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## **Art show to feature member's diverse styles of pottery**

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### **Creative Arts Association of Lakewood Ranch hosts show, sale on Saturday**

LAKEWOOD RANCH — Wilma Kroese wanted to express herself artistically. She tried her hand at painting watercolors but became dissatisfied. About 10 years ago, however, a friend introduced her to a pottery class. The native of the Netherlands, who is now an East Manatee resident, found her niche.

“From there, I started exploring,” Kroese said.

On Saturday, Kroese and other members of the Creative Arts Association of Lakewood Ranch will display and offer for sale their handiworks in a show at the Lakewood Ranch Town Hall.

Kroese, a professional seamstress, learned about the association through ArtCenter Manatee and is participating in her third arts association showcase.

She has a small kiln in her Mill Creek home but prefers the kiln at ArtCenter Manatee because it achieves hotter temperatures.

“I have different styles, functional stuff and decorative,” Kroese said of the diverse selection of vases, bowls and other pottery on display at her home and what she intends to bring to the show.

She sometimes uses material other than just clay for the designs in her baked creations, such as hair from a tail of a friend's horse, driftwood and even an occasional mix of fermented flour and yeast.

She expects to have from 20 to 30 pieces for sale, ranging from small trinkets for \$10 to larger works for \$80 to \$90.

"I try to stay under \$100," Kroese said. "I'm not that high end."