

**Visit Nationally Recognized Potters in
Western Massachusetts**

5th Annual Tour

Saturday and Sunday

July 30-31 10 AM - 5 PM

Back Roads + Great Pots + Summertime

The Hilltown 6 will host its annual pottery tour and sale Saturday and Sunday, July 30-31, from 10 am to 5 pm. The public is invited to visit the studios of eight nationally recognized clay artists who live and work in the Hilltowns of Western Massachusetts.

Members of the Hilltown 6 are Robbie Heidinger, Christy Knox, Michael McCarthy, Hiroshi Nakayama, Mark Shapiro, Eric Smith, Constance Talbot, and Sam Taylor.

See first hand the tools, and techniques, behind these world-class pots. Check out the studios, kilns, and settings of these talented

potters and step inside their worlds to see how their surroundings inspire their individual voices.

This year in an effort to bring new voices to the tour, three studios will feature guest artists: David Leith (photography) at Robbie Heidinger's, Jeffrey Lipton (pottery), at Mark Shapiro's studio, and Karin Noyes (polymer clay), at Christy Knox's. Demonstrations will take place as well at several of the venues throughout the day.

Enjoy the beautiful summer landscape of Western Massachusetts in a 35 square mile area between Northampton and Pittsfield. Keep an eye out for Hilltown 6 signs. For a detailed map go to www.hilltown6.com.