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Presents

**CHRIS SALAS**

March 21th, 2026 - April 25th, 2026

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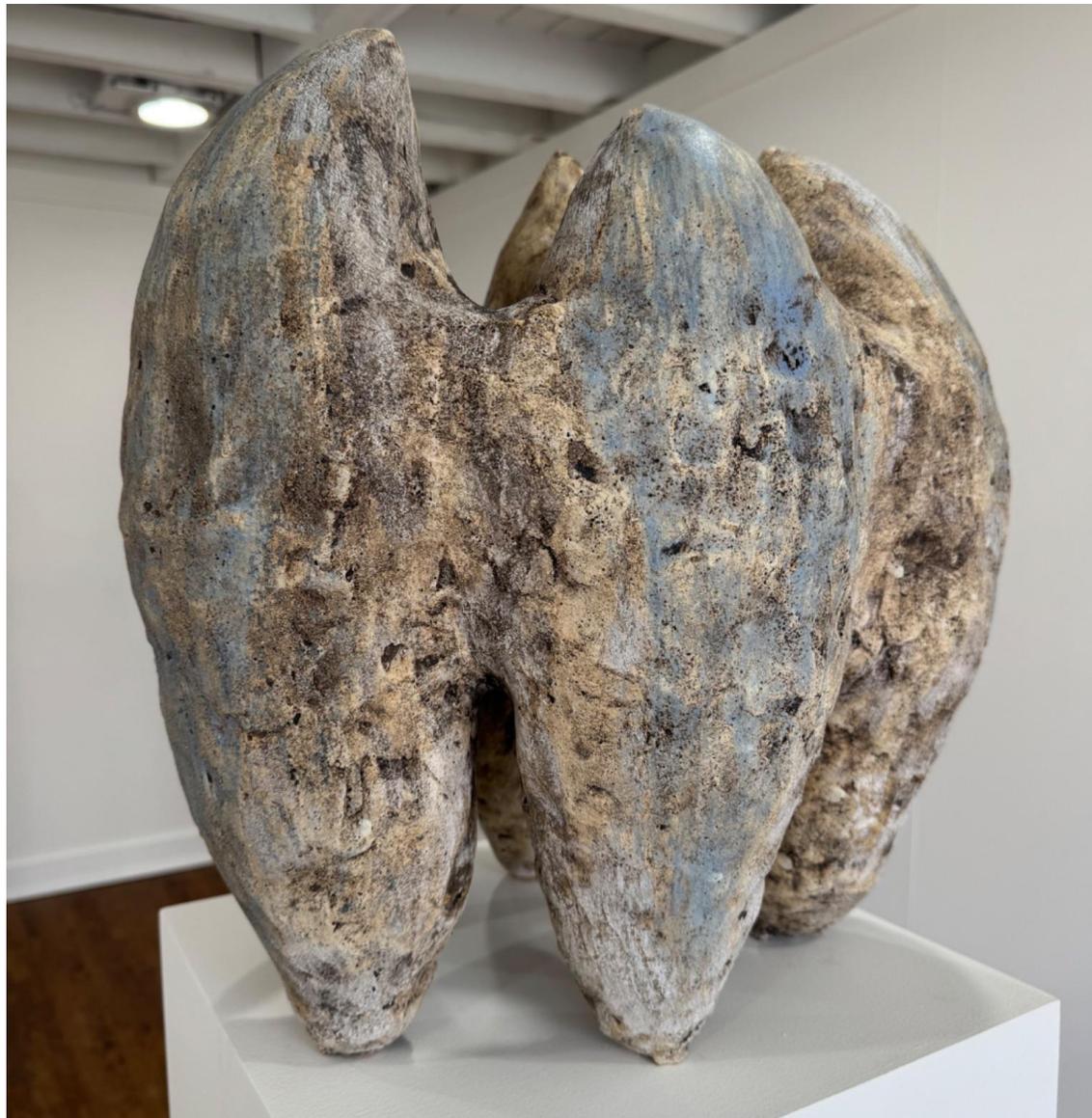
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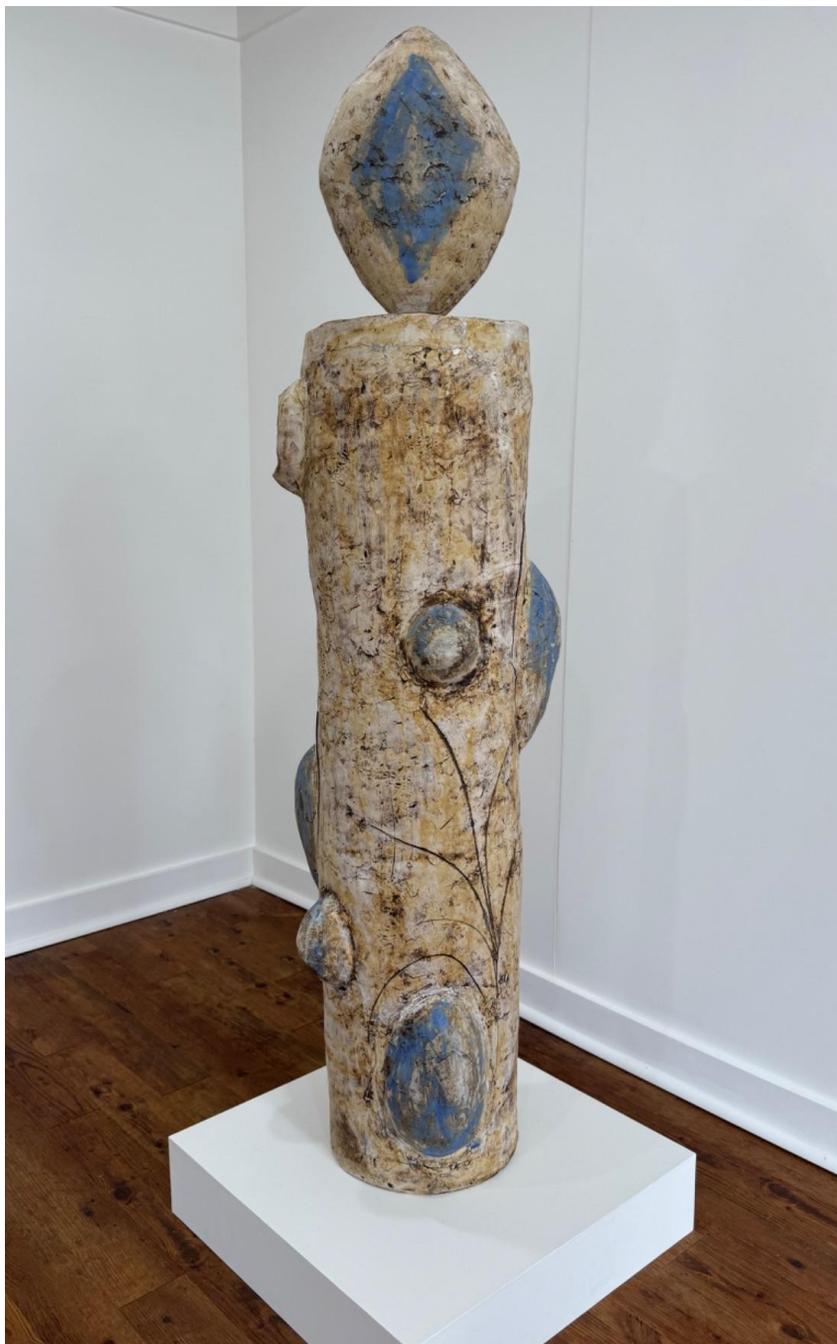
Milpa is a word in Spanish that refers to both a plot of land and a pre-Columbian agricultural practice that prioritizes the growth of symbiotic plant species such as "the three sisters", which is the name that the indigenous people of Mesoamerica give to: corn, beans, and squash. These plants work together to assist in each other's growth, and they also create a complete nutrition profile to sustain human development. The milpa system is a testament to the power of observation over time and to the intelligence of indigenous peoples.

In this exhibition, Chris uses ceramic sculpture to explore abstractions of various aspects of the milpa- the root structure, the seeds, the stalk.

Chris Salas is an artist and educator based in the Great Lakes region of the Midwest. Chris received a BA in Chemistry from Michigan State University and an MFA in Ceramics from Cranbrook Academy of Art. Chris has attended artist residencies at Northern Clay Center, Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts, Starworks Ceramics, Township10, among others. Their artwork has been exhibited nationally and internationally at Lynden Sculpture Garden, Milwaukee, Mana Contemporary, Chicago, pocoapoco, Oaxaca, Carthage College, Kenosha, 100,000,000 Space, Kansas City, among others. Chris is an Assistant Teaching Professor of Studio Art, Ceramics & Sculpture at Ball State University.



Semilla  
18 x 17 x 18 in  
\$3,500



Cultivation  
61 x 15 in  
\$6,000



Rhizome  
22 x 15 x 20 in  
\$5,000



Semilla  
2024  
Stoneware  
15 x 15 x 16.25 in  
\$3,500



Candelabra  
\$1,000



Sweet Pea  
\$400



Sweet Pea  
\$350

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