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From Sydne in Retreat Branch

If you feel that you have run out of ideas or are just bored with your ceramics, we have some new, and old, products to keep you inspired this winter.

We have a new selection of decorative bisque ware if you want to add something fun and whimsical to your work. They are ideal for mosaics and they are also fun for the kids to decorate.

Our African Design books and Design packs are packed with great ideas for decorating and painting on ceramics. There's so much you can do with the images: you can use the photocopy method to transfer the images onto your ceramics, you can make your own sprigs or carve the images onto your work etc.

If you need some more technical information, I will have samples in the shop to show you.

Happy potting!

From Kathy at Montague Gardens Branch

I joined Cape Pottery Supplies in December. It has been a very interesting path so far with lots to learn...I did not realize how big the pottery industry is.

I had to start somewhere to see for myself what and how things are done...I started painting some of our bisque that we keep in our showrooms and used Claybright underglazes. Well to my surprise it came out beautifully...that was a successful first attempt!

I find Claybright underglazes to be a fantastic product, their colour range is just what the potters require to finish off their stunning artwork....

Our showroom in Montague Gardens has a wide variety of underglazes, glazes, bisque, clay etc...

Look forward to seeing you....

KATHY

From Aafke in Somerset West

NEW to our shops!

NEW Bisqueware:

Look out for bisqueware of owls, flowers, birds, butterflies, bunnies, farmyard magnets & a hippo, rhino, elephant & dragon – soon to appear on our shelves!

New AMACO products:

Raku glazes
Texture rollers – handles & sleeves now sold separately!
Celebration & Inspiration clay sticks
(Friendly Plastic – great for beadwork/jewellery)

NEW Books:

HOR084 “Techniques using Slips” by John Mathieson – see the review from Elsabe in this newsletter
HOR085 “Colour in Glazes” by Linda Bloomfield

Moulds:

We have a selection of moulds (mostly of ornamental items) that we can make for customers. We are slowly making moulds of these items so that we can cast an item, which will be photographed and put onto our website and in our catalogue. Look out for these. In the meantime, should you have any specific needs (eg. moulds of frogs), we have photographs of our master moulds we could show/send you.

TIP from a customer of mine :

Make sprig moulds from Cernit clay. As the sprig moulds are small, and Cernit is easy to use.



WORKSHOPS COMING UP AT THE SOMERSET WEST BRANCH

Porcelain Lights

Bring soft lighting to any room. Create your own personalized lights in porcelain. Come & join this

exciting workshop using slabs, texture and a clear or translucent glaze. See how these methods extend to other pieces too.

All tools and materials provided.

You will take home with you:
PLASTIC KNIFE SET & GOAT HAIR 2 INCH BRUSH

Bring found objects : lace, leaves, stamps, bark, anything that will make an impression in clay.

The course will run over 2 weeks, every Wednesday, beginning 30 May 2012 through to 6 June 2012.

Cost of the course is R 500.00

3d's 3d's - What to do?

Let Elsabe take some of the mystery out of Claybright 3D underglazes. Join her in a workshop designed to show you in a fun & interesting way what you can do with 3D's & how to work with them.

A two-day workshop. **All materials and tools provided.**

Free
3 brushes, a Claybright 3D underglaze & Funwriter nib

The course will run over two consecutive Wednesdays, 18 & 25 July 2012.

Cost of the course is R 400.00

MOULDS

Join Elsabe Nel-Harries in a two/three part slipcasting mould making demonstration & a discussion on multi-part moulds for slipcasting sculptures.

Bring along any pieces for discussions on how best to make a mould for that item.
Bring along any mould making questions you may have.

Examples of questions to be answered :
What is a master mould ?
Out of what materials should a mould be made ?
What are hump and slumping moulds ?
How much plaster does one add to plaster of paris ?
What plaster of paris should one use for moulds ?

The course is a day workshop that will run on Wednesday, 1 August 2012.

Cost of the course is R100.00.

GLAZE on GLAZE

This workshop celebrates the surprising effect of the way glazes react when applied onto one another using trailing, brush-on, resisting & masking techniques.

Learn also how to make a brush-on glaze.

Take home : One Mask & Two brushes

The course will run over 2 Wednesdays :
8 & 15 August 2012.

Cost of the course is R 400-00

Glazing

Learn everything you wanted to know about glazing your own work. Elsabe Nel-Harries will show you how to mix up your own glaze, as well as taking you through the processes of dipping, pouring and brushing-on the glaze.

Come with lots of questions – the only silly question is the one that doesn't get asked!

The items glazed in this workshop will be used in the following Firing workshop, in which the participants will all have a chance to learn about the firing process.

The course is a 2 ½ hour workshop that will run on Wednesday 22 August 2012.

Cost of the course is R200-00.

Firing

Learn everything you wanted to know about firing a kiln. Elsabe Nel-Harries will guide you through the process of packing a kiln, as well as explaining the firing process.

Questions are welcomed.

The items glazed in the Glazing workshop the week before will be used in the Firing workshop to enable participants a chance to learn how to pack a kiln.

The course is a 2 ½ hour workshop that will run on Wednesday 29 August 2012.

Cost of the course is R200-00

Inlay Design

Rediscover this traditional decorating method, but add a modern twist to it!

Inlay decorating slip into designs carved or impressed into the clay body to create an interesting visual surface.

Create your own masterpiece and be given the following items for **FREE!**

3D Applicator bottle, 2 brushes, steel scraper, Aluminium sculpture set

A two-day workshop. **All materials and tools provided.**

The course will run on two consecutive Wednesdays, 13 & 20 June 2012.

Cost of the course is R 400.00

ALL WORKSHOPS

Times: 9.30am to 12pm.
Venue : Cape Pottery Supplies
3 A Stuart Close
Somerset Business Park
Somerset West

All prices are VAT inclusive.

An exceptional spread of tea/coffee & delicious cake/biscuits will be provided !

NB : Seats are limited to 10 only - so based on a first come, first served basis.

Your payment secures your position. In the event of less than 5 people booking for the course, a full refund will be given. Refunds will be given if cancellations are received prior to the start of the course: 50% deposit if a week or less notice given, otherwise full refund.

Book now with Aafke tel: 021-852 3548
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SPECIALS

Annual Element Special - less 15 % on our standard element prices for the month of JULY 2012.

BOOK SALE LESS 15 % off our standard price for the month of June - this will help with winter blues!



From Craig's desk

With the ever escalating price of electricity the thermal mass of kiln furniture is a consideration. Cape Pottery Supplies imports

and stocks extruded hollow core shelves and mullite props. Both offer mass loss of approximately 20 % from similar products on the market which translates into direct electrical savings on every firing.

Contact our branches for further information.



CSA – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 6 August: Selection of work - Corobrik National Exhibition – St Stevens Church Hall, Belvedere rd, Claremont – 9am – 12.30pm – contact Lesley Porter (021)7021951 or 0827026951
- 25 August: Winter workshop – Rust-en-Vrede, Wellington Rd, Durbanville – contact Ralph Johnson (021)6716139 or 0833350829
- 15 September: Daphne Corregan Workshop – Presbyterian Church, Durbanville – contact Ralph Johnson(021)6716139 or 0833350829 or info@ceramics-sa-cape.co.za
- 7 – 21 October: Corobrik National Ceramics Exhibition, Pretoria Art Museum – cor Schoeman & Wessels streets.
Opening Sunday 7th at 11am
- 17 November: Potters' Market, Rondebosch Park – CSA members only – contact info@ceramics-sa-cape.co.za
- 25 November: Regional Exhibition opening – Great Cellar, Alphen Hotel – contact Lesley Porter or Ralph.



BOOK REVIEWS

Techniques using Slips – John Matthieson

Re-discover an amazing decorating method, namely decorating slips, with the help of this book.

It is full of beautiful self explanatory colour photos, recipes, hints and tips. More than enough to inspire you to go out there and try it for yourself.





2012 Events Calendar

<p>June Fill-a-Bowl, Fundraising Evening FRIDAY 1st, Cafe' Rosso, Swakopmund</p>	<p>July Exhibition Opening: Carola Lorck & Betsie van Rensburg, Friday 20th, Fine Art Gallery, Swakopmund CSA National Exhibition Entry Submission, Photos, email to PAN, SATURDAY 14th</p>	<p>August Keramos Pottery Studio students' exhibition at the Woemannhaus gallery Saturday 11th August – Wednesday 5th September</p>
<p>September Pottery Workshop: Daphne Corrigan, FRIDAY- SUNDAY 7-9th, Windhoek</p>	<p>October PAN Themed Exhibition Opening, Friday 19th, Fine Art Gallery, Swakopmund</p>	

FOR SALE/ WANTED

Closing down of business: Moulds for sale, some new, some older; 33 in total. Value R 5000.00, Selling the lot for R3500 o.n.o.
Also have earthenware bisque for sale, value R 2700, selling the lot for R1500 o.n.o.

Call June on 0795415403. Melkbosstrand

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

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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