



Mark Hewitt Pottery Demonstration

Tuesday, October 6, at 6:00pm in Stewart Theatre

Sponsored by the Triangle Potter's Guild and the NCSU Crafts Center

Internationally known potter Mark Hewitt will be demonstrating his pottery making skills Tuesday evening, October 6, at 6:00pm in Stewart Theatre. Admission is free. Voluntary donations to the North Carolina Pottery Center will be accepted by the Triangle Potter's Guild.

Stewart Theatre is located on the 2nd floor of the Talley Student Center at 2610 Cates Ave.

[Map, directions & parking info >>](#)

Born in Stoke-on-Trent, England, Mark is the son and grandson of directors of Spode, the fine china manufacturers. As a student at Bristol University in the early 1970's, Mark read Bernard Leach's "A Potter's Book," and decided to become a studio potter rather than an industrial manager. This decision led to a three-year apprenticeship with Michael Cardew, and later another with Todd Piker in Connecticut. In 1983 Mark moved to Pittsboro, NC and set up his pottery. Mark built a very large wood kiln and began making the distinctive functional pots for which he is known; blending the different North Carolinian folk traditions together into a contemporary style that has attracted a sizeable following. He specializes in the production of very large planters, storage jars and vases, along with a full range of high quality tableware. He mines and refines local stoneware clays, and his principal glazes are the traditional Southern alkaline glaze and salt glaze. All his work is fired in a big wood burning kiln.

Mark's work has been featured in the Smithsonian magazine and on the cover of American Craft magazine, he has written extensively in the ceramic press, and he has exhibited in London, New York and Tokyo, as well as throughout the US. He is well-represented in museum and private collections. In 2005 Mark co-curated "The Potter's Eye: Art and Tradition in North Carolina Pottery," with Nancy Sweezy at the North Carolina Museum of Art.

Mark is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Pottery Center, a non-profit entity which exists to "promote public awareness and appreciation of the history, heritage, and ongoing tradition of pottery making in North Carolina." His work was featured in the Peabody Award winning PBS series, "Craft in America." The episode featuring Mark Hewitt, and Jugtown potter's Vernon and Pam Owens, entitled "Origins," will be broadcast on PBS on Wed., Oct. 7, at 8 pm. Following Mark's demonstration, The Triangle Potter's Guild will be accepting donations for the North Carolina Pottery Center.

A selection of Mark's pottery and books will be available for purchase after the meeting.

For more about Mark Hewitt, visit his website at <http://www.markhewittpottery.com/>. For more about the North Carolina Pottery Center, visit <http://www.ncpotterycenter.com/>.