The Art School at Old Church, Demarest, NJ
- 2014**
- “The Great Road: Contemporary Wood-fired Ceramics” The Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, VA  
 “Pottery on the Hill” The Hill Center, Washington, D.C.  
 “Dallas Pottery Invitational”, Dallas, TX  
 “Hilltown 6 Invitational” Dog Bar Pottery, Westhampton, MA  
 “Potters of Madison County Invitational”, Marshall, NC  
 “Greetings From NC!” Santa Fe Clay, Santa Fe, NM
- 2013**
- “Michael Kline: New Work” AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA  
 “Steinzeugkrug: Present Day Interpretations” Claymakers, Durham, NC.  
 “Yunomi Invitational” AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA  
 “Pottery on the Hill” The Hill Center, Washington, D.C.  
 “New Traditions” TRAC Gallery, Spruce Pine, NC
- 2012**
- “Duets” (with Kyle Carpenter) The Clay Arts Center, Port Chester, NY  
 “American Pottery Festival”, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN  
 “UTILITARIAN CLAY VI: PAST PRESENTERS’ EXHIBITION”

SANDRA J. BLAIN GALLERIES, Gatlinburg, TN

- “Art of the Pot Invitational” Austin, TX  
“pour” American Folk Art, Asheville, NC  
“Yunomi Invitational” AKAR Gallery, Iowa City  
“By Example, NC Potters & Their Mentors” Green Hill Ctr, Greensboro, NC  
“Pottery on the Hill” The Hill Center, Washington
- 2011** “Rubies and Vines, Lane & Kline, Crimson Laurel Gallery, Bakersville, NC  
“American Pottery Festival”, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN  
“Well Served Tableware Exhibition” Seattle Design Center, Seattle, WA  
“Potters of the Roan” The Mahler Gallery, Raleigh, NC  
“Yunomi Invitational” AKAR Gallery, Iowa City  
“New Work” American Folk Art, Asheville, NC  
“Teatime, Series 2” NC Pottery Center, Seagrove, NC
- 2010** “Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?” Clay Art Center, Port Chester, NY  
“30 X 5: Woodfired” AKAR Gallery, Iowa City Iowa  
“6 x 6” Clay Art Center, Port Chester, NY  
Solo Show, “New Work” American Folk Art, Asheville, NC  
“Art of the Cup” Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, LA  
“Wood Firing Symposium” Ohio University, Athens, OH  
“Kline / Finnegan” Washington Street Gallery, Lewisburg, WV  
“The Southern Pot” The Signature Gallery, Atlanta, GA  
“Form Follows Food” Greenwich House Pottery, NY, NY
- 2009** “Yunomi Invitational” AKAR Gallery, Iowa City  
“Solo Show” Ferrin Gallery, Pittsfield MA  
“Artspace” Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI  
“Mint Museum Pottery Market Invitational” Charlotte, NC  
“Yunomi Invitational” AKAR Gallery, Iowa City
- 2008** “Drawn to Clay” Claymakers, Charlotte, NC  
“Obamaware” Ayumi Horie Pottery, Cottekill, NY  
“Clay and Fiber Workshop” American Folk Art, Asheville, NC  
“potPOURri: pots that POUR” Clay Arts Center, Port Chester, NY  
“Dinnerworks” Louisville Art Association, Louisville, KY  
“La Mesa” Santa Fe Clay, Santa Fe NM
- 2007** “National Teapot Invitational” Cedar Creek Gallery Creedmoor, NC  
“Plates & Platters: Salon Style” The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA  
“SOFA @ NCECA” NCECA Conference, Louisville, KY  
“Yunomi Invitational” AKAR Gallery, Iowa City
- 2006** “Solo Show”, Ferrin Gallery, Lenox, MA  
“Atlanta Fine Crafts”, American Crafts Council, Atlanta, Ga  
“Yunomi” AKAR Design Gallery, Iowa City, IA  
“Dinnerware Invitational” Blue Spiral 1, Asheville, NC  
“SOFA-Chicago” represented by Ferrin Gallery
- 2005** “30 x 5” AKAR Design Gallery, Iowa City, IA  
“Tableware Show”, American Folk, Asheville, NC

- “National Teapot Show VI”, Cedar Creek Gallery, Creedmore, NC
- “New Pottery”, AKAR Design Gallery, Iowa City, IA
- “Botanical Wonders”, Penland Gallery, Penland, NC
- “Spring Home & Garden Invitational”, Pewabic Pottery, Detroit, MI
- “Solo Show”, The Seen Gallery, Decatur, GA
- “Platitudes”, Worcester Center For Crafts, Worcester, MA
- 2004** “A Natural Response” (solo) Ferrin Gallery, Lenox,  
 “2004 Artist Invitational”, Waterworks Visual Arts Center, Salisbury, NC  
 “Penland Residents 1963-2004” Folk Arts Center, Asheville, NC
- 2003** S.O.F.A., Chicago IL, represented by Ferrin Gallery  
 “Origins and Influences” with Mark Shapiro, Michael Simon, and Sam  
 Taylor, Earth and Fire Gallery, Vienna, VA  
 “For Your Service”, Kreeger Pottery, Cape Cod, MA  
 “Container-Content: A Survey of American Studio Ceramic Art” Fuller  
 Museum of Art, Brockton, MA  
 “Southeastern Potters”, Bascomb Louise Gallery, Highlands, NC  
 “Sensuous”, Red Star Studio and Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
 “Studio Potter Invitational”, Ferrin Gallery, Lenox, MA  
 “New Move, New Kiln, New Work: Michael Kline” Akar Gallery, Iowa City,  
 IA
- 2002** “New York Ceramics Fair” New York, NY, represented by Ferrin Gallery  
 “Studio Pottery Invitational, Ferrin Gallery, Lenox, MA  
 “Alabama Clay Conference 17 Invitational Exhibition” Jacksonville State  
 College, Jacksonville, AL  
 “NCECA Invitational” Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, K. C., MO  
 “National Teapot Show V” Cedar Creek Gallery, Creedmore, NC
- 2001** “Southeastern Clay” Bascomb Louise Gallery, Highlands, NC  
 “New Artists” Spratt Burrough Gallery, York, SC  
 “Sum & Substance: Penland Clay Residents, 1963 - Present” Penland Gallery,  
 Penland, NC  
 “Penland Community Clay” Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC  
 “Recent Work: Michael Kline” Pinch Pottery, Ferrin Gallery, Northampton,  
 MA
- 2000** “Clay, Wood, Fire, Salt” Folk Arts Center, Asheville, NC, and Ohio Craft Mu-  
 seum, Columbus, OH  
 “Cups & Cupboards” Signature Gallery, Atlanta, GA  
 “Architectural Clay” Lacoste Gallery, Concord, MA  
 “One Hundred Pitchers” North Carolina Pottery Center, Seagrove, NC
- 1999** “Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show” Philadelphia, PA  
 “Beyond the Northwest” Kobo Gallery, Seattle, WA  
 “Cedar Creek Teapot Invitational” Cedar Creek Gallery, Creedmore, NC  
 “Made in Penland” Penland Gallery, Penland, NC  
 “Strictly Functional Pottery National” Market House Gallery  
 “Pinch 25th Anniversary Show” Northampton, MA
- 1998** “Intimate Influences: Kline, Shapiro & Taylor” Craft Alliance, St. Louis, MO

- “Penland Residents” Penland Gallery, Penland, NC  
 “6th Annual Teapot Invitational” Craft Alliance, St. Louis, *MO*  
**1997** “Michael Kline: Recent Work” Ferrin Gallery, Northampton, MA  
 “Wood, Salt, Soda” Contemporary Artifacts Gallery, Berea, KY  
 “Fifth Annual Teapot Invitational” Craft Alliance, St. Louis, *MO*  
**1996** “SOFA” Represented by Ferrin Gallery, Chicago, IL  
 “Atmosphere and Fire” Ferrin Gallery, Northampton, MA

## Teaching

- 2023** Presenter, Function Ceramics Workshop, Columbus OH  
 Workshop Leader, La Meridiana Ceramics Center, Certaldo, Italy  
 Workshop Leader, The Sugar Maples, Maplecrest, NY
- 2022** Workshop Leader, Penland School of Craft, Penland, NC
- 2021** Workshop Leader, The Sugar Maples, Maplecrest, NY  
 Online Workshop Presenter, NJ Potters Guild, Trenton NY
- 2020** Workshop Leader, John C Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, NC
- 2019** Visiting Teaching Artist, Concord University, Athens, WV  
 Demonstrator, Make In: Northern Clay Center, NCECA 2019, Minneapolis, MN  
 Workshop Leader, Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Snowmass, CO  
 Workshop Leader, The Potters Studio, Berkeley, CA  
 Demonstrator, Petaluma Pottery Workshop, Petaluma, CA  
 Workshop Leader, The Shadbolt Centre of the Arts, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada  
 Demonstrator, Delta Potters Guild, Delta, British Columbia, Canada  
 Demonstrator, The Village Potters Clay Center, Asheville, NC  
 Workshop Leader, The Bascom, Highlands, NC
- 2018** Presenter, SC Potters Conference, Newberry, SC  
 Presenter, 3 Potters Symposium, The Bascom, Highlands, NC  
 Haystack Mountain Crafts School, Deer Isle, ME

- Pentaculum Symposium, Arrowmomnt Gatlinburg, TN
- 2017** University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA  
Libertytown Arts Workshop, Fredericksburg, VA  
Palo Alto Arts Center, Palo Alto, CA  
Higher Fire, San Jose, CA  
Ceramic Artists of San Diego, Coronado, CA  
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
Jeffcoat Pottery, Calabash, NC
- 2016** Wesleyan Potters Guild, Norfolk, VA  
East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN  
Castle Hill Arts Center, Truro, MA  
Eastern Shore Arts Center, Fairhope, AL
- 2015** Union University, Jackson, TN  
Libertytown Arts Workshop, Fredericksburg, VA
- 2014** Arrowmont School of Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN  
Florida Heat: Surface, St. Pete Clay, St. Petersburg, FL  
NCECA: presenter Milwaukee, WI
- 2013** Saskatoon Potters Guild, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada  
Mudfire, Decatur, GA  
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH  
The Sugar Maples, Maplecrest, NY  
Haywood Community College, Professional Crafts Program, Clyde, NC
- 2012** Arrowmont School of Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN  
Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN  
Cape Cod Potters Guild, Barnstable, MA  
Libertytown Arts Workshop, Fredericksburg, VA  
The University of South Carolina (with Akira Satake), Columbia, SC  
Appalachian State University, Boone NC
- 2011** Western Piedmont Community College, Morganton, NC
- 2008** Presenter, Utilitarian Clay V, Arrowmont School of Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
- 2006** Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC

- 2003** Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC  
Canton Clayworks, Canton, CT  
Mudflat, Somerville, MA
- 2001** Dowling College, Oakdale, NY
- 1998** Craft Alliance, St. Louis, MO  
St. Louis Community College, St. Louis, MO
- 1995-98** Mudflat, Somerville, MA
- 1995** Visiting Artist, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- 1991-93** Teacher, Horizons: New England Craft Program, Williamsburg, MA

### **Awards**

- 2016** Mary Lou Friedman Honorary Chair, Truro Center for the Arts, Truro, MA  
Regional Artist Project Grant, Toe River Arts Council
- 2005** Best in Show, Bakersville Creek Walk Arts Festival, Bakersville, NC
- 1998-2001** Resident Artist, Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC

### **Professional Experience**

- 2021-present** Co-founder “Clay To Table” pottery event
- 2007-present** Directing Member, Spruce Pine Potters Market
- 2012-2015** Board of Trustees, NC Pottery Center, Seagrove, NC
- 2014** Panelist, NCECA, Milwaukee, WI
- 2008** Cofounder “Cousins in Clay” pottery events, Seagrove & Bakersville, NC
- 2001** Founded Kline Pottery, Bakersville, NC
- 1991** Founded Okra Pottery, Worthington, MA
- 1985** Assistant to Janet Mansfield, International Ceramic Symposium USA,  
Appalachian Center for Crafts, Smithville, TN

### **Public Collections**

- Islip Art Museum, East Islip, NY
- The Gregg Museum, NC State University, Raleigh, NC
- Ewing Art Gallery, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
- San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, TX

## **Publications**

The Crimson: Harvard: *Michael Kline: A Life Molded by Clay*

<https://www.thecrimson.com/article/2017/2/14/michael-kline/>

The Studio Potter, Vol. 33 No. 1: *Starting Out* with Bernadette Curran, Julie Crosby, Matt Burton, Sarah Heimann, Kristen Kieffer, Michael Kline, Jay Owens, Steven Rolf, Todd Wahlstrom and Aysha Peltz

<https://studiopotter.org/starting-out-vol-33-no-1>

The Studio Potter, Vol. 36 No. 2: *Clay\_Wheel\_Rib\_Sponge\_BLOG?*

<https://studiopotter.org/digital-issue/116>