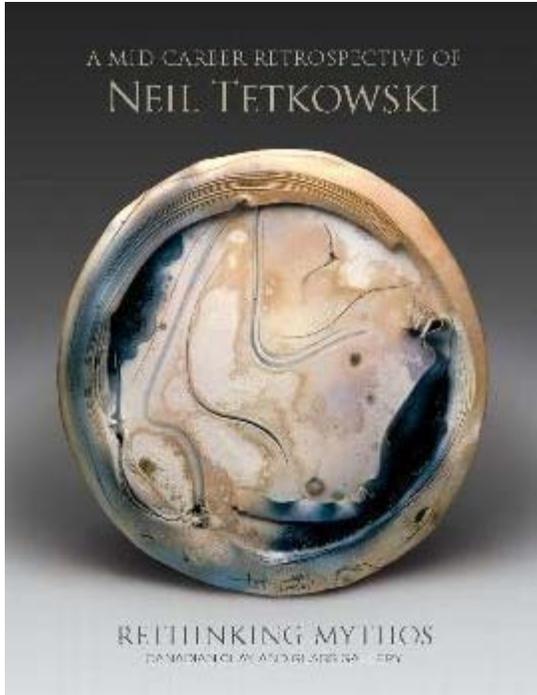


Retrospective of work by Tetkowski 77 displayed in Ontario, Canada gallery

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A retrospective exhibition of work by Neil Tetkowski, AU Class of 1977, is currently on view at the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.

“Rethinking Mythos: A Mid-career Retrospective of Neil Tetkowski” represents Neil’s nearly 40-year career. The range of the featured works includes ceramic sculpture, photo and video installations, and monumental works included in the “Common Ground World Project.”

Gallery notes read: “... While Tetkowski’s clay works are full of gesture and ripping abstraction, his sensitive addition of colour creates a feeling of illusory depth that is unique. This collection of works explores the evolution of his work beginning with circular works that are altered, broken and reassembled in endless variations, moves through to his more conceptual works. Tetkowski has become known for his environmentally inspired large-scale clay mandala discs and performances involving clay installations of various kinds. One such work, *The Common Ground World Project*, took the artist the better part of five years, in which he used raw clay material from 188 different countries.”

Neil’s material of choice comes directly from the earth. Most often he uses clay, which he believes is the perfect medium to express his relationship to the natural environment.

His work has been exhibited at the International Art Biennale, Beijing, China. Additionally, he has received numerous grants and fellowships including a Ford Foundation grant. His artwork is widely published and placed in permanent collections of 45 museums including the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Museum of American Art, in Washington, D.C., and the Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo.

“Rethinking Mythos” continues through Sunday, June 21. The gallery, at 25 Caroline St. North, Waterloo, Ontario, is open Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.

Neil is currently director of university galleries at Kean University, Union, NJ.