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Rookwood Pottery has partnered with businesses for over a century to create custom awards and gifts. We continue that tradition today, with a team of skilled artists, sculptors and designers committed to working with our clients to bring their vision to life. From steins and sculptures to desk accessories, art tiles and vases, the shape of the expression is open to your imagination.

A piece of Rookwood Pottery is the perfect way to commemorate a significant milestone, build your business and communicate your own attention to quality. Designed exclusively for you, a gift of Rookwood Pottery speaks of a long tradition of artistic merit guaranteed to be displayed for years to come.

## The Legacy of Rookwood Pottery



As one of the most coveted luxury brands in America during the 20th century, Rookwood's art pottery and architectural designs were renowned for their brilliance and quality. In Cincinnati, Rookwood's studio was the center of cultural life and a popular tourist destination. It was what every visiting celebrity and dignitary wanted to see. It was where every art student dreamed of working. It was the place that put Cincinnati, Ohio and America on the international artistic map.

Founded in 1880 by Maria Longworth Nichols, Rookwood Pottery was the first female-owned manufacturing company in the United States. From the beginning, Maria expected her hobby pottery shop to be exceptional. She hired a team of famous artists, talented art students and glaze technicians and encouraged them to exchange ideas and experiment. In less than a decade after its founding, Rookwood surprised the international art community by winning the Grand Prize at the 1889 Exposition Universelle in Paris. This international attention transformed the world's perception of American art, paving the way for the American Art Pottery Movement of the early 20th century.



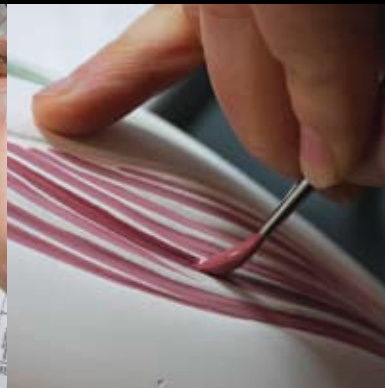
## About Rookwood Today

The Rookwood Pottery Company prospered for years, yet fell victim to dramatic changes in the U.S. economy and the public's ability to sustain artistic brands during such downturns. Yet the company never truly went away.

The company's assets, including over 3,000 master molds, secret glaze formulas, company notes, and perhaps most importantly, the Rookwood trademarks, were archived by several entities until a Michigan Rookwood collector, Dr. Art Townley purchased the remaining Rookwood assets in 1982. His personal sacrifice and belief that such an iconic brand could not be maintained overseas, preserved the history, the art and the prestige of the Rookwood Pottery Company.

In 2004, Dr. Townley found a passionate group of investors, who showed the commitment to keeping the brand in Cincinnati and restoring the brand to its glory. This agreement returned Rookwood to its city of birth.

Today, Rookwood Pottery provides artisan quality products - art tile, art pottery, corporate gifts and special commissions - for designers, architects, homeowners and businesses.



## Rookwood Craftsmanship



By combining our extraordinary attention to detail, a team of internationally celebrated artists and a proud history of excellence, Rookwood once again is setting the standard for design and ceramics.

The Rookwood process is a synergy of chemistry and art. Our glaze chemists and artists work closely together to produce works of art that are as innovative as they are creative. Our proprietary clay formulas use the finest materials available and are designed with the unique needs of Rookwood artists in mind. From the first inspiration to the final product, the Rookwood process centers on the artistic expertise of our craftsmen, artists and chemists.

The result is art pottery that delights, inspires and encourages discussion, celebrating each moment uniquely.



## **The Deloitte 100 Award Series**

*Commissioned by Deloitte LLP*

### **The Carl H. Lindner Award for Entrepreneurial and Civic Spirit**

This custom award is presented to one person each year that personifies strong leadership, business success and civic involvement characterized by Carl Lindner in Cincinnati. Designed and handcrafted by Rookwood artists, the design of this remarkable award is bold and impressive. It is a true reflection of a lifetime of accomplishment.

### **The Deloitte 100**

This award is presented each year to the one hundred largest privately held companies in the Cincinnati area. A coveted recognition, the Deloitte 100 applauds the contributions these businesses make to promote Cincinnati's economic vitality. Handcrafted from the finest materials, these pieces speak to the hard work behind each unique success story.

### **The Rising Star**

Presented by Deloitte at their annual Deloitte 100 ceremony, this award is reserved for businesses on the rise, honoring the recent success and future potential of a select group of companies in Cincinnati.





## The Soaring Sow Award of Excellence

*Commissioned by Fresh Sausage Specialists*

Rookwood artist Roy Robinson designed this impressive stein to tell the story of Fresh Sausage Specialists' beginnings in Cincinnati. The intent was to increase competition among the sales staff and reward the top 30 sales people with a uniquely designed gift.

This limited edition piece succeeded in creating a considerable amount of excitement on the sales team, and Fresh Sausage sales increased.



## The Great Living Cincinnatian Award

*Commissioned by the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber*

This remarkable award is presented each year to the recipients of the Great Living Cincinnatian Award for outstanding contributions to the community. Inspired by the diverse blend of historic architecture in Cincinnati's vista, this custom design celebrates the legacy of great Cincinnatians.



“It was a great honor for me to be named in 2009 by the Chamber of Commerce as a Great Living Cincinnatian for devoting so much of my career to community service in the great city of Cincinnati. It was one thing to get this high honor but it was another to receive a magnificent piece of Rookwood Pottery that is so identified with the city and so highly treasured by those who appreciate such fine pieces.”

PAUL M. FLORY

*Tournament Chairman*

WESTERN & SOUTHERN FINANCIAL GROUP  
MASTERS AND WOMEN'S TENNIS OPEN



THE HOOKWOOD POTTERY COMPANY

## **Kataro Shirayamadani Monkey**

*Commissioned by the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber*

The original Rookwood monkey was carved by famed Rookwood artist Kataro Shirayamadani in 1928 and has been prized since its creation. Mr. Shirayamadani is one of the most famous and sought after ceramic artists in history. Born in Kanazawa, Japan in 1865, he worked at Rookwood Pottery from 1887 to his death in 1948.



The Rookwood Pottery Company recently created a limited number of these monkeys from Kataro's original molds. During a trip to Japan the pieces were given by the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber to Japanese companies interested in extending business interests to Cincinnati. This "monkey" is a priceless, one-of-a-kind creation that embodies the history, elegance and style of The Rookwood Pottery Company's legacy.



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## Great American Ballpark, CBTS Luxury Box Bathroom

*Commissioned by CBTS, a Cincinnati Bell Company*

Designed by Rookwood artist and CEO Christopher Rose to incorporate contemporary and classic Rookwood designs, this custom bathroom features a combination of modern shapes, Cincinnati Reds designs and architectural molding. The room features a decorative border of original Mr. Reds tiles accompanied by dimensional tile designs that elevate an ordinary bathroom to the extraordinary.



CBTS also awarded 150 custom Mr. Reds tiles to guests and clients commemorating Opening Day, as engraved on the back of the tile.

“Our custom Cincinnati Reds Rookwood bathroom is my favorite part of our private suite in Great American Ballpark. The bathroom blew my expectations away and I love showing it off to guests and clients we entertain.”

JOHN BURNS  
*President*  
CBTS



“Thank you for the exquisite Rookwood Pottery vase which you sent me. Rookwood Pottery Company has a proud tradition of excellence and innovation, and I am pleased to add this fine piece to my collection. It will serve as a constant reminder of the universal truth, “Strength in Unity”, a sentiment which should always guide us.”

EHUD OLMERT  
*Prime Minister*  
STATE OF ISRAEL



## Gifu Bowl

*Commissioned by the Office of the Mayor of Cincinnati*

Commissioned in honor of the City of Gifu, Japan's 120th Anniversary, Rookwood artists chose the form shown here to symbolize the continual cultural exchange and friendship between Cincinnati and Gifu. The exterior of the bowl is decorated in a traditional vellum matte glaze with hand-carved Japanese inscription while the interior is decorated in a contemporary crystalline blue glaze inspired by Gifu's Nagara River. This bowl is one of many projects commissioned by the Office of the Mayor of Cincinnati. Other pieces have included gifts for the Prime Minister and President of Israel, the Mayor of Kharkiv, Ukraine, the Bürgermeister of Germany, and the Mayor of Düsseldorf, Germany.

“Thank you for providing the beautiful ceramic piece that I presented to the delegation from Kharkiv, Ukraine on their recent visit to Cincinnati. Upon their return to Kharkiv, they presented it to Kharkiv Mayor Dobkin and the City of Kharkiv. Gifts such as these are a memory of our cherished relationship between Cincinnati and Kharkiv.”

MARK MALLORY

*Mayor*

CITY OF CINCINNATI



## Printemps Collection

*Commissioned by Deloitte LLP*

Named for the French word for spring, the Printemps Collection captures the beauty of a leaf in bloom in an organic interpretation of Deloitte's culture and contributions to the community.

Commissioned to decorate Deloitte's corporate lobby complete with both Rookwood art and pieces from other Cincinnati artists, Rookwood artists Gary Simon, Allan Nairn and Terri Kern felt it was important to celebrate the diversity of spring, the triumph of a plant's growth, a consequence of many leaves working together to create a single sustainable result.







## Walnut Hills High School Hall of Fame Award

*Commissioned by Walnut Hills High School Alumni Foundation*

The alumni from Cincinnati's prestigious Walnut Hills High School commissioned Rookwood to create an award that would honor the extraordinary graduates from their past. This remarkable piece of custom Rookwood art was inspired by the classical architecture of the high school itself and by the school motto, "Sursum ad Summum, Rise to the Highest."

“The Walnut Hills High School Alumni Foundation chose Rookwood Pottery to design and create an award that would honor our inductees into the Walnut Hills High School Hall of Fame. Their artisans created an award that truly represents the icons of our rich classic architecture where Rookwood is showcased as well as the recognition of scholarly pursuit. The three dimensional award captures the essence of Walnut Hills and the design of the award is classic and timeless which will serve our future inductees into the Hall of Fame.”

DEBORAH FELDMAN

*Executive Director*

WALNUT HILLS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI FOUNDATION



## Boy with Dolphin

*Commissioned by Cincinnati Woman's Club*

Created by Rookwood Master Sculptor Gary Simon, the Boy with Dolphin Figurine is an adaptation of an original Rookwood Fountain by renowned sculptor Clement Barnhorn. The original fountain was created for the Prince George Hotel in New York City in 1905, depicting the ancient Greek myth of a boy riding on the back of a dolphin. It was exhibited as a modern masterpiece in architectural expositions from New York to Chicago, before being offered in Rookwood's 1912 Architectural Faience catalog. Commissioned by the Cincinnati Woman's Club to reflect their own beloved Boy with Dolphin Rookwood Fountain, this piece has been updated with grace, simplicity and a supreme attention to the detail and beauty found in the original.

“The experience of working with the Rookwood staff has been exciting, creative, and eminently successful! The sculpted Boy with Dolphin Figurine is beautiful, and has been well received by our membership and our market.”

SUZANNE LOSEKAMP

*President*

CINCINNATI WOMAN'S CLUB







## Charles M. Meyer Rookwood Vase

*Commissioned by The Corporation for Findlay Market*

Created from original Rookwood mold 6332, this vase was initially designed as a pitcher by Rookwood's Art Director and Vice-President John D. Wareham in 1932. In searching for a shape for this particular piece, today's Rookwood artists were struck by the rarity of its form. With a strong silhouette and an unusual combination of both straight and soft lines, the design of the shape borders on contemporary while allowing the focus of the piece to rest on the inscription. Hand-carved by Rookwood's Master Sculptor, Gary Simon, the vase carries his cipher on the bottom of the piece, along with the traditional Rookwood trademark, the date and new shape number.



“We wanted a corporate gift for a retiring Chairman of the Board that resonated with the same undeniable uniqueness, richness of history, and outstanding quality that Findlay Market is famous for. That is why we asked the internationally renowned Rookwood Pottery Company to design and produce our gift. We were not disappointed. The gift we commissioned is very special and enduringly lovely. It will be treasured and admired for generations.”

ROBERT J. PICKFORD

*President and CEO*

THE CORPORATION FOR FINDLAY MARKET

## Moerlein - Rookwood Stein Series

*Collaboration with Christian Moerlein Brewing Company*

The Moerlein - Rookwood Steins are artisan work at its finest, celebrating the heritage and renaissance of Cincinnati's historic Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. After selling out to the public in a matter of hours, the 1st Edition of this series sold for \$2,000 in the annual Germania auction of 2007. These collector pieces are marked with signatures of the artists, the signatures of Rookwood Pottery and Christian Moerlein company presidents as well as the Rookwood trademark, date and mold number.



“When I approached Rookwood with an idea for a stein, I had no idea how much I would enjoy the entire experience. I loved collaborating with the Rookwood artists and watching my concept come to life. The end result was a beautiful piece of art that truly reflects my company’s mission. Not to mention that the piece has already been a hit in the collector’s market, increasing in value more than ten times the purchase price.”

GREGORY HARDMAN  
*Owner and CEO*  
CHRISTIAN MOERLEIN BREWING CO.



## Commemorative Tiles

Combining the artistry, quality and craftsmanship of a Rookwood tile with the concept of our client, Rookwood's commemorative tiles are dynamic, collectible works of art. Perfect for a special event, fundraiser, anniversary, award or gift, our artists will help you create a meaningful and unique expression that represents your cause and reinforces the quality of your message. Rookwood also offers our clients the option to inscribe the back of the tile with a quote, a motto or an expression of their choice.







## Collecting Rookwood

### *Rookwood Marks and Artist Ciphers*

Each piece of Rookwood Pottery carries our signature system of markings including the Rookwood Pottery trademark, the shape number, production year and the signature of the artists for custom pieces. We take our markings very seriously at Rookwood, which has added significant value to our products in collector's markets around the world.

The distinctive styles and talents of our artists are one of the most intriguing aspects of Rookwood Pottery and its collectibility. Decorated and custom pieces are always signed by the cipher of the artist.



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#### Current Artist Cyphers



Roy Robinson



Allan Nairn



Terri Kern



Gary Simon



Christopher Rose



Mike Vallair



Jim Robinson



Jon Williams



Marsha Williams



Deborah Smith



Anna Scheid



Simon, Nairn & Kern