

## Christy Weiser, Tempe

Weiser graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Kansas City Art Institute. She has served as an artist in residence at the Hillside Community Center in Portland and also the Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts in Helena, Montana. Today she works as a potter and has been a teacher of ceramics at the New School for the Arts and Academics in Tempe for more than 17 years. Weiser has also maintained a ceramic studio in Tempe for more than two decades with her husband and fellow ceramics artist, Kurt Weiser. Their son Garth is also featured in the exhibition.

*Weiser says, “My clay pieces and pen/ink drawings are inspired by my environment. The mark making on the clay work is the texture patterns I see in the landscape of my neighborhood tree bark, fences, pavers, and flowers. The pen and ink drawings are a collage of many different plants, trees, grasses and seed pods that are abundant in my environment and neighborhood.”*

**Do you have a favorite public art or architecture piece in Tempe?**

*“The walking bridge over Tempe Town Lake designed by Laurie Lundquist. The reflecting lake water and metal as you walk across the bridge... I like the comfortable feeling of strength of the bridge.”*