



Vale Craft Gallery
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Michael Arnold

Michael Arnold grew up exploring the oak thickets of the Hill Country around Austin, Texas and it was there that his love of trees, bugs, and birds began. His career interests took him away from earlier artistic pursuits but he soon learned to express himself in kinetic explorations. Working with such contemporary dance/performance artists as Deborah Hay and Sally Jacques, Arnold performed for over 15 years in Austin and across the country. The rigors of dance encouraged Arnold to find new forms of artistic investigation. In the late 1990's, he began experimenting with clay, both via hand-building and wheel-work. Since moving to Chicago in 2002, Arnold has been studying at Lill Street Art Center where he developed his own authentic style. The sculptural "bird baths" and "bird pots" in this show incorporate numerous manufacturing methods, various glazes and express Arnold's love of the outdoors. Michael Arnold currently live in Evanston, Illinois with his partner and muse, Andrew Causey and their two poodles, Augie and Lola.