



An image by artist Steven Gootgeld from his 'Arts and Architecture' show.

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## Gootgeld celebrates 'Art and Architecture'

Staff report

In celebration of the Taos Art and Architectural Festival, The Taos Gallery is showcasing the works of award-winning local artist, ceramicist Steven Gootgeld. His work will be on view at the gallery from now through July.



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■ **When:** Now through July

■ **Where:** The Taos Gallery, 133 Bent St.

■ **Admission:** Free, public invited

■ **Information:** (575) 758-3911

as June brings a town-wide celebration of arts and architecture being the featured artist at The Taos Gallery feels like a natural and appropriate fit, as well as a lot of fun."

Gallery owner Jan Mellor added that visitors to the gallery with an architectural background or interest in architecture give Steven's work a lot of attention and respect commenting on his eye for design, his mastery of the clay, construction and what he can do with his glazes, the release continues. Mellor added that when the gallery artists get such respect and recognition for their craft from their peers it is often as meaningful to them as receiving an achievement award.

"My latest sculpture is based on my fascination with personal psychology and quantum physics," Gootgeld says. "Out of my dedication to personal growth, my abstract work represents an archetype of the breakdown/breakthrough model and a reconsideration of time, space and matter, and a dose of romance. I choose a title for a new piece based on the studied idea, resulting in a monolithic beacon for the heart and mind, and visually beckoning the viewer to enter the sculpture as if it were a microcosm of reality."

The artist goes on to say that "collectors of my work, both national and international, have commented on how the name of a piece offers just enough vagueness that they can experience the sculpture from different perspectives on different days. This allows a reconsideration of the idea behind the sculpture; that way the piece remains a fresh experience every time it is viewed. I have developed a technique of layering glazes over multiple firings, offering a visual depth that is rarely seen in ceramic works. As a result most pieces take several weeks to complete."

Gootgeld was recognized as a Living Master by the 2009 Fall Arts Festival Taos Invites Taos committee and most recently won Artslant's Showcase international juried exhibition for January and March 2010.

The Taos Gallery is located at 133 Bent St. For more information, contact Mellor at (575) 758-3911 or visit online [www.thetaosgallery.com](http://www.thetaosgallery.com) or [www.taosartexperiences.com](http://www.taosartexperiences.com).