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Standards, and Guidelines for Pottery—please adhere to these Standards and Guidelines to ensure that jurying work at Wesleyan Potters is consistent.

- **Bottoms** or feet must be smooth to the touch. They must be free from of any kiln wash on the bottom.
- **Rims** must be free of burrs and sharp edges. All rims must relate to the function of the pot. Example: Casserole rims must be sturdy enough to withstand repeated use. Drinking vessels should have a comfortably smooth rim.
- **Handles** must have no sharp edges and be joined to the pot without cracks.
- **Covers** must fit with minimal play. Potters must request a lid tag and be placed on all lids. Teapot lids should have minimal movement when pot is tipped for pouring.
- **Surfaces** Eating surfaces must be able to be thoroughly cleaned. For other surfaces, unless something is part of the design, they must be free of sharp edges or burrs. Potters must request an appropriate label if needed. If the piece is NOT FOOD SAFE or NOT WATERTIGHT it must be labeled. Pieces with roughness and texture are acceptable but functional pieces may have not sharp points on places where mouths might touch.
- **Function** Piece fulfills the function it was intended for. For example, if meant to sit on a flat surface it will not wobble. Warpage is accepted as part of the design, but it must not interfere with the intended function of the piece.
- **Seams** on any pieces intended to carry liquids must be watertight without any leaking, weeping or bottom seepage. Potter MUST test a seamed piece for leakage before submitting for jury and indicate that the piece has been tested.
- **Cracks** - NONE!! No "S" cracks in the bottom of a pot. No cracks (no creases or folds that appear as cracks) anywhere on the pot. However, raku-ware and sodium silicate pieces with surface cracks as part of the design or techniques are an exception.
- **Recycled Materials** may not be used on vessels intended for food or beverage use. This excludes Recycled Clay.
- **Adhesives** may be used to adhere decorative pieces to a pot, but adhesives MUST NOT BE VISIBLE. Labels must be requested if not food or dishwasher safe.
- **Lamps** must be wired properly, using new wire and bulb sockets. Lamps must have bulbs and shades so that they may be lit when on the floor. Lamp shades must fit properly and compliment the lamp base in style, size, and color.
- **Glazes** must be appropriate to the function of the pot.
 - No bare spots or crawling unless it contributes to the aesthetic of the piece
 - Very few internal pinholes if meant for use with liquids or foods
 - A minimal number of pinholes are acceptable but popped blisters (larger than pinhole) with sharp edges will not be accepted.
- **Potters must indicate and request labels for “not food safe”, “not watertight”, “no microwave” and “wash by hand” or any other special instructions when work is submitted.**