

Barbara Temple Ayres

I was a frustrated artist until my senior year in college when I changed my major to art, from philosophy and German lit. I took a night class in ceramics and was smitten! I went on to get an MAT in teaching art, but became a studio potter for the next 12 years instead. Then, a twenty-five year hiatus to raise a family, start a school and teach elementary kids. When Hoffman Center was created, I donated my pottery equipment to help get the clay studio off the ground and voilà - here we are!

When I was asked to join a show titled "Visual Eclipse" I was honored and humbled - I had no idea how I could represent that theme in clay.

Experiencing the total solar eclipse in 2017 got me started and then sent me into what had 'eclipsed' in my life. I made some funereal urns, thinking of our beloved pets. Recently, my beloved friend of forty some years died (with whom I shared my first show - her paintings, my pots.) I would like to dedicate this show to Susan Keizer, my mentor, friend, the big sister I never had and fellow Valkyrie.

Barbara Temple Ayres lives and works in Manzanita, OR.

