Elizabeth Boggess

Artist biography





Elizabeth Boggess used to travel to art shows with her husband Richard Hess (a potter). When asked if she was an artist, she would reply, "No. I'm a technical support person."

However, she soon discovered that she had the fortune to be married to a guy who encouraged her to be in the studio and get her hands dirty. Richard taught Elizabeth the basics of hand-building and the two of them enjoyed spending time in the studio together.

Upon moving to Austin, Texas, they built a teaching studio. It was during this time that Elizabeth formed a group with three students of the pottery studio. They called themselves "The Four Cross Women."

Another move found Richard and Elizabeth in Galena, Illinois, where they set up a pottery studio. Elizabeth enjoys creating little raku-fired houses, which are a collaborative effort with Richard. The clay is extruded and each house is made by hand. Richard does the firing.



