

Beatrice Wood - 1893-1998.

Wood studied briefly at the Academie Julian in Paris, then became involved in theatre until she met Marcel Duchamp contributing drawings & text to Duchamp's avant-garde magazines, *Rogue & the Blindman*. In 1933, she purchased a set of luster plates and took a course at Hollywood HS to make a matching teapot. She studied with Glen Lukens at the USC in 1938, and then in 1940 with the Natzlers. She began producing unique and personal pieces.

In 1983 the Art Galleries of CSU at Fullerton held retrospective of the artist's 66 years of work. Other touring retrospectives took place in 1985 & 1990. During the 90s, she added some of her best known glaze work. Until shortly before her death she was producing at least two one-woman exhibitions.

Wood received numerous honors: 1983 Ceramics Symposium Award - Institute for Ceramic History; 1987 outstanding-achievement award - Women's Caucus for Art in 1987; NCECA honors; and the American Craft Council Gold medal on her 100th birthday. She was named "living treasure of CA" in 1984.

She took part in 100s of exhibitions since the 1930's from small craft shows, to the Venice Biennale. From 1981 on, she was represented by the Garth Clark Gallery. She continued to write, publishing many books. In 1993 she was the subject of an award winning film *Beatrice Wood: Mama of Dada*.

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