

# CHAYA RICHMAN

## Chaya Tile Works and Pottery

### BIO

While at the University of Maryland getting my degree in Hearing and Speech, I took a pottery class. What I thought was going to be an occasional stress relief turned into my life long obsession. Although I took classes from several wonderful teachers, I am basically self-taught.

I began, like many people, taking classes on the potter's wheel. However, my attention soon turned to hand building. Something about the challenge of the hand building process attracts me, keeps me engaged, and wanting to push the envelope.

In 2004, I took a tile making class at the Corcoran School of Art and knew immediately that I found yet another obsession. The process of making tiles fits my personality well. It requires attention to detail which I enjoy. Around 2006, I established a home based studio called Chaya Tile Works and Pottery, producing decorative relief tiles and hand built functional pieces for use and display.

I participate in many shows in the Washington Metro area and Pennsylvania. I sell through my internet site and in local stores. I also teach a summer arts camp and after school classes for kids.

My greatest satisfaction comes from designing pieces in my studio and knowing that others will enjoy displaying and using them as much as I enjoyed creating them.