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### **Mother and Son create functional works of Art**

Seagrove, NC - Margie Nance, potter and owner of Windsong Pottery, located in Denton, North Carolina, first learned about pottery through a co-worker of her husband at the Asheboro Fire Department, by the name of Archie Teague. Her husband and Archie retired together from the Fire Department. Archie had been a potter for many years, and had a consignment studio. "I just loved it. I told myself I could do this. Archie let me come down to his place and turn. He encouraged me, so I went to RCC (Randolph County Community College) to learn more about it. When I got through with that, I asked him if I could sell at his shop, and he said sure!" Her son Matthew is also a potter. "He didn't have to go to school. I showed him one thing one day, and then I left to go do something in the house. When I came back to the shop, he had made 30 of them!" she said with a laugh. "He didn't have to go to school. He has always been like that". Matthew Nance is now the master potter for their studio, and works full time creating the larger pieces. "I was working down the road at my Uncles dairy farm, and I decided it wasn't something that I wanted to do for the rest of my life", Matthew explained while he turned a production piece mug on the wheel. He gestured toward Margie and said, "She was doing this, and I thought that I would try it. I really enjoyed it. I did the flat work for the first year that I worked in clay. I didn't turn anything", said Matthew. He started worked with Margie in 1999. "My favorite glaze is the floating blue glaze, but we probably sell more of the rainbow than we do the floating blue". As the interview progressed, he turned mug after mug one right after the other. "I don't mind doing these, but I reallylike making the larger pots and the Rebecca jugs".

Margie started off as an oil painter before she got involved with pottery. Her background in oil painting has led her to develop her glazes for which she is known, the rainbow glaze, and floating blue color. They are usually turning on the wheel on Monday and Tuesday, and the rest of the week they spend glazing, sanding and bisque firing. From start to finish it takes about a month to get a completed piece of pottery. Margie and Matthew typically attend four main shows per year, so they are constantly working to build up their inventory to be ready for those shows. They also have their pieces on consignment in several pottery studios in the region.

For more information, please call (336) 857-2485, and stop in and visit the 'friendly and laid back' folks at Windsong Pottery. 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](http://www.discoverseagrove.com). Explore America's largest community of working potters. Discover Seagrove.

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