

**PUSHING, PULLING, PIERCING AND TEARING:**

**How to create dynamic work by stretching the boundaries of your material and taking clay to its limits - with Tom Laudenslager**



Tom Laudenslager has been an artist for over 40 years, focusing primarily on clay for the last 25 years. His approach to material and process respects tradition but borrows freely from his artistic past, spanning drawing, painting, photography and various sculptural media. In this one day workshop, Tom will demonstrate a variety of handbuilding techniques he uses to create functional and sculptural works in clay. These building techniques can be used to create work that is either spontaneous in approach, or precise and contemplative.

Participants will have the opportunity to begin construction, and in some cases complete a piece during the workshop. Techniques will include the use of repousse-like forming, texturizing, carving, and strategies for delicate hollow cutting. Finishing approaches will be discussed, including use of colored slips, underglaze, stains, post-firing pigmentation, and selective use of abrasives. Strategies for successful firing of delicate work will also be discussed.

Tom has been exhibiting and selling his work at art and fine craft shows, exhibits and galleries in the Northeast and Midwest for 20 years. He is recently retired from a distinguished and satisfying career as an art instructor, but obviously still needs to share. Tom received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, and has done coursework at Tyler School of Art University of the Arts, Art New England and Moravian College. He has 2 adult children, both artists, and lives in a relatively quiet corner of the Lehigh Valley, PA with his wife of over 30 years.

See more of his work at [www.tomlaudenslager.com](http://www.tomlaudenslager.com)

**What to Bring:** Your favorite handbuilding tools. (Some tools are available in the workshop)

**January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
10AM – 3PM (Lunch will be included)  
\$50 Per Person

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