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Australian potters visit USI, New Harmony

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Two Australian potters are spending about six weeks in southern Indiana in an "international exchange" sponsored by Leonard E. Dowhie, University of Southern Indiana professor of art, in cooperation with Craft Australia, which is equivalent to the National Endowment for the Arts in the U.S. USI, the University Art Department, and Schnucks Markets are among several sponsors who have helped make the visit possible.

Dowhie described the pair -- Martha Jabour of Sidney, a ceramic sculptor, and Andrew Parker of Uralla, who creates functional pottery -- as mid-career artists participating in a residency in which they can explore their work in a different environment.

They work at the Blaffer Pottery Studio in New Harmony, Indiana, when they are not lecturing or visiting area schools and programs interested in their work. Their stops have included the Mid-America Arts Conference, Indiana University, University of Evansville, and several area schools.

A farewell reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, October 27, at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, where the pieces they have created while visiting southern Indiana will be on display. In the meantime, Dowhie said, the public is invited to stop by Blaffer Studio to watch them work and chat with them about pottery or Australia.

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