

*Ebb Tide Beach*  
1982  
*Raku*



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There is no art in nature.  
Artists reveal nature through art.  
They teach us how to feel and  
think about nature. We know nature  
because we have experienced art.

Haystack, the site, nurtures a deep response. It strips away sophistication and touches the raw tissue of feeling. Haystack, the landscape, never fails to open my heart and mind. As a result, while at Haystack I feel refreshed and reassured in some fundamental sense regarding my personal dispersal into infinity. This feeling without words encourages me to engage the richness that Haystack the school offers. A richness that is born of generous humanity. At Haystack the cynic retreats allowing for the vulnerability essential to art making. Haystack teaches one to respect doubt while housing it within manageable walls.

Nature directly inspires my work. Haystack has directly inspired my work. I think of my art as a threshold across which one can step toward the sublime.