An appreciation of handmade
and homegrown...

DOWN A QUIET COUNTRY ROAD and off the beaten path outside the town of Fennville, is a large selection of quality handmade pottery and fine craft.

Khnemu Studio LLC is the working studio of resident artist, Dawn Soltysiak and a Michigan artisan, hand-made pottery and fine craft gallery. The studio and gallery are located in a restored historic barn on the 1890's Fernwood Farm Estate.

Treat yourself to the collective energy of work created by accomplished artists.

Check out our list of special events and pottery classes or workshops instructed by knowledgeable and skilled artisans in a professionally equipped studio.

Kendra McKimmy

Visit the quaint seasonal on-site farm stand.

Experience the beauty of the resident farm animals including peacocks, horses, llama, grass-fed cattle and free-range domestic and exotic chickens.

Khnemu Studio LLC
ON FERNWOOD FARM

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www.KhnemuStudio.com

What is Khnemu and how do you pronounce it?
(Kah-nem-oo, and yes you say the K)
In Egyptian mythology Khnemu was the god of creation, arts and craft and fertility. It was believed by the ancients that Khnemu fashioned man and the gods on his potter's wheel. "Khnemu" literally means molder or sculptor. He is represented in hieroglyphics as the ram-headed god. Khnemu Studio on Fernwood Farm is a place of fertility & creation, where one-of-a-kind vessels are molded and sculpted on the potter's wheel.

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2010 Exhibit & Event guide to excellence
in hand-made pottery and fine craft

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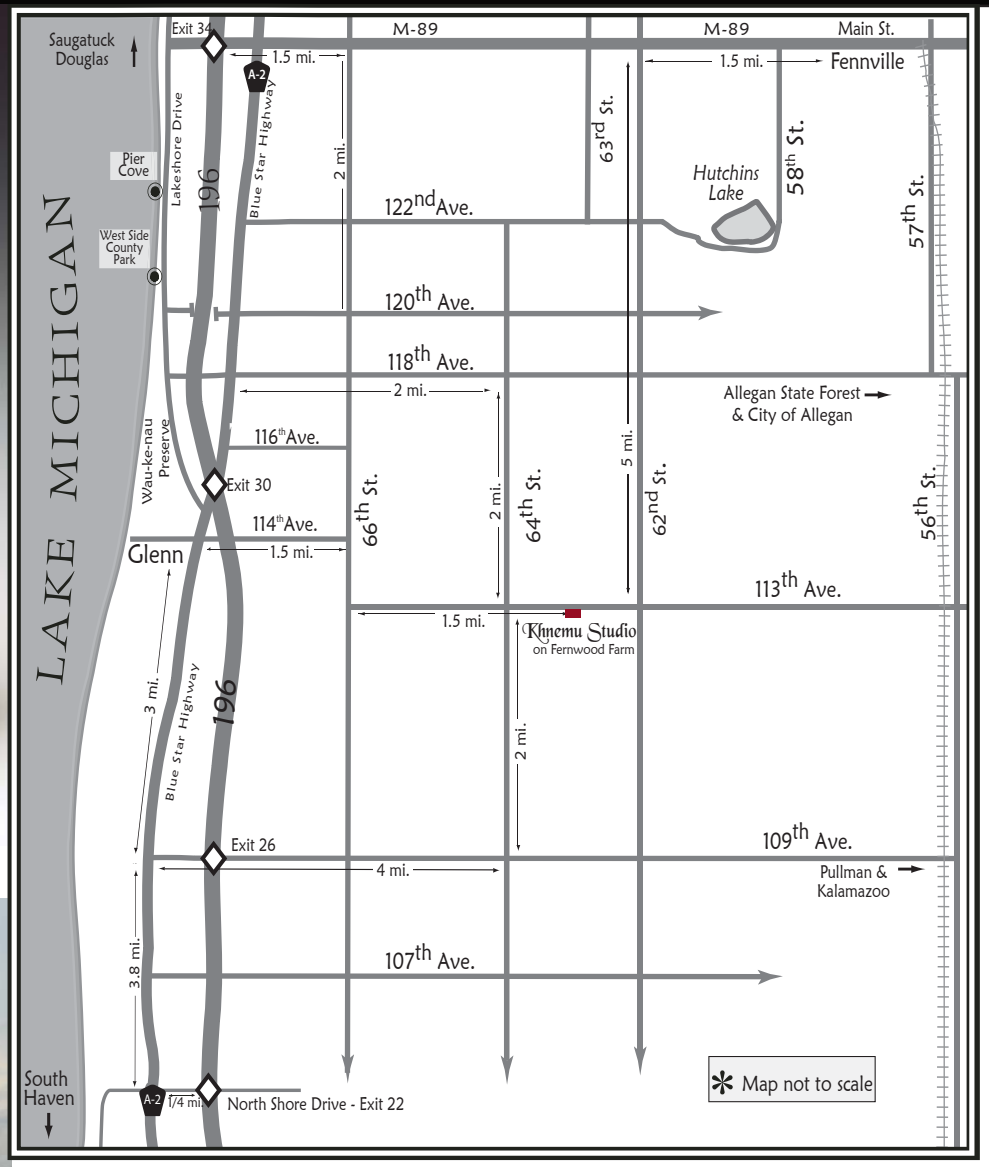
Located between South Haven & Saugatuck

Dawn Soltysiak

...a connection to the artist and the land

Chris Trabka



2010 Seasonal Hours

April-October
Wed-Sun 10 - 5

Open Labor & Memorial Day and full week of the 4th of July

Open year around or additional hours by appointment

Directions

From Grand Rapids, Holland and Saugatuck/Douglas
Take Exit 34 (M-89) off I-196. East to Blue Star Hwy, South to 118th, East to 66th, South to 113th and East to studio (Approx 1 hr from GR)

From Chicago or South Haven
Take Exit 26 (109th Ave) off I-196, East to 66th St, North to 113th Ave East to studio (Approx 2.5 hrs from Chicago)

From Detroit or Kalamazoo
I-94 West to US-131 North to M-43 West to M-40, North to M-89 West to 62nd Ave, South to 113th Ave West to studio (Approx 1 hr from Kalamazoo)

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www.FernwoodFarmEstate.com
Member studio of www.BlueCoastArtists.com
Member farm of www.LakeshoreHarvestCountry.com

2010 visiting artists' special showing, workshops and studio event schedule

Check individual listings for date and time. Special showing art work available only during featured dates.

Visit www.khnemustudio.com for additional events or information about a series of pottery classes.

Thank you for your interest in hand made contemporary ceramics and fine craft. If you have an appreciation of home grown and hand made, I encourage you to visit in person.

Resident Artist
Dawn Soltysiak

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Pit and Smoke Firing Workshop

Instructor: Dawn Soltysiak
Sat-Sun, May 22 - 23
$125 per person
Reservations required

Experience hands-on the primitive firing techniques of pit firing and smoke firing. Learn to achieve the best color and tips on how to avoid disaster. Participants are allowed to bring up to 10 bisque fired pots to fire during this workshop.

Downdraft Car Kiln Raising

May 5 - 8 Start at 10am daily
A free event for potters & pottery fans
(Sponsored by Fernwood Farm)

Some communities build barns, but a pottery community builds kilns. The Studio will be building a kiln in an old silo on-site. Sign-up to learn & participate in kiln building. Fernwood Farm believes knowledge should be shared and is sponsoring this exciting hands-on event. Visitors are welcome to stop by and see the progress. Registered Kiln Raisers are welcome to pitch a tent.

Fernwood's Bountiful Table by Dawn Soltysiak & Chuck Henning

Exhibit: June 30 - July 25
Hours: Wed - Sun 10 - 5
-or by appointment

Introducing the new functional dinnerware by resident artist Dawn Soltysiak featuring imagery of Fernwood Farm by Rob Soltysiak. Individual pieces or complete place settings and assessories with an organic farm flair. Begin collecting your heirloom handmade dinnerware. Also featuring the wood-work of resident craftsmen Chuck Henning showcasing a Harvest Table made from 150 year barn wood, as well as other useable objects.

Joyeous Porcelain by Heidi Fahrenbacher

Exhibit: July 28 - Aug 29
Hours: Wed - Sun 10 - 5
-or by appointment

She thinks about her work in terms of how one accessorizes an outfit. The combination of styles, colors, and textures represent different fashion genres. For her, breaking the thought process down into something figurative allows her to look at it more objectively and with less anxiety. She appreciates color and its ability to interact with people. Utilizing a potter's wheel her pots are formed and altered. With each piece, she will draw an image that compliments or contrasts the pattern she has carved into black slip. She then hand paints glaze on each piece, which creates textures and color variations.

Endangered by Laurie Sharkus

Exhibit: Sept 1 - 26
Hours: Wed - Sun 10 - 5
-or by appointment

In her artistic journey Laurie strives to capture the essence of the animals' wild spirit in clay. Each one of her sculptures is an original work of art. All of her work is hand sculpted out of stoneware clay. Before starting, several sketches are made while studying the animal's anatomy.

Many subjects include Endangered Species, which are perched on bases depicting their shrinking environment. She wants to convey the animal's inseparable connection to its vital habitat.

Rooted in Tradition
with Kelly Averill Savino

Exhibit: May 26 - June 27
Hours: Wed - Sun 10 - 5
Or by appointment
Open to the public

Hands-on Workshop: Sat 26, June 10 - 4
Sun 27, June 10 - 3
Reservations required. $80.00 person
(materials and equipment included)
Contact the studio to reserve a space

Purpose meets design in historically inspired pots meant for storage, culturing and fermentation of traditional foods. Thrown and altered vessels, darted textured-slab forms, and a large lidded pot made from extrusions. Get your hands in clay as well with a handbuilt project, and make and keep three tools Kelly finds indispensable.

Flora and Fauna
with Rita Shields

Exhibit: Sept 29 - Oct 31
Hours: Wed - Sun 10 -5
Or by appointment
Open to the public

Hands-on Workshop: Sat, Oct 16 10 - 4
Sun, Oct 17 10 - 4
Reservations required. $80.00 person
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Rita's work is mostly thrown on the potters wheel with hand built decorations. Inspired from family camping trips when her children were young a series of work emerged. This series has since evolved into the reptile work on her pots today. Rita will demo hand building reptiles and how to attach large pieces to wheel thrown work. Learn hands-on how to work with "fat" slips, using pieces that you created during this workshop. Rita will demo how to spray glazes to get great glaze effects.

Video Workshop Series

Sunday - June 13, July 11, August 8, Sept 12
Videos start at 3pm
$5 per person

Learn from the Masters for a fraction of the cost. This program series will show how to make a wide range of pots that work well in the home. Each video is full of detailed demonstrations and close-ups of a master potter at work. Viewers will watch, learn & discuss...and maybe try some new ideas. Khnemu Studio has a library of videos for selection at each showing event. Viewers can enjoy complimentary fresh popped Fernwood Farm homegrown popcorn during the video workshop.

MISSION:
Khnemu Studio is a handmade ceramics arts facility. Our mission is to broaden the general public's appreciation and understanding of handmade ceramic art and studio artists. This is to be accomplished through classes, events, workshops and residency programs. The studio believes that its goals can be achieved by creating a mutual helping environment, and that is basis of its programs.

Blue Coast Artists 21st Annual Fall Tour of Studios

October 2 & 3, Sat & Sun 10am - 6pm • Details at www.BlueCoastArtists.com
Tour all 7 Blue Coast Artist member studios. For over twenty years the Blue Coast Artists have been delighting and educating the public with their annual Fall Tour of Studios. Free of charge, viewers are invited to experience the creative process in action once again. Art lovers of all ages are sure to enjoy during this annual West Michigan autumn event. This creative experience is fun for the whole family.

Lakeshore Harvest Country Family Farm Fest

Saturday, July 24 10am - 5pm
Spend a day in the country counting chickens and cows, picking fruit, riding a horse-drawn wagon, and tasting fruit wines. This day out is fun for all ages.
(No charge to visit farms, but some activities may have a small fee).

www.LakeshoreHarvestCountry.com
4th Annual Road Rally • Saturday, October 9

Starts at 2pm, Departing from Overhiser Orchards, 6405 109th Avenue, South Haven
This rollicking ride through the countryside is not a race. Follow clues to discover back roads and beautiful farms. Complete with prizes, closing festivities, and a trophy. Takes about 3 hours. Tickets in advance, $15 per car. ($20 day of event).