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## Racine Art Museum Store Showcases Regional Studio Potters

Organized by the Racine Art Museum Store, ***Mud: Handmade in the Midwest*** showcases a selection of works created by ceramists who reside in the upper Midwest region, including Karl Borgeson (WI), Robert Briscoe (MN), Sandra Byers (WI), Win Byers (WI), Paul Dresang (IL), Paul Eshelman (IL), John Glick (MI), Michael Gross (WI), Rick Hintze (WI), Randy Johnston (WI), Alex Mandli (WI), Jeff Noska (WI), and Jeff Oestreich (MN). Open March 16 through May 31, 2014, the exhibition brings together a wide array of work with an emphasis on functional works as well as products made by studio potters from two generations. All works on display will be for sale.



Randy Johnston  
Teapot, noborigama natural ash glaze with kaolin flashing slip  
Stoneware, 10 x 9 x 6 inches  
Photography Courtesy of the Artist

The pieces range from the small-scale hand-carved porcelains of Sandra Byers to the utilitarian dinnerware and serving pieces of Paul Eshelman. A special grouping of

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vintage works created by John Glick from the 1970s through the present are a particular focal point of this display. In addition, two deceased artists, Margaret Ponce Israel and Toshiko Takaezu - with whom the Racine Art Museum has had close relationships over the years - will be represented by functional and sculptural pieces. Works by Glick, Johnston, and Oestreich are also featured in current exhibitions devoted to selections of ceramics from RAM's permanent collection in the museum's galleries. Takaezu's masterwork, *The Star Series*, is also included in these shows.

The Museum Store at the Racine Art Museum offers beautifully designed and impeccably crafted work by talented artists and craftspeople from across the country and around the world. Store hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 am - 4:45 pm and Sunday, Noon - 4:45 pm. The RAM Museum Store is closed Monday. For more information, visit [ramart.org](http://ramart.org) or call 262.638.8200.

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#### **RAM at 10 | Growing America's Craft Collection**

This year marks the Racine Art Museum's 10th Anniversary in Downtown Racine. Visitors are invited to discover stunning exhibitions that shine a light on RAM's achievements over the past decade and predict an even brighter future.

Together, the two campuses of the Racine Art Museum, RAM in downtown Racine at 441 Main Street and the Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts at 2519 Northwestern Avenue, seek to elevate the stature of contemporary crafts to that of fine art by exhibiting significant works in craft media with painting, sculpture and photography, while providing outstanding educational art programming.

Docent led contemporary craft and architectural tours of the museums are available. Both campuses of the Racine Art Museum are open to the public Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and are closed Mondays, Federal holidays and Easter. RAM is open Sunday Noon - 5:00 pm, while Wustum is closed Sundays. An admission fee of \$5 for adults, with reduced fees for students and seniors, applies at RAM. Admission to Wustum is free. Members are always admitted without charge to either campus.

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