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Artist Statement

I have always valued art as a way to escape. Even before I started taking art classes in high school, being able to create something always provided me with a mindless distraction from everything around me. Especially intricate and detailed designs would help relieve my stress and give me satisfaction in the design I would create. I appreciated it, even more, when I got to high school and was able to take Clay and Sculpture as well as Jewelry and Metals. My art class was always my favorite period of the day because I could finally turn off my brain and create. Even if I was having a stressful day, carving a design onto my piece or throwing something on the wheel would melt all my stress away.

Taking Clay III this year has offered me new experiences and has taught me some new skills. I was able to create many more pieces on the wheel this year which became my favorite way of creating pottery. I was also able to experience my first wood firing with a couple of my coil pots, one of which is in this exhibit. Clay III has provided me with challenges, but more importantly, with learning experiences and opportunities for me to continue creating artwork that I love.