

Maria Frey
Studio Potter

I strive to celebrate the artistry and craft of clay through my work as a ceramic artist. My home state of North Carolina has a rich tradition of pottery and I'm humbled to learn from and contribute to its history.

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Education & Awards

Bachelor of Arts, University of Central Florida; Orlando, FL – 2003

Continuing Education, The Whirling Wheel Pottery Studio; Charlotte, NC – 2007-2010

Workshop Participation, Clayworks, Ceramic Arts Network, GEP Online School, FrankArts, Clay King, Ceramic Materials Workshop, CCM Guild – 2018-present

Emerging Creator Fellowship Grant Recipient, Arts & Science Council – 2023

Studio Experience

Owner/Full-time Studio Potter, Potteria; Midland, NC – 2020-present

Ceramics Instructor, Levine JCC; Charlotte, NC – 2017-2019, 2022, 2024-present

Ceramics Instructor, Pottery 51; Mint Hill, NC – 2017

Professional Organizations & Leadership

Carolina Clay Matters Guild; Charlotte, NC – 2016-present, Programs Chair 2024-2026

Pottery 51; Mint Hill, NC – Member 2016, Board President 2017-2022

Cabarrus Arts Council; Cabarrus County Libraries – Facilitator, Art on the Go 2026

Shows

Potters Market at the Mint; Charlotte, NC – 2026

Small Business Saturday; Downtown Concord, NC – 2025

Art Walk on Union; Downtown Concord, NC – Spring and Fall 2025

Carolina Pottery Festival; Shelby, NC – 2024, 2025

NC Ceramic Arts Festival; Asheville, NC – 2024 (cancelled by Hurricane Helene)

Carolina Clay Matters Spring Pottery Festival; Charlotte, NC – 2022-present

Carolina Clay Matters Fall Pottery Festival; Charlotte, NC – 2022-present

Mint Hill Historical Society Christmas Market; Mint Hill, NC – 2025

Tina Ross Afternoon in the Park; Mint Hill, NC – 2020-2025

Mint Hill Madness Pop-up Market; Mint Hill, NC – 2023-present

Pottery 51 Annual Holiday Sale; Mint Hill, NC – 2020-2022, 2024 (Guest artist)

Mint Hill Chamber Christmas Pop Up; Mint Hill, NC – 2021, 2022, 2025

Midland Farms Vendor Fair; Midland, NC – 2022

Christmas Market at the Roost; Mt. Pleasant, NC – 2022

Exhibitions

Local Art Lift, Cabarrus Arts Council Featured Artist; Concord, NC – 2026

Solo Exhibition, Pottery101 Gallery; Salisbury, NC – March-April, 2026

CLAY!, Cabarrus Arts Council group exhibition; Concord, NC – 2025

Winter Warmers Benefit Cup Show, Good Earth Pottery; Bellingham, WA – 2021

Just Plane Art, Charlotte-Douglas Airport; Charlotte, NC – 2018