

H e r o n R e e d B a s s e t t

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Education

2013 BFA New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University - Alfred, NY

Experience

Artist Assistant Jun Kaneko Studio, Omaha, NE 2013-2016

- Constructed large scale ceramic sculptures ranging from two feet to ten feet in height.
- Regularly fired 4 separate updraft gas kilns and one electric kiln, both manually and with a kiln controller.
- Mixed clay, slip, glazes, kiln wash, and wadding.
- Kiln loading, unloading and maintenance.
- Practiced safe sculpture rigging procedures, for hoisting and transportation.
- Repair and maintenance of ceramic sculpture, including epoxy treatments and water repellent.
- Building crates, packing artworks, loading and unloading trucks.
- Operated forklifts, scissor lifts, Pallet jacks, chain hoists, gantries, and other studio equipment.

Technical Assistant Division of Ceramics - Alfred University, Alfred NY 2011-2013

- Repaired and maintained various gas and electric kilns. This included replacing thermo couples, bricks, burners, and elements, as well as rewiring electrical components.
- Repaired and maintained potters wheels, clay mixers, and other studio equipment. This included diagnosing problems, replacing motors and belts
- Kept orderly inventory of raw materials, managed store rooms and student lab, and mixed clay for the university.
- Assisted in the implementation and training in OSHA and EPA regulations, including proper use of respirators.
- Helped train new employees

Clay Camp Instructor Northern Clay Center - Minneapolis MN 2013

- Taught 2 summer classes for 6-12 year olds which included hand-building and wheel throwing
- Designed lesson plans, structured classes and ordered necessary materials for each class.

Teaching Assistant

I-Art Sculpture Foundations Alfred University - Alfred NY 2012-2013

- Helped students gain confidence in and understanding of sculptural materials including fiber, metal, and wood. Also provided tool and technique training.
- Assisted with group and individual critiques.

Northern Clay Center Minneapolis MN 2012

- Assisted head teacher with the instruction of 6-12 year olds in several classes and assisted in working through multiple techniques including wheel throwing, hand building, and glazing.

Kiln Design Alfred University, Alfred NY 2012

- Worked with the head instructor to introduce students to the design and construction process of various kilns.
- Provided guidance for students on the construction of two kiln designs and safe kiln demolition practices.

Museum Assistant Alfred Ceramic Museum - Alfred NY 2012-2013

- Handled artworks from the museum archives.
- Assisted in the installation of shows which included safely unpacking, moving and installing ceramic art.
- Assisted with lighting and display.

Grinding Room Assistant Division of Ceramics - Alfred University, Alfred NY 2010-2011

- Mixing clay, keeping stock of resources, making sales, and assisting in the reorder of ceramic supplies.

Studio Assistant Kala Stein - Alfred NY 2010-2011

- Formulating and mixing casting slip and glazes

Part -Time Ceramic Technician Ceramics dept. Portland Community College - Portland OR 2008

- Mixing class slips and glazes. Maintaining a clean and orderly working environment for students.

Skills

- Maintenance and repair of electric and gas kilns
- kiln design, construction, and demolition
- Repair and maintenance of studio equipment such as potters wheels, clay mixers, pug mills, and more.
- firing electric, gas, salt, soda, raku and wood kilns
- knowledge of ceramic raw materials and ceramic science
- glaze formulation and mixing, clay & casting slip formulating and mixing
- Safe usage and maintenance of woodworking power tools, including saws, drills, sanders, pneumatic tools, as well as various hand tools.
- Basic skills in welding, casting, fabrication, torch cutting and forging.
- Basic skills in auto and small engine repair and maintenance.

Select Exhibitions

- 2016** Pop-Up Gallery Stonington Opera House, Stonington ME
- 2016** Bemis Benefit Auction Bemis Center, Omaha NE
- 2016** Nebraska Rising Bemis Center, Omaha NE
- 2015** Bemis Benefit Auction Bemis Center, Omaha NE
- 2015** Mixtape Petshop Gallery, Omaha NE
- 2015** Correlation Project Project, Omaha NE
- 2014** A Gang of 5 Gallery 72, Omaha NE
- 2013** Artists Of NCC Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis MN
- 2013** Senior Thesis Robert C. Turner Gallery, Alfred NY

Activities

- Clay Collective** Alfred University, President 2012-2013
- Art History Club** Alfred University, Vice President 2011-2012
- Gallery Assistant** The Belfry, Hornell NY 2013
- Clay Club** Portland Community College, President 2008-2009

Honors/Awards

Magna Cum Laude Alfred University 2013

Presidential Scholarship Alfred University 2010-2013

Ceramics Grant Alfred University 2010-2013

Best in Show Juried PCC Sylvania Student Art Exhibition 2009