



**John Garland & Mary Paul**

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Potters John Garland and Mary Paul have worked together in North Carolina for fourteen years. They established Freechild Studio in Knightdale, N.C, in 2002 and have been selling and exhibiting their unique style of pottery in galleries and at fine art shows in North Carolina and in other areas of the country. Garland and Paul have become know for their intricately decorated, low fire, earthenware pottery, receiving numerous awards for craftsmanship and innovative style.

Garland has been a potter since 1982; he trained at Montgomery Tech, NC State, Penland School of Crafts and Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts. Influenced by potters Warren MacKenzie and Steve Howell, John gained “turning” experience at several N.C. potteries.

Paul, originally from Milwaukee, graduated from Alverno College and taught art while learning pottery skills with several Wisconsin potters. She has exhibited her pottery in Milwaukee galleries, participated in workshops in Wisconsin and North Carolina and was most influence by the “pottery philosophy” of Jack Troy. Garland and Paul met at Arrowmont School and have been making pottery together since 1997