

# Brother Thomas Bezanson

## BIOGRAPHY

- 1929** Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- 1950** Graduated from Nova Scotia College of Art and Design.
- 1951–58** Worked in business. Advisor to the Nova Scotia Handcraft Centre.
- 1953** Began pottery, with the encouragement of friends Foster and Sandy Beveridge, potters, and Fritz Weber, ceramic engineer.
- 1958–59** Traveled and studied in Europe.
- 1959** Entered the Benedictine Monastery at Weston Priory, VT.
- 1968** Graduated from University of Ottawa with a Master's Degree in Philosophy. Awarded University Gold Medal.
- 1976** Visiting lecturer at Alfred University School of Ceramics in Alfred, NY.
- 1978** Traveled in Japan and met with five "National Living Treasure" potters.  
Traveled to Taipei as a guest of Dr. Paul Chiang, Director of the National Palace Museum.
- 1983** Awarded National Endowment for the Arts grant.
- 1985** Became Artist-in-Residence at Mount Saint Benedict in Erie, PA.
- 2007** Died at Mount Saint Benedict in Erie, PA.



## MUSEUM & GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

- 1972** G. W. V. Smith Art Museum, Springfield, MA
- 1974** St. Mary's University Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
- 1980** G. W. V. Smith Art Museum, Springfield, MA
- 1982** Pucker Safrai Gallery, Boston, MA
- 1983** Pucker Safrai Gallery, Boston, MA
- 1984** Pucker Safrai Gallery, Boston, MA
- 1986** Carlyn Gallery, New York, NY  
Galerie Kieff, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 1987** Pucker Safrai Gallery, Boston, MA  
New Acquisitions Gallery, Syracuse, NY
- 1988** Pucker Safrai Gallery, Boston, MA  
Mount Saint Benedict, Erie, PA  
Olin Museum, Roanoke College, Salem, VA  
Thronja Gallery, Springfield, MA
- 1989** Mead Art Museum, Amherst College, Amherst, MA  
Seton Memorial Gallery, Saint Peter's School, New Brunswick, NJ  
Pucker Safrai Gallery, Boston, MA  
Bennington Museum, Bennington, VT
- 1990** Dee Erlien Gallery, Milwaukee, WI  
Pucker Safrai Gallery, Boston, MA  
Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA
- 1991** *The Continuing Search for the Beautiful*, Pucker Safrai Gallery, Boston  
*Brother Thomas: Vessels from 1980 to 1990*, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia  
*Collecting American Decorative Arts and Sculpture, 1971–1991*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 1992** *Recent Gifts*, Pucker Gallery, Boston, MA  
Nada/Mason Gallery, Northfield Mt. Hermon School, Northfield, MA
- 1993** Queensborough Community College Art Gallery, Bayside, NY  
*Vessel and Visions*, Art Complex Museum, Duxbury, MA  
Canton Art Institute, Canton, OH  
Benedicta Art Center, College of St. Benedicta, St. Josephs, MN  
Dimock Gallery, George Washington University, Washington, DC
- 1994** Catharine G. Murphy Galleries, College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, MN  
*Of Measures Beyond the Perfect*, Pucker Gallery, Boston, MA
- 1995** *Gifts from the Fire II*, Pucker Gallery, Boston, MA
- 1997** *Gifts from the Fire: The Ceramic Art of Brother Thomas*, St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, PA  
*Continuity and Renewal*, Pucker Gallery, Boston, MA  
*Gifts from the Fire: The Porcelains of Brother Thomas Bezanson*, Brauer Museum of Art, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN
- 1998** Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
- 1999** *A Time for Celebration*, Pucker Gallery, Boston, MA  
Green Gallery, Akasaka, Tokyo, Japan  
*Reflections from the Fire*, Museum of Fine Arts, Springfield, MA
- 2001** *The Beauty of the Seen*, Pucker Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2003** Southern Vermont Arts Center, Manchester, VT  
*Visions in Cloth and Clay*, Sagendorph Art Gallery, Keene State College, Keene, NH  
*Creator of Luminaries*, Pucker Gallery, Boston, MA  
*40 Years of Ceramic Art*, Harrison Gallery, Williamstown, MA
- 2004** *From the Earth: The Ceramic Art of Brother Thomas*, Soufer Gallery, New York, NY
- 2005** *How Great is our Joy!*, Pucker Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2006** *The Journey and the Gift*, Mount Saint Benedict Monastery, Erie, PA  
*Porcelains by Brother Thomas*, Soufer Gallery, New York, NY
- 2007** *The Sacred Deed: The Art of Brother Thomas*, Pucker Gallery, Boston, MA  
Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada
- 2008** *Porcelains by Brother Thomas*, Soufer Gallery, New York, NY
- 2009** *Brother Thomas: Tenmoku Masterworks*, Pucker Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2010** *Art of the Spirit: Ceramics by Brother Thomas*, Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA
- 2011** *Porcelain Creations*, Soufer Gallery, New York, NY  
*Ablaze with Spirit: Brother Thomas' Copper Glazes*, Pucker Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2013** *Beauty of Form: The Ceramic Art of Brother Thomas*, Pucker Gallery, Boston, MA

## SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- Aidekman Art Center, Tufts University, Medford, MA
- Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH
- Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, PA
- Art Complex Museum, Duxbury, MA
- Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
- Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Beaverbrook Art Gallery, New Brunswick, Canada
- Bellerive Museum, Zurich, Switzerland
- Benedictine Sisters of Erie, Erie, PA
- The Bennington Museum of Art, Bennington, VT
- Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, TN
- Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College, Cambridge, MA
- Canadian Museum of Civilization, Hull, Quebec, Canada
- Canton Art Institute, Canton, OH
- Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA
- Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA
- Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH
- Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH
- The Commonwealth School, Boston, MA
- Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, Smithsonian Institution, New York, NY
- Currier Gallery of Art, Manchester, NH
- Davis Museum and Cultural Center, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA
- Dimock Gallery, George Washington University, Washington, DC
- Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA
- Everson Museum, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
- Fleming Museum, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
- Fogg Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- Framingham State College, Framingham, MA
- Gardiner Museum of Ceramics, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- G. W. V. Smith Art Museum, Springfield, MA
- Hokkaido University, Hokkaido, Japan
- Holderness School, Plymouth, NH
- International Museum of Ceramics, Faenza, Italy
- Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
- Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA
- The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
- Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN
- The Mint Museum of Craft + Design, Charlotte, NC
- The Museum of Ceramic Art at Alfred University, Alfred, NY
- Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
- Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe, NM
- Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- Museum of Fine Arts, Springfield, MA
- Musée Bernard Palissy, France
- Neustadt Museum, Landsberg Am Lech, Germany
- Newark Museum, Newark, NJ
- Osaka Municipal Museum, Osaka, Japan
- Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA
- Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
- Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ
- Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME
- Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC
- Roberson Center for the Arts and Sciences, Binghamton, NY
- Rose Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- Sackler Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
- Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara, CA
- Snite Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
- St. Edmund's College, Cambridge, England
- St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York
- Tel Aviv Museum, Tel Aviv, Israel
- Tikotin Museum of Japanese Art, Haifa, Israel
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
- Vatican Collection, Rome, Italy
- Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England
- Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, MA
- Windsor Castle, Windsor, England
- Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA
- Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT
- Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ