

## Tom Zumbach, Glass Artist, and Wood Worker

My artistic journey began 35 years ago when I began woodturning as a hobby. Inspired by the beauty of the woods in Wisconsin where I lived, I enjoyed sourcing exotic hardwoods and experimenting with various grains, textures and finishes. Through the years, I traveled to art shows from Michigan to Miami featuring pieces such as vases, bowls and sculptured wall pieces. Additionally, I was commissioned to create and build custom furniture and intricate staircases.

In more recent years, during my time in South Carolina, I have begun a new journey working with fused glass. It is fascinating and fulfilling to work with a completely new medium while using an endless color palette. I enjoy the challenges of creating light and movement, while also exploring complex patterns. My pieces have been said to be "elegant, earthy, organic".

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