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Thomas Pottery offers pieces of whimsy and the chance to 'Play in the Clay'

Seagrove, N.C. - Nestled amongst the rolling hills along the Pottery Highway, NC Hwy 705, five miles south of Seagrove, North Carolina, Bobbie and Scott Thomas have created a beautiful oasis amongst renovated farm buildings, a lovely pond, and a wonderful landscaped area where you can enjoy a picnic. There you will also find their pottery studio and retail shop, where you can browse and see some wonderful treasures created by Bobbie and Scott Thomas.

Scott Thomas enjoys turning on the wheel, and creates larger pieces of pottery, such as bowls, pitchers, vases, and platters. Bobbie enjoys creating smaller serving pieces such as teapots, mugs, and sauce bowls with ladles. She also does hand building with the clay, and creates whimsical tri-footed designs and planters of rabbits, cats, and chickens. Bobbie has created several stamps that are in the shapes of leaves and other designs which she uses to make impression on the clay. She also adds onto her pieces sculpted flowers that she has made from clay as another method of decoration.

Bobbie has been interested in art all of her life, and was continually encouraged by her teachers in school to concentrate on her artistic skills. She did learn to turn on the wheel, which she enjoyed, but her real passion was with hand building the clay. "I love the texture of it. With hand building you can create so much more. When you turn, you are limited by the shapes that you can create. I love to add the textures, and to carve into the clay. It involves a lot of problem solving and engineering skills. A lot of math and science goes into making pottery". She went on to explain, " You can come up with an idea, and then try to create a method of how to make it work. I can come up with a new glaze, or a new way of decorating with a stamp; and then there is a level of expectation as you take a piece out of the kiln, as to what you will discover. It is like treasure hunting, and exploring new things".

Thomas Pottery also offers the opportunity to try your own hand at pottery. You can arrange for yourself and your friends (up to a total of 8 people) to have your own private hands-on clay party! It will begin with a tour of the studio, a discussion of the technique that you will be using, and then the fun begins!! Call them for more details, and to make a reservation at (336) 879-4145.

Scott and Bobbie's passion for nature comes across in their designs, glazes, and the unique surroundings of their shop and studio. Make a point to stop in and see them at Thomas Pottery as part of your "Discover Seagrove" pottery experience!

For more information about Thomas Pottery, please call them at (336) 879-4145, or log onto their web site at www.thomaspottery.com. For a listing of all of the members and the events presented by the Seagrove Area Potters Association (SAPA), please go to www.discoverseagrove.com. Explore America's largest community of working potters. Discover Seagrove.

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