

Guida

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Happy in the clay world.

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A little bit about me

For the past 21 years, I have explored pottery through various techniques and materials. My inspiration is heavily influenced by the serenity of nature and the intricacy found in patterns. Intrigued by the organic aspect of clay, I strive to ensure that every piece created is completed with the highest degree of detail.

My humble beginnings started off with classes, once a week. Immediately becoming addicted to the art of ceramics, I ventured out joining Durham Potters Guild and jumping into as many workshops that would come my way. I was very fortunate to attend a workshop in Italy at La Meridiana School of Ceramics in Tuscany, not only to experience the wonderful Italian culture but also to have the guidance and teaching of Carol Anne Michaelson.

In 2003, I took over the studio at the Pickering Recreation Centre (pottery offered to the community of Pickering), where I ran and taught many of the classes. In 2011 the business was sold and for the past three years I own my own studio (Guida's Pottery Studio, 31-80 Nashdene Rd.

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I enjoy creating functional work so that the ceramics become the tools for everyday living and entertaining.

"That first cup of coffee or tea in the morning with a hand made mug that has become a comforting friend."