

# MAAP

## MASTER ARTIST APPRENTICE PROGRAM FY2022



**JACKIE SCHLICHER**  
**CLAY**



Eight years ago **Jackie Schlicher**, owner of Wildhair Pottery, sat at a pottery wheel for the first time in her life when she took a pottery class on a whim. Her learning started with the usual pottery challenge of learning to center on the wheel, but after nearly six months and a healthy mix of determination and stubbornness, her skills grew and she fell in love with the world of clay. Soon after, she set up her studio and began her full-time exploration of the medium.

Classes and workshops strengthened her wheel throwing skills, but also opened the door to the endless possibilities of techniques and surface treatments. Most of her work is fired in an electric kiln at either cone five or cone six. She uses both light and dark brown stoneware clay and primarily commercial glazes and colored slips.

Although the traditional functional wares of cups, bowls, plates, and platters are standard forms she enjoys making, she has the most fun with the challenge of exploring less common wares such as clocks, French butter dishes (one of her most popular sellers), ocarinas, and coffee pour over sets, to name a few.

Her most recent passion is in a surface treatment called *sgraffito*, a technique that essentially treats the surface of the clay as a canvas, allowing a variety of abstract and other visual designs to be expressed on the surface. She uses a variety of colored slips using carving, painting, and masking to create her surface designs. This process combined with the exploration of new forms allows her work to be an ongoing and satisfyingly creative challenge.

Jackie's commitment is to making work that is fun, functional, and decorative. For her it has to be fun to make, function in either a traditional or unique way, and a feast for the eyes. She welcomes the opportunity to support an artist's exploration of new forms and decorating techniques to expand their unique and creative expression in working with clay.