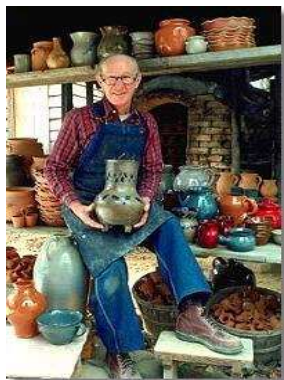


Seagrove Pottery



Rolling hillsides, grazing cattle, tobacco barns, old mills, a covered bridge, quaint clapboard churches, and pots ... lots and lots of pots, this is Seagrove, North Carolina! Their claim to fame is their 200-year-old plus history as a pottery making community. Seagrove Pottery began as a result of abundant raw materials, and the town's proximity to "Plank Road", which ran from Cross Creek to Salem (now Fayetteville and Winston-Salem). The old wooden planks are long gone, and although it may sometimes appear otherwise, time has not stood still in "pottery country". Seagrove is now home to over 95 potteries, where you can find everything from simple cups and bowls for daily use, to museum quality works of art, and everything in-between. North Carolina Potters are featured in Nieman Marcus, Bloomingdales and the Smithsonian Institute.

Ben Owen: Ben Owen III is a potter from Seagrove, North Carolina. His forefathers came to North Carolina from England as early as 1756 to ply their craft and furnish storage jars and other utilitarian wares for the early settlers. Ben's grandfather, master potter Ben Owen, Sr., admired early oriental pottery displayed in museums and collections and translated those works into his own style of pottery. He worked as a potter at Jugtown Pottery in the early to mid 1900's. Ben the III's work was influenced by his grandfather's style at an early age. He studied pottery from 1977 to 1983 as an apprentice with his grandfather and, later, at East Carolina University from 1989 to 1993. Like his grandfather, Ben III's pottery reflects a foundation of traditional designs as well as oriental translations.

Fireshadow: A visit to Fireshadow Pottery is an invitation to explore creative one-of-a-kind distinctive ceramic art for your home and garden. Not only will you see beautiful pottery with an array of colors but Sally & Mo will invite you down to their studio overlooking their gorgeous Koi pond surrounded by flowers and pieces of pottery tucked in all around.

TOUR DETAILS: Tour will depart from the Carolina Hotel at 1:30 pm. Once in Seagrove, the group will visit numerous studios including that of world renowned potter, Ben Owen and Thomas Pottery, where they will view actual throwing and wheel demonstrations. Guests will have the opportunity to make purchases, which can be shipped at an additional price. Tour will return to the Carolina Hotel at 4:30 pm.

Price is \$55/person for a 4 hour tour, includes lunch, expert guide & gift. (6 person minimum)

Price is \$30/person without lunch.

Please dress comfortably casual.

Transportation: Based on number of guests. Please inquire for pricing.

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