



# CHATTER

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## *From Sydne in Retreat Branch*

Handmade jewelry has become quite trendy and they make excellent gifts. When I started making ceramic jewelry I was quite annoyed that I couldn't glaze both sides and then I discovered Kanthal wire (element wire).

I can now glaze both sides of my pendants and string them on the Kanthal wire: I use a 1.6mm and 1.8mm wire and I can do about three firings.

I often raw glaze because it saves time and because the pendants are quite small I can take shortcuts. However, I only use a brush on glaze, it is a time consuming exercise but it works better - if you dip the glaze it will run into the hole that the Kanthal wire goes through and your pendant/bead will get stuck on the Kanthal wire.

To prop the wire in the kiln I use 3 off cut kiln bricks, I've also used props – it is important to have a prop/ brick in the middle so that the Kanthal wire does not bend.

For colour I love to use the **Gare Funstrokes Fleckles**, they fire beautifully at 1000 and 1060 degrees and you don't need to apply a glaze.

You can also fire up to 1200 but some of the reds and greens change colour, which can be quite interesting, but the Claybright and Amaco underglazes are better if you want to fire that high.

If you want to try something completely different, why not decoupage pictures onto your pendants? You can use any picture - I usually make photocopies of pictures I like ( I prefer black and white images) and transfer the photocopy image with thinners onto tissue paper , I then use podge to put the image onto the clay, and it's done! Podge is available at any craft store and it is very easy to use.

There is so much you can do when it comes to handmade jewelry, for inspiration I read books and magazines and I absolutely love the internet.

Happy potting!

## *From Montague Gardens Branch*

For those that don't already know – Kathy is our new lady at the Montague Gardens branch.

Kathy is settling in, getting to know the CPS team and the ropes and will assist you with your requirements and questions. Kathy will get to know all our regular customers and looks forward to meeting you.

We welcome Kathy to the team and wish her all the best for the future.

## *From Aafke in Somerset West*

All our old stock of GARE is still selling at R10 a bottle. The main branch in Retreat now houses the last of the old GARE glaze stock & the last of the old GARE UG underglaze range & acrylic paints are being housed at the Somerset West branch.

## **NEW to our shops!**

New AMACO stocks have just arrived! Look out in the shops for any **new AMACO products**. Should there be anything in the AMACO catalogues that you'd like, but don't yet see on our shelves, please let us know so that we can ensure we order stock for you with our next shipment.

Popular on my side at the moment are:  
41447HUG CRAYON BLACK  
41456F UG CRAYON MEDIUM BLUE  
41252J UG SET #208 CRAYON

### **NEW Bisqueware:**

CSW012D VASE – DINKY BUD NO. 2  
CEE278 BUD VASES – POT BELLY, CLASSIC & FLUTED  
CEEE3100 VASE – POT BELLIED

### **NEW Tools:**

RUBBER ROLLER 4 INCH PLASTIC HANDLE

(very useful when making your own transfers!)

11079K WHEEL PLASTIC #700

We hope to start introducing some new bisqueware & moulds this year. Keep your eyes peeled for developments & let me know what it is that you are looking for. Sometimes, even when you don't find what you are looking for on our website, we might still be able to help source what you need.



# SPECIAL

For the month of love – February we are running a special on REDS & WHITES!

CLAYBRIGHT & AMACO – red and white underglazes and glazes are discounted 5 % off the retail price for the month of FEBRUARY 2012.

Take advantage of this love and spread it around!



## FOR SALE/ WANTED

5 Cubic foot, 7kW Fox Kiln, complete with Temperature Controller, Shelves and Props. Good condition - R3 000.00

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Contact: Helen: 0827077900  
20 cu ft Kiln Contracts electric kiln (3 phase) with regulator, shelves and props. Regulator needs some attention. R 18 000.00  
Contact Val Graham : 083 349 6736.

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*POTTERY, Entire teaching studio, comprising 5 cu ft computerized kiln, two wheels, 1 wheel clockwise and anticlockwise, clay, bats, props, all tools, collectors books, wooden wedging table, prop holder. 2 stainless steel tables. and all other needs covered. Would prefer to see whole studio go not piece by piece. Retiring. Please contact Wendy for info and negotiate a price. 083 287 9333/044 533 3357. (Plettenberg Bay)*

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