

He also makes a variety of vases, pots, boxes, birdbaths and pieces of various sizes, shapes and colors. Many are imprinted with design from our extensive collection of printing blocks and found objects. Some of the pieces are designed so that they can be combined together in various ways to make larger structures. All are suitable for outside use in a garden setting. The prices depend on the detail work and size.



Recently he has been constructing butter boxes that can be used to store butter at room temperature.



Be sure to see his show that begins the first of July, 2006. Please E-mail, call or visit for further information.

## About Gene P. Reck

Gene P. Reck was born in Chicago, Illinois and attended grade school In Chicago, Wayne, Brighton and Wyandotte. He attended high school in Chicago. He studied at the University of Illinois, University of Minnesota and Brown University and began teaching chemistry at Wayne State University in Detroit in 1965. Since then he has lived in at various times in Detroit, Bloomfield Township, Birmingham and Franklin. He retired from research and teaching to Cross Village in 2000. Ceramics and surface coatings has become his passion. He builds his work from rolled slaps of clay, hence is what is called a hand builder rather than a wheel worker. As you may recall, Chemistry is all about matter and energy and their possible transformations. As a Ceramicist he uses clay and glazes (fundamental materials of the earth) and heat (most common form of energy) to produce objects in the Arts and Crafts tradition that are both useful and pleasing. Ceramics connects the ancient and the modern. He has developed a series of great lakes fish platters using no lead, high fire glazes suitable for cooking and serving. The prices range from \$20 for the small fish, \$40 for most of the others and \$60 for the largest platters. Examples of some of the various glaze colors are shown below.

