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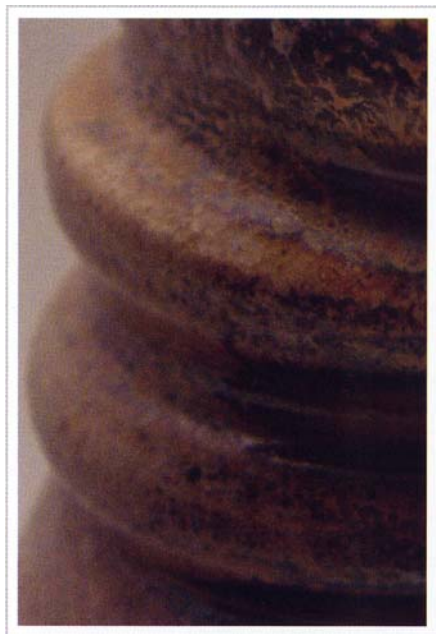
Lilach Lotan

Untitled, 2004

19 x 8½ x 5½ inches (48.3 x 21.6 x 14 cm)

Wheel-thrown and altered stoneware;
wood fired in anagama kiln, cone 12

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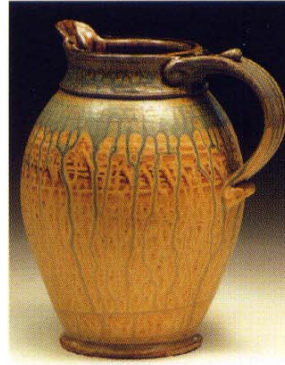
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