

John & Katie Borrowman

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Celebrating Masters of Ceramic Craft



John Borrowman is a veteran Canadian potter. He was a graduate of Georgian College, a student of Robin Hopper (and also Roger Kerslake). He has worked in production potteries since the 1970s, making a success of it with associates (e.g Tony Bloom, Jim Etzkorn) and in his own businesses. Since 1991 he has operated a pottery in Canmore, Alberta (where he was also the Mayor for many years). He was joined by his daughter Katie in 2005.

John is accomplished in the production of reduction-fired stoneware. But now he, now semi-retired, and Katie are among very few potters in Alberta that have mastered and thrive using electric firing at cone 10 oxidation. Using a buff stoneware, H555, they are able to produce unique, brightly colored and highly vitreous functional pieces. Katie & John take pride in their travel mug (developed in the spring of 2007) and which they are able to produce in large numbers. This 12-14 oz mug is an alternative to imported stainless steel and plastic products, made from domestic clay and natural cork.

An exploration in texture.

The studio 'of Cabbages & Kings' is a working studio in Canmore, Alberta, with two generations of potters. John Borrowman, who has been making his living with clay since 1974, was joined by his daughter Katie in 2005. Together they work on several studio lines, as well as each producing their own distinctive and colourful lines of functional and one-of-a-kind pieces.

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