

CAPE COD WOMEN



Susan Kurtzman

RETRO TRURO/JOBİ™ POTTERY

Through a synchronistic turn of events, Susan Kurtzman, returned to her youthful passion of pottery and design. As the owner of Jobi™ Pottery, a Cape Cod cottage industry, Kurtzman carries on the tradition of hand made, hand painted pottery begun by the original owners, Joe Colliano and Bill Hastings, in 1951.

Since buying Jobi Pottery four years ago from second owners, the Locke family, Kurtzman has been fascinated by its local history. The name Jobi is well known and respected, Kurtzman says, "I'm proud of carrying on this Truro tradition."

When someone stops her in town and calls her the "Jobi lady", she is flattered.

"I love talking with customers." She never tires of sharing Jobi Pottery's story or educating visitors about the steps in making the pottery.

Original mid-century molds are used for creating dinnerware, serving pieces, vases, mugs, and specialty items. Kurtzman paints the original minnow, cattail, pussy willow and lighthouse designs freehand. She also creates her own colorful contemporary designs.

This business is a "takes a village kind of thing," says Kurtzman. Steve Locke became her production manager and "right arm", and several local women help out in the gallery. Kurtzman says, "Even when we're closed we're here working. We encourage people to call or stop by anytime!" Open May-October 7 days a week from 10am-5pm. Weekends in April, November and December. Call or just come by!



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