

## Mr. Guy Adamec

Mr. Guy Adamec is a Master Potter with degrees in Ceramics from Cranbrook Academy of Art, the Art Institute of Chicago and in ceramics and sculpture from Knox College in Illinois. He was an instructor and fire master at Flint Community Schools for almost 30 years and is currently an instructor at the Flint Institute of Arts where he teaches pottery, sculpture, glazing and experimental glass techniques as well as managing all kilns and firing.

Mr Guy Adamec has been the driving force of the Empty Bowl Charity Event for the Eastern Michigan Food Bank since 1992. The Empty Bowls Project, with their mission being *to create positive and lasting change through the arts, education and projects that build community*, is an international grassroots effort to raise both money and awareness in the fight to end hunger. Mr. Adamec and his students, partnering with the Flint Institute of Arts, make approximately 1600 hand made pottery bowls every year that are sold at the annual event, becoming the Food Banks Signature Event, which is their largest single day fundraiser of the year. In 2016 the total money raised was \$60,780, enough to supply 364,680 meals in a 22 county area. This event, held on the last Thursday in September, now includes donations from other groups, such as restaurants who provide soup and bread and live music venues for listening enjoyment. Mr. Adamec has, besides donating bowls for sale made plates signed by celebrities, musicians and sports figures for a silent auction during that day.

The Empty Bowls Charity, though in itself is a huge accomplishment in community service, isn't the only thing Mr. Adamec has given to his community. He is involved in numerous other ways. Being a teacher for over 40 years, he uses his experience, knowledge and expertise in education to promote the value and necessity of great education for not only youth, but keeping adults always learning and working toward their potential and goals. He does work shops and lectures in schools where he empowers children through the arts. He designs and builds public art installations for center piecing and displaying art for public viewing and in general promotes the Art Culture. His beautiful art is displayed in permanent collections at the Detroit Institute of Art, Flint Institute of Art, Cranbrook Academy of Art Museum, University of Iowa Galleries, Knox College and in numerous private collections. His art continues to give visual pleasure to tens of thousands of people. Art is not the only passion Mr. Adamec displays. He is also concerned and works as an advocate for animal welfare. The environment is another cause that Mr. Adamec is passionate about, working to clean it up and keep it clean for generations to come. He also builds houses and furniture that are environmentally sustainable. He is an active member of Buckham Gallery in Flint and co-curated a show with ceramicist Craig Hinshaw titled "Flint Water Crisis" highlighting artist's response to the toxic water crisis in Flint. Children in poverty and poverty alleviation is high on Mr. Adamec's list of causes he works for and cares about. He also helps out charities in his community by making and donating one of a kind art pieces for fundraisers.

Mr. Adamec is committed to his community and continues to serve and help where needed and when called upon. It is for all these reasons and more that the Genesee Chapter DAR is honored to present to Mr. Guy Adamec the **DAR Community Service Award**.