

UPRIVER CERAMICS

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Bonita Springs National Art Festival

This weekend! Saturday-Sunday, February 8-9th, 10am-5pm. The second of 3 Bonita Springs National Art Festivals will be held in the park surrounding my cottage this weekend. Hundreds of artists from around the country will be here.

Art Night at the Cottages

Wednesday, February 26th, 5:30-8pm. Featuring many local guest artists and all of the cottage artists. Don't miss it!

Harbour View Gallery

I'll be the featured 3D artist again for the month of March. Opening reception will be Tuesday March 3rd 6-8pm.

Demonstrations and Lessons

Contact me to set one up!



What's New?

■ Wow, what a month January was! I was working at the studio for 12-16 hours per day with no days off. Often until 9pm or later and once until after 3am! All to get one more kiln batch done in time for ArtFest Fort Myers. Of over 900 applicants, only 208 of us were selected by jury to participate in this show. This was the real deal and an honor.

Unfortunately, the weather had other ideas. It rained all Friday evening, through the night, and almost all of Saturday. Festival goers stayed home. Those 2 days were a bust. But the sun came out Sunday and so did the crowds. I sold more during that one day than in any of the 2-day festivals I've participated in at Bonita Springs. Unfortunately, the costs and labor of the weekend meant it wasn't enough to have made it truly worth it. But you have to take risks in this profession, and sometimes you get unlucky. You can't control the weather.

■ Special thanks go to my wife for all her help and patience leading up to this show and during. My mom for coming down to help set up and man the booth with me. Artist Quinn Sedam (www.quinn-sedam.pixels.com) for lending me his special festival tent and director's chair. And my friend, Dr. James Douglass, for letting me borrow his van since my Mini is less than ideal for festivals!

■ My Etsy shop has been updated! Owl Mugs and all the new work is up and available for you to purchase online.