

Tim Glotzbach

“The measure of a teacher is to open the doors and set the base for the student and to give them the thirst and the yearning for knowledge so that they choose to go beyond that base.”

Tim grew up in southern Indiana and pursued graphic design and advertising in college. Along the way he took jewelry and metals classes intending to open a studio upon graduation. Prior to his senior year, he helped teach a freshman class and fell in love with education. He ended up in graduate school and taught in upstate New York in an undergraduate program. In 1981, He came to Eastern Kentucky University and taught in the jewelry and metals program. Tim says, “I’ve been a maker my whole life. I happened to grow up on a farm where we made and prepared. I think part of that was having uncles that were carpenters and brick masons and having a great-grandfather who was a woodworker. Maybe some of that was in my being, I don’t know. And so, I have a mixed background, love education, have been involved in administration...but really it’s been a unique journey.” Tim Glotzbach earned a Master of Fine Art in Jewelry/Metalsmithing from Southern Illinois University. He is the former director of the Berea College Student Crafts Industries and former dean of the Kentucky School of Craft. He was awarded the Rude Osolnik Award for outstanding individual efforts in crafts advocacy and education, and excellence in personal design and workmanship. He has served on many state and national craft-related boards. He continues to consult in areas related to craft development and has returned to studio work in retirement.