

LARGE & LOOSE

Polished & Poetic

Throwing Large Platters & Saggar Firing

At the Studios of:

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This 2-day demonstration and firing intensive workshop is open to potters of all skill levels from beginner to advanced. We will have 2 components to the weekend.

1. **Throwing Large**. How much clay can you comfortably center at once? Is it 4lbs, 6lbs or 10lbs? Whatever you can comfortably center, Tom will teach you how to double and triple the amount of clay you can center and give you techniques on throwing that clay. Large and Loose is relative. If you throw 4 or 6lbs comfortably, learn to throw 12 in just one day. If you throw 12lbs comfortably, you're ready to jump up to 24lbs. Tom regularly centers and throws 36lbs of clay, resulting in his dynamic 30" diameter platters. Throwing Large is for everyone – and we all know sometimes size does matter.
2. **Polished & Poetic**. Brenda's throwing, burnishing and saggar firing is about refinement and surface texture. Saggar firing is a contemporary pit-fire process whereby Brenda uses natural materials, mineral salts and the chemistry of art and fire to create soft blushes on her burnished vessels. In this firing intensive section of the workshop, you will learn the philosophy and technique of saggar firing and how to build and fire a saggar kiln. Each participant is welcome to put 1 to 3 of his or her own pieces in the firing. Brenda gives throwing demonstrations, surface treatment, including burnishing & terra-sig as well as finishing techniques on the final saggar pieces. Please bring 1-3 small bisque fired pots to put in the saggar kiln.

If you're looking for creative inspiration and need to make a leap with your work – or you if want to learn new throwing and firing processes in a beautiful nature setting, this weekend is for you.

Tom & Brenda's workshop is held on a 36 acre pottery art-farm at the top of the rolling hills of Tuscarawas county in eastern Ohio. We are just minutes from rts 70 & 77. We hope you join us for this exciting debut workshop.

The cost of the weekend is \$275. Affordable housing options are available.