## ONLINE 2021 St. Croix Pottery Tour This Weekend



It is that time of year again!

May brings flowers and Mother's Day and The St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour.

This upcoming weekend, May 7-9, is the second online St. Croix Valley Pottery Tour. It is online only out of concern for the wellbeing and safety of the artists, their assistants, and our pottery-loving audience. While we will miss seeing you, we look forward to sharing our recent work. Our web stores will go live with an abundance of beautiful pots on Friday May 7 at 10:00 AM Minnesota time, CDT.

I am so excited and honored to have many wonderful guests with me this year. Here are our web-shop links:

Wayne Branum
Dick Cooter
Alana Cuellar
Guillermo Cuellar
Amanda Dobbratz
Nick Earl
Jim Lorio
Steven Rolf
Sue Tirrell
Minsoo Yuh

Check the website, <u>minnesotapotters.com</u>, for the directory to link to all The Tour's fabulous potters' web-shops.

This May, I am also wrapping up a mentorship with Alana Cuellar and Peter Paul, funded by the Minnesota State Arts Board. The limitations imposed by social distancing have been challenging, and made the time we have actually been able to share together during firings and other activities all the more critical to the success of this project. Nonetheless, it has been an immensely rewarding learning experience for me, and I am proud of the effort both Peter and Alana have invested in their own growth in pottery.

Alana & Peter's activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from The Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



Alana: While this wasn't the mentorship we had planned to do, it was an incredibly valuable year of growth and learning for me. Guillermo's consistent studio rhythm and guidance have been a much-needed anchor for me as I set out to build and work in my own independent studio space. After weeks of throwing pots alone, shared firings with Guillermo and Peter Paul have felt like special occasions to connect and collaborate in person.

Alana's web store

Peter: The opportunity to take a year dedicated to improving my craft, working alongside and learning from Guillermo has been humbling, eye opening and challenging in the best way. I could not be more grateful to Guillermo and the Minnesota State Arts Board. Peter's web store

Guillermo Cuellar Pottery

Enjoy the new work this weekend!

Guillermo