

## Anderson Arts Center Gift Shop—Featured Artist Series

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Michele Lyons



**"MY WORK IS INSPIRED BY  
NATURAL AND HUMAN FORMS,  
LIFE, AND BEAUTY**

**Medium:** Clay ([samples, page 2](#))

**Education:** College of Lake County, UW-Parkside

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Michele began working with clay as a hobbyist in 1986 while attending evening pottery classes. After her youngest child started kindergarten, she re-turned to college as a part-time student.

She received her Associate of Arts, graduating with honors from the College of Lake County. She transferred to University of Wisconsin-Parkside where she earned her BA in Art, ceramics concentration—graduating with honors in 2004.

"I have found myself consistently drawn back to working with clay because of the process and its versatility. It is a living medium that literally offers

connection to the earth.

"Artwork is an extension of myself, drawing upon personal experiences and my outlook on life, constantly evolving and changing as life does. I prefer to celebrate life and its cycles.

"Because I often work in series, the opportunity arises to employ distinct processes and subject matter. This allows me to move freely between creating utilitarian forms and sculpture, striving to include natural themes in each endeavor.

In the "LadyVase" series, I have integrated my love of hand building to create forms that are individualized and blend the traditions of vessel and sculpture.

Her work has been exhibited in group and juried shows in Lake County and Kenosha. Current works can be found at the Anderson Art Center, ARTcetera, and Twigs.

