

Mother-daughter duo are masters in clay



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Carver County needs to meet Ione and Ria Roland.

Daughter and mother share artistic passions and talents, and their homes in New Germany and Mayer are both galleries and workshops.

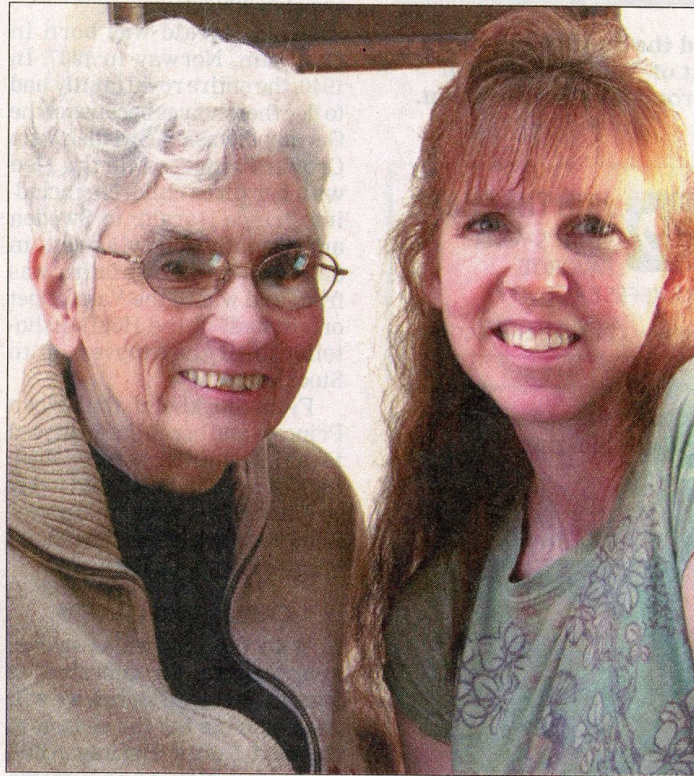
For the past dozen years, Ione and Ria have partnered in RiCreations — Ria and Ione Creations. They are masters with clay—earthenware, stoneware and porcelain. They shape and cut clay. Some pieces are finished with smoke in garbage cans.

They carve, fire, glaze and paint vases of all sizes and decorate with intricate ornamentations and rich colors. Ione paints on glass and silk as well. Did you know there are different kinds of silk?

Both women carve and paint tiles. They have exquisite paintings in watercolor and oil. Blanc de Blanc in Wayzata sells their white clay pieces. They have commissioned work and Ione has a number of private students.

Ione knows and loves art is all forms.

For 35 years, Ione and her



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Ione, left, and Ria Roland have created a business centered on their love for ceramics.

husband, Noel, owned Ceramic Art Supplies, Inc. — a Minneapolis wholesale and retail business. She was too busy to dedicate much time to her own art, but, self-taught, she became comfortable working in all media. China-painted dolls was big business then, and she taught many classes. As a child, Ria was surrounded with art and joined in the creativity.

Ione has started a new venture partnering with artist Nancy Frosetch, in a new medium, metal— silver and gold. They are designing and mak-

ing jewelry.

She recently completed a new blond-glazed handmade wine bottle holder to feature wine made from cold hardy grapes for a local winery. She is also working on a 3-foot vase, carving into it Kabuki figures.

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