

## Steve Heartsill ○ Ceramic & Metal Designs ○ Lexington, KY



My name is Steve. I've been working with clay and steel since 1976, Machinist by day, potter by night.

The two contrasting mediums have always pulled in different directions. Metal was always the precision structured industrial way I made my living while clay was the fluid medium I could take in any direction and which soothed my soul.

I started combining clay and steel after a Paul Wandless alternative firing workshop. I combined the "Nekkid Raku" tiles made during the workshop with a frame cut from rusty salvaged steel. This has taken my work in a direction which is continually evolving and allows me to combine my handmade tiles and steel.

I worked 32 years in the metal industry most as a Supervisor in the Japanese auto industry. (Long enough to make anyone slightly insane) At present I am working with clay, metal and a combination or the two. The products I make vary considerably from whiskey glasses, coffee mugs, bowls and a variety of other utilitarian handmade ceramics to wall hangings and birdbaths which combine ceramic and metal. I also make artistic garden gates, security bars and mailboxes. (Whiskey glasses are the reason I survived the Japanese Auto Industry)

Hope everyone enjoys my products as much as I enjoy creating them.

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