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Professional Experience

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| 2010-present | <u>Manabigama Pottery Center</u> Bowling Green, Ohio : | Owner |
| | Producing functional wood fired stoneware and leading wood fire and kiln building work shops. Teach ceramics to beginning, intermediate, and Advance pottery students. | |
| 2007-present | <u>Manabigama Kiln:</u> | Designer/builder |
| kiln | Designed and built the original prototype for the John Thies Manabigama in 2007 at Monocacy Pottery. In 2008 Built a modified version of Manabigama in conjunction with Bill van Gilder and Stan Burgess. In 2008 developed the Manabigama Kiln business in partnership with Bill | |
| van | Gilder offering kiln plans, kiln building, and Manabigama workshops. | |
| 1983-2010 | <u>Monocacy Pottery</u> Thurmont, Maryland: | Owner |
| | Producing functional wood fired stoneware and offering wood fire and kiln building workshops. | |
| 1980-1983 | <u>Pioneer Pottery</u> Frederick, Maryland: | Owner |
| | Producing functional wood and oil fired stoneware. | |
| 1995-2004 | <u>The Torpedo Factory Art Center</u> Alexandria, Va: | Gallery Owner |
| 1997-1999 | <u>Art League School</u> Alexandria Va: | Pottery Teacher |
| 1977-1979 | <u>Bloomington Pottery Factory</u> Bloomington Indiana: | Apprenticeship |

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Maple Shade Pottery Indiana, Pa:

Apprenticeship

Workshops and demonstrations

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| 7/2016 | <u>Manabigama Kiln Firing Workshop:</u> Henry Ford Community College group At Manabigama Pottery Center, Bowling Green Oh |
| 3/2015 | <u>Manabigama Soda Kiln Firing Workshop:</u> University of Findlay ceramics dept At Manabigama Pottery Center |
| 2/2014 | <u>Manabigama Inaugural Firing Workshop:</u> Fairhope Alabama |
| 12/2013 | <u>Manabigama Kiln Building:</u> Eastern Shore Art Center, Fairhope Alabama |
| 9/2012 | <u>Manabigama Inaugural Firing Workshop:</u> Hamilton Ontario |
| 6/2012 | <u>Manabigama Kiln Building:</u> Hamilton Area Guild of Potters, Hamilton Ontario |
| 5/2011 | <u>Manabigama Kiln Building:</u> Ann Bradshaw, Rice Va |
| 11/2010 | <u>Manabigama Inaugural Firing Workshop:</u> College of Creative Studies, Detroit Mi. |
| 9/2010 | <u>Manabigama Kiln Building:</u> Chris Cooley, Washington Redskin, Leesburg Va. |
| 9/2010 | <u>Manabigama Inaugural Firing Workshop:</u> Millbrook School, Millbrook NY. |
| 5/2010 | <u>Manabigama Kiln Building:</u> 577 Foundation, Perrysburg Oh. |
| 2009 | <u>Manabigama Kiln Building:</u> Lookout Mountain Pottery, Rising Fawn Ga. |
| 2008-2010 | <u>Manabigama Wood Fire Workshops:</u> Monocacy Pottery. 15 held annually. |
| 2008 Arrowmont | <u>Manabigama Kiln Building:</u> Arrowmont School of Arts and Craft, Tn. |
| 2008 | <u>Manabigama Kiln Building:</u> University of North Dakota |

- 2008 Manabigama Kiln Building: Delaplane Va.
- 2002 Hawaiian Potters Guild: Honolulu Hi,
Featured artist- Demonstration/workshop on throwing large vessels.
- 2002 Exchange Student Program: Monocacy Pottery
Provided working internships for students in Ceramics Studies from Denmark.
- 6/2001 Aberystwyth International Ceramics Festival: Wales UK,
Featured Guest Demonstrator at a 4 day festival. Constructed and fired a 2 chamber wood kiln for the festival. Presented slide lecture on kiln construction.
- 1999 Exchange Student Program: Monocacy Pottery
Provided working internships for students in Ceramics Studies from Denmark.
- 1997 Construction of 3 Chamber Climbing Kiln (300 cubic feet) Frederick Md
- 1997 Wood Fire Workshop: Washington Clay Guild Frederick, Md.
- 1997 Kiln Building Workshop: Hood College- Frederick, Md.
- 1996-2007 Wood Fire Workshop: Monocacy Pottery, Thurmont Md.
3 Chamber wood fire workshops. 4 held annually.
- 1996 Wood Fire lecture and slide presentation: Washington Clay Guild, Washington, DC.
- 1996 Wood Fire Demonstration: Renwick Gallery, Washington DC.
- 1996 3 Chamber Kiln Building Work Shop with John Thies: Frederick Md. A four day hands on building workshop.

Exhibitions and Shows

- 2016 Crosby Festival of Arts-Juried, Toledo, Oh

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| 2015 | Henry Ford Community College-Invitational, Dearborn, Mi |
| 2015 | Black Swamp Art Festival-Juried, Bowling Green, Oh |
| 2015 | Crosby Festival of Arts-Juried, Toledo, Oh |
| 2014 | Crosby Festival of Arts-Juried, Toledo, Oh |
| 2014 | Potters for Pets-Invitational, Bowling Green Oh |
| 2013 | Black Swamp Art Festival-Juried, Bowling Green, Oh |
| 2013 | Crosby Festival of Arts-Juried, Toledo, Oh |
| 2012 | Black Swamp Art Festival-Juried, Bowling Green, Oh |
| 2009 | Lafayette Gallery- invitational, Frederick, Md |
| 2009 | NCECA 2009- Exhibitor- Manabigama Kiln |
| 2009 | Art Meets Function 2- invitational, Frederick, Md |
| 2005 | Strictly Functional - National Invitational, Lancaster, Pa |
| 2005 | Western Maryland Potters - Invitational, Columbia, Md |
| 2005 | Works in Clay - Invitational, Frederick, Md |
| 2004 | Art Meets Function 1 - Invitational, Frederick, Md |
| 2004 | Strictly Functional - National Invitational, Lancaster Pa |
| 2002 | Tea Bowl Show - Target Gallery Invitational, Alexandria, Va |
| 2002 | Strictly Functional Pottery - National Invitational, Lancaster, Pa |
| 2001 | Sugarloaf Crafts Festival - Exhibitor - Gaithersburg, Md |
| 2001 | Aberystwyth International Festival - Featured Artist Invitational, Wales, UK |
| 2000 | First 20 Years - Then and Now - National Invitational, Baltimore, Md |
| 2000 | Frederick Festival of the Arts -Demonstrator - Frederick Md |

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| 2000 | Fire and Glass: A Ceramic Invitational - Frederick, Md |
| 1999 | 25.3 Torpedo Factory Art Center - Target Gallery, Alexandria Va |
| 1999 | Frederick Festival of the Arts - Demonstrator, Frederick, Md |
| 1998 | Clay/Wood/Fire/Salt - National Invitational, Louisville Ky |
| 1997-1998 | Simply Pots Touring Exhibition - Invitational |
| 1996 | Rockville Art Center Exhibition - Rockville Md |
| 1995 | 5th anniversary Show - Artist Gallery - Frederick, Md |
| 1995 | The Kreiss Collection - Chicago, IL |
| 1995 | Simply Pots - Invitational - Washington DC |
| 1995 | Frederick Festival of the Arts - Frederick, Md |
| 1995 | 3 Maryland Potters - Invitational - Frederick, Md |
| 1995 | Potters of Western Maryland - Invitational, Hagerstown Md |
| 1994 | Rockville Art Center Exhibition - Rockville Md |
| 1994 | Frederick Festival of the Arts - Frederick, Md |
| 1994 | The Creative Crafts Exhibition - Rockville, Md |
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| 1992 | The Torpedo Factory - Member- Alexandria, Va |
| 1990 | The Creative Crafts Exhibition - Rockville, Md |
| 1990 | Delaplaine Art Show - Frederick, Md |
| 1988 | The C. C. Council 17th Biennial Exhibition - Rockville, Md |
| 1987 | Market house 87 Exhibition - Philadelphia, Pa |
| 1984 | Works in Clay - The Spectrum Gallery - Washington, Dc |

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| 1984 | The C. C. Council 15th Biennial Exhibition - Rockville, Md |
| 1981 | The Maryland Craft Council Exhibition - Baltimore, Md |

Publications

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| May 2011 Pottery | Bowling Green Sentinel Tribune - Featured article on Manabigama Center by David Dupont, "All Fired Up". |
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<http://www.sent-trib.com/arts-entertainment/all-fired-up-potter-opens-ceramics-center-in-bg>

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| Feb 2011 | Ceramics Monthly - Quoted in Featured Article By Denise Joyal "Aesthetics and Environment, Kilns and Carbon". |
| Sept 2009 | Ceramics Arts Daily - Featured Article- Wood Firing Tips and Techniques. |
| March 2009 | Ceramics Arts Daily - Featured Article - Manabigama |
| Sept 2008 | Ceramics Monthly - Letters to the Editor- Manabigama |
| April 2008 | Clay Times - Featured Article - Manabigama |
| March 2007 | Ceramics Monthly - Featured Article - Manabigama |
| Jan 2003 | Potters Dictionary by Frank Hammer - Mention under Wood Firing |
| July 2002 | Frederick Magazine - Featured Article |
| Feb 2002 | Kiln Designs by Ian Gregory - Kiln design and work pictured. |
| Feb 2002 | Ash Glazes, 2nd Edition by Phil Rogers - work pictured. |
| Jan 2002 | Craftsman Magazine - Mention. |
| Nov 2001 | Ceramics Monthly - Feature article. |
| Oct 2001 | Ceramics Review - Mention. |

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| Oct 2001 | American Craft - Mention. |
| Nov 1998 | Frederick Magazine - Work pictured. |
| Nov 1996 | Frederick News Post - Feature article. |
| Sept 1995 | Ceramics Monthly - Work pictured. |
| Dec 1989 | Frederick Magazine - Work pictured. |
| Nov 1989 | Frederick Magazine - Feature article on Monocacy Pottery. |
| Oct 1985 | Studio Potter - Work pictured and Mention. |
| Nov 1982 | Studio Potter - Work pictured and Mention. |

Education

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| !979-1980 | Tuscarora Pottery School - Tuscarora, Nevada. |
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