

Afghan master potter in exhibit at Five Points

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Five Points Annex in Torrington will host an opening reception Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. of its newest exhibit, "Malikzada Pottery."

The exhibit is the work of a seventh-generation Afghan master potter, Matin Malikzada, a humanitarian refugee who recently resettled in the United States.

Malikzada is internationally recognized for his technical skill and elegant designs. In Kabul, Malikzada served as head of the ceramics department at the Turquoise Mountain Institute.

He has shown his work around the world including at the Smithsonian Institute, Philadelphia Art Museum, Buckingham Palace, Japan International Museum and Davos.

A native of Istalif, Afghanistan, once a vibrant center of ceramic art and commerce, Malikzada was forced to flee Afghanistan following the Taliban takeover. Along with his family, he is now resettled in Northwest Connecticut.

The work is functional as well as decorative, glazed in hues that reflect the earth's rich, natural palette. Each piece, handcrafted and signed by the artist, is food- and dishwasher-safe.



The exhibit will continue through Dec. 17. The annex, 15 Water St., Torrington, is open Saturday and Dec. 17 from noon to 4 p.m. each day.

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