



**The Pittsburgh Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation Presents
The 2022 Outstanding Polish Award Luncheon
Honoring Ron Korczynski**

Date: Sunday, October 2, 2022
Time: 1:30 a.m.

Location: Edgewood Country Club

100 Churchhill Road,
Pittsburgh, 15235

Dear Chapter Member or Friend of the Kosciuszko Foundation,

The past three years have been riddled with many challenges, including Covid19, ongoing economic insecurity, and a world filled with tumult. For so long, it seems, our lives life have been filled with crisis after crisis. But finally we are beginning to look forward to happier times framed by a new normal.

With that in mind, the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Kosciuszko Foundation is resuming our time-honored tradition of hosting the annual Outstanding Polish Luncheon. Please join us in "kicking off" Polish American month by joining your fellow Poles in honoring Extraordinaire Ron Korczynski for his many achievements and contributions to the Polish community in Pittsburgh and the United States. This enjoyable and inspiring luncheon will be held on Sunday, October 2, at 1:30 A.M., at Edgewood Country Club, 100 Churchhill Road, Pittsburgh 15235.

Our honoree, Ron Korczynski, is a native of Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a Master's Degree in Art Education and taught art within the public school system for 32 years. In his early years as a potter, Ron's main body of work was creating functional stoneware pottery. However, for the past 20 years he has been extensively involved with highly decorative and functional lowfire work. His use of color and design on each individual piece he creates is both elaborate and highly decorative.

Ron's work has been featured in several notable books, including *Ceramic Design, 500 Bowls*, and *Teapots & Collectors*. Articles highlighting his work have appeared in numerous publications, including *Studio Potter*, *Pottery Making Illustrated* and *School Arts Magazine*. The 2013 Potter's Council calendar also featured an image of the Izzy, a rabbit platter, on the calendar's cover and in 2015 a Trout Platter image was used for the month of June of that same publication.

Ron has also published two books: *Birds are Near*, and *Ron Korczynski, Ceramic Artist*. Many of Ron's creations are included in museums and private collections both nationally and internationally. AMACO has added a large low-fire vase as part of their permanent collection and more recently his Carousel Horse Platter is part of the 2017 "Art of the State" exhibition at the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg, Pa. His work has appeared in many other juried, invitational and one-man shows and can be seen in many galleries around the country. Ron and his wife, Judy, maintain a studio and gallery at their home in Pennsylvania. As Chapter President Mary Lou Ellena has pointed out that "Ron is, was and has always been a true supporter of all things Polish!"