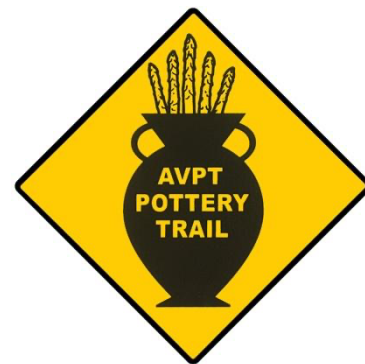


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ASPARAGUS VALLEY POTTERY TRAIL 22nd ANNUAL STUDIO TOUR & SALE April 25 & 26, 2026



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AVPT Celebrates 22nd Annual Pottery Studio Tour

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS — The Asparagus Valley Pottery Trail (AVPT) returns April 25 and 26 for its 22nd annual pottery tour, inviting the public to explore the work of 31 ceramic artists across eight locations throughout the region. The self-guided tour runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Visitors will find a wide range of handmade ceramics for the tabletop, home, and garden—alongside the chance to meet the artists themselves. Studio stops offer conversations about process, materials, and inspiration, providing insight into the creative lives of a close-knit pottery community that has flourished in the region for more than two decades.

This year's tour features 31 potters, including guest artists from across Massachusetts and from Minnesota, North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, New Hampshire, Connecticut, and Maine.

In 2022, the Asparagus Valley Pottery Trail launched an annual Early Career Fellowship for BIPOC Ceramic Artists. Two fellowships have been awarded for 2026 to Glen Deiter (Manchester, CT) and Shachi Shah (San Diego, CA). "We're excited to share our vibrant pottery community with them during our tour this spring," said Tiffany Hilton, one of the eight host potters.

"I love coming on this tour; it's familiar, but new, each time. Everyone is so welcoming and I look forward to seeing the different guest artists every year," Julie, a Pottery Trail enthusiast.

The Trail winds along scenic rivers and through historic villages and college towns in Western Massachusetts. Visitors can follow distinctive yellow Trail signs to studios clustered in three regions: Florence/Northampton/Hadley, Greenfield, and Shelburne Falls along the Mohawk Trail. Maps and details are available at: <https://asparagusvalleypotterytrail.com/map/>

Visitors are encouraged to pick up a Pottery Trail Passport at their first stop. Those who collect stamps at all eight studios will be entered to win a handmade mug or cup by one of the participating potters. Organizers recommend turning the Trail into a weekend getaway, allowing time to enjoy local restaurants, cafés, farm stands, and the area's early spring asparagus harvest.

The 2026 Asparagus Valley Pottery Trail is sponsored in part by Northeast Solar, Greenfield Cooperative Bank / Northampton Cooperative Bank, The Mill at Shelburne Falls, Familiars Coffee, Florence Pie Bar, The Handle Factory, Hope & Olive, and Salmon Falls Gallery.

Potters on the 2026 Tour:

Donna McGee, Hadley

www.donnamcgee.com

Donna continues to make pots and tiles and savors each item, moving forward with new materials, surface treatment, and themes. Drawings of fields, flowers and faces are a signature of her work.

Guests:

Sam Taylor, <http://www.dogbarpottery.com>, Westhampton, MA

Tom White, <https://tomwhitepottery.com>, Northfield, MA,

Michael Kline, <https://www.klinepottery.com>, Bakersville, NC

Tiffany Hilton, Florence

www.tiffanyhilton.com

Tiffany specializes in dinnerware and uses wax resist for simple, yet bold surface decoration and brushwork in both oxidation and reduction firings.

Guests:

Tilla Rodemann, www.tillarodemann.com, Somerville, MA

Cara Taylor, www.carataylor.com, Easthampton, MA

James Guggina, Florence

www.coolpots.com

James makes porcelain and stoneware dinnerware complimented with intricate patterns. He uses multiple firing methods to explore the many surfaces and glaze results he desires.

Guests:

Gabrielle Schaffner, <https://www.gabrielleschaffnerceramics.com/>, Boston, MA

Jen Allen, <https://www.jenniferallenceramics.com/gallery>, Morgantown, WV

Erin Moran, <https://erinmorandesigns.com/>, Portsmouth, NH

Lisa Houck, <https://www.lisahouck.com/>, Cape Elizabeth, ME

Steve Théberge, Florence

www.stevetheberge.com

Working with stoneware and a few slips and glazes, Steve's work is intended for daily use on the table or altar. He explores reduction cooling in his gas fired kiln to achieve rich surfaces with minimal elements such as iron and ash.

Guests:

Candice Methe, <https://www.candicemethe.com/>, Morrill, ME

Martha Grover, <https://www.marthagrover.com/>, Bethel, ME

Lucy Fagella, Greenfield

<https://lucyfagella.com>

Lucy shows her love of food and gardening in her pottery for the kitchen and table. She also produces a distinctive line of funerary ware, including biodegradable urns. A deep exploration into various glaze techniques has resulted in new surfaces and patterns that she is excited to share with you.

Guests:

Gay Smith, <https://www.gertrudegrahamsmith.com/>, Bakersville, NC

Louise Harter, Bethany CT

Molly Cantor, Shelburne Falls

www.mollycantor.com

Molly's functional pottery features block-print-like carved designs inspired by an ever-evolving array of regional plants, animals, and stories. Molly is hosting at The Handle Factory.

Guests:

Birdie Boone, <https://birdiebooneceramics.com/>, Meadowview VA

Karly Kennedy, <https://www.karlykennedy.com>, Philadelphia PA

Ben Eberle, <https://www.beneberleceramic.com/>, Conway MA

Shachi Shah, <https://shachishah.studio/>, San Diego, CA

Mary Barringer, Shelburne Falls

www.marybarringer.com

Mary makes hand-built pottery and sculpture with distinctive textured surfaces reminiscent of stones or ancient implements.

Guests:

Clarice Allgood, <https://www.mostlygoodpots.com/>, Minneapolis, MN

Kourtenay Plummer, <https://www.kourtenayplummerpottery.com/>, Richmond, VA

Nancy Green, <https://www.nancygreenceramics.com/>, Watkinsville GA

Stephen Earp, Shelburne Falls

www.stevenearp.com.

Steve finds inspiration in historical styles such as traditional New England redware and early blue and white delftware.

Guest:

Morgan Levine, www.morganlevineceramics.com, Brooklyn, NY

Grant Figura / Tandem Ceramics, www.tandemceramics.com, Westhampton, MA

Glen Deiter, <https://www.instagram.com/glendeiter/>, Manchester, CT

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