

## **Helen Swords**

I have always loved birds and they have always been an inspiration for me when making and decorating pots - so to have an exhibition with this as the theme gave me great pleasure and excitement and so many ideas that I found it hard to narrow them down.

We are so fortunate to be surrounded by many different types of birds where we live – some that are very colourful and others that are less, but still striking in their own way. Therefore, I have made some very bright pots with parrot themes and also ones with more natural softer tones produced from the saggar firing, using found feathers and nesting materials. My black and white decorations will also be a feature on some functional ware.