

Heart of Brevard Artist Spotlight Series

**Building Art Piece by Piece With Lucy Clark:  
A Multimedia Artist in the Heart of Brevard**

*By John Harris*

“The goal for my gallery is that everything in here has to have a softness to it,” says Lucy Clark. Clark is a mixed media artist who specializes in many art forms, including hand built ceramics and is the owner of Lucy Clark Gallery & Studio in the Heart of Brevard. She continued, “My work, you’ll never see a sharp edge on it... there’s always going to be round corners because I think there’s just too much sharpness in the world.”



On her method of working with clay Clark explained, “I build in honor of the tradition of the Pueblos. Coil building is rolling up one coil at a time and slowly building the piece up. If you build it too fast it’ll just collapse.” She continued, “You have many potters who are drawn to the wheel, I wasn’t one of them. I was fed by handbuilding and the time it takes for me is incredibly contemplative. You have to wait and see where the piece is going to take you, which is a lot like life.”

Before pursuing a career as an artist, Clark worked full-time as a massage therapist for 29 years. Clark states, “I came to clay late in life. I built the sensitivity in my hands as a massage therapist... I try to smooth out clay the way I smooth out muscle.” Clark recalled the pivotal moment where she unearthed her true calling as an artist. She smiled and said, “I was nine years old, living in West Virginia, sitting in the creek making mud pies... I look back on that moment and think ‘that’s when I fell in love.’”

As astounding as Clark’s work with clay is, she has a hand in many different mediums of the art world. In her gallery, you can see her talents as a photographer, a jeweler and of course a potter. Her work with jewelry has allowed her the opportunity to work together with the customers to create custom pieces. Outside of her business, writing has also been a part of her art, through her blog titled “The Life of Mud”.

Clark has enjoyed every part of owning her own business in the Heart of Brevard. An aspect that she most appreciates is the feeling of community and support that the local artists share. By allowing other artists the opportunity to display their artwork in her gallery, she continues this trend.



Clark also noted, “I love when people come into the gallery and connect to a piece of work, whether it’s mine or one of my other artists, it doesn’t matter. Whether they end up purchasing it or not, there’s something so special about getting people to see something beautiful that changes their perspective.”



If you would like to learn more about Lucy Clark and Lucy Clark Gallery & Studio you can explore her website through this link: <https://www.lucyclarkpottery.com/shop>

Clark's full story as well as other local artists' spotlights will be showcased in the Heart of Brevard's e-Newsletter, social media and in an online gallery. The gallery includes each artist's interview, video and selected works. The gallery can be viewed here, [www.brevardnc.org/artistspotlight](http://www.brevardnc.org/artistspotlight)

The series is open to artists of all genres and mediums located within the Heart of Brevard. If you would like to be featured in this series, please reach to [info@brevardnc.org](mailto:info@brevardnc.org) to schedule your interview.

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