

## Ruth Fischer Rutkowsky

### Artist Statement

I am inspired by connecting with people through my art and share the pleasure of using handmade art in everyday life. This connection is largely what drives my process and reflects my spirituality as well. I have a love for Scandinavian folk art & aesthetic which speaks to my love for water & sky and the life that is present in Nature. I often incorporate text when decorating the surface of my work. This risk is worth taking, as I utilize text only when I feel a deep sense of truth about it. Ultimately, the idea that my art may become an integral part of someone's life, from everyday rituals to the most important events in life, inspires me to make the best art I can in a way that is most true to me.

### Biography

Born in Monona, WI

1981-1983 UW Madison: AA Degree/ biological sciences

1991-1993 FL State University Bachelor's Degree: Visual Arts/ Clay, Painting, Printmaking

1991-1997 Teacher of clay arts (sculpture and wheel)/ stage-hand work (music & dance)

2004-2006 Studied at East TN State University- Clay and glaze chemistry and sculpture

1997-2010 Health and wellness purchasing, consultant, trainer, private retail industry

2010-present: Studio Artist, Rutkowsky Pottery w/ partner Michael Rutkowsky  
Burnsville, NC