



# CHATTER

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## BREAKING NEWS >>>>>>>>



**CPS has been appointed as the  
new importer and distributor  
of AMACO and BRENT products  
for South Africa.**

**First large container arriving  
early January.**

For indent orders please contact Tracey.

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## MORE EXCITING NEWS>>>>

Kiln Contracts has bought the business of making elements from TERRY REINDERS as he is retiring.

We wish Terry a long and healthy retirement.

We will continue to offer the quality product that Terry provided you in years past. At Kiln Contracts, we have been making elements for 25 years. We use only the finest wire from Kanthal in Sweden, who have for many years set the industry standard with Kanthal A1 which other companies have tried to emulate. For certain applications we now offer Kanthal APM which has superior firing temperatures and form stability.

We look forward to continuing a long tradition and of being assistance to you.



**ANNUAL FACTORY SHUTDOWN AND SHOWROOM HOURS OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD.**

*Please note that the Retreat showroom will be open throughout the festive season – take note of the hours below for your convenience.*

15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2010-Kiln Contracts closed – reopen on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

The Clay Man and Claybright closed, reopen on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2011.

CPS Somerset West and Montague Gardens - closed until 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2011.

CPS Retreat – open 9am – 12pm.

16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2010 - closed – public holiday  
17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2010 - CPS Retreat open 9am to 3.30 pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2010 - CPS Retreat open 9am to 12pm

20<sup>th</sup> -23 Dec - CPS Retreat open 9am to 4.30 pm

Half Days Open :  
24<sup>th</sup> Dec 2010 - CPS Retreat open 9am to 12pm

25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Dec – closed  
28 – 31<sup>st</sup> Dec CPS Retreat open 9am to 12pm

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2011 – closed  
3<sup>rd</sup> January 2011 – CPS Retreat, The Clay Man and Claybright are all back to normal working hours.

10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 – Kiln Contracts staff back to normal working hours.  
CPS Montague Gardens and Somerset West back to normal working hours.

Deliveries stop on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and resume on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011.



### ***From Sydne in Retreat Branch***

I've discovered a very informative website: Ceramics Arts Daily. This website is very important, especially if you're a beginner like myself, and even if you're an experienced potter – there is still so much you can learn. One article I found particularly interesting is: "How to sell your ceramic artwork through galleries" by Annie Chrietzberg. This article covers everything you need to know about finding and approaching the right gallery, presenting your work, how to make a good first impression etc.

We have a selection of Gare products that are now only **R10.00** while stocks last, including glazes and underglazes.

Have a look at our large selection of books available – online – [www.capepotterysupplies.co.za](http://www.capepotterysupplies.co.za) – great Christmas presents!

Hope to see you all soon, happy potting!

### ***From Greg in Montague Gardens Branch***

Warm greetings to all our readers from CPS in Montague Gardens.

I took some time looking at all the old backdated articles in our newsletter and found that after three newsletters per year, over the last eight years quite a lot of information has been covered. This makes finding

something new and interesting that much more difficult.

Many of you may be interested in the various transparent glazes we carry in stock, their uses and firing temperatures, so I thought it may be useful to put some information here as an easy reference for anyone still confused.

### **STONEWARE DIPPING GLAZES**

Ferro Transparent BG6004 1200°C (cone 5)

Clayman Lazer Transparent 1260°C (cone 8)

Clayman Versatile Gloss 1180°C – 1220°C (cone 3 to cone 6)

(NB. Be careful of using the Versatile Gloss over underglazes as it contains Zinc, which causes colours to change slightly).

### **STONEWARE BRUSH-ON GLAZES**

Claybright Translucent Brush-on Glaze 1200°C (cone 5)

Clayman Lazer Brush-on Glaze 1260°C (cone 8)

### **EARTHENWARE DIPPING GLAZE**

Ferro K300 1060 – 1120°C (cone 04 – 02)

### **EARTHENWARE BRUSH-ON GLAZE**

Claybright Spectre Brush-on Glaze 1060–1120°C (cone 04 – 02)

### **HOBBY BRUSH-ON GLAZES**

Gare Simplicity Brush-on Glaze NTG9000 1000°C (cone 06)

Chrysanthos Superior Glaze Clear SG213 980–1100°C (cone 07 – 03)

Chrysanthos Low Sheen Glaze LS073 1000 – 1060°C (cone 06 – 04)

Chrysanthos High Fire Glaze HF157 1196–1220°C (cone 4–6)

The Chrysanthos glazes come in 140ml as well as 500ml bottles. These imported hobby glazes should all be applied to bisque which has been fired up to at least 1060°C or slightly higher and not the usual 1000°C. Play safely, and be happy, Greg



***From Aafke in Somerset West Branch***

**NEW** in our branches:

In our bisqueware range we still stock a wide variety of **ornamental bisque at 15% discount** (selected items only) and have some **NEW gift sets** available for Christmas gifts: a **Nativity set** and a **Chess set**

We have **NEW books** in our shops, of which Greg has written up some wonderful reviews that can be seen on our website. Among the new books are:

**250 Tips, Techniques and Trade Secrets for Potters** by Jacqui Atkin

**The Ceramic Process** – a manual and source of inspiration for ceramic art and design put together by the European ceramic work centre

**Hand Building** by Shay Amber

**Hand Built Ceramics** by Kathy Triplett

**The Figure in Clay** – a Lark's Ceramics Book

**Ceramic Bead Jewelry** by Jennifer Heyman

**An Introduction to Southern African Ceramics:** their marks, monograms & signatures by Justin Kerrod

**Masters: Earthenware** – major works by leading artists

**A Potter's Tale in Africa** – the life and work of Andrew Walford by Neil Wright

**Slab Techniques** by Jim Robison & Ian Marsh

We have **5 NEW sets of lovely Daler-Rowney brushes** and a new range of **Prime Art Bianco brushes** – all at affordable prices. The Prime Art Bianco will in fact replace the Craft Taklon brushes, which are no longer available – and they are a better quality and cheaper price!

We also now stock two really small kiln shelves:

**SHELVES 12 x 292 x 292 mm**

**SHELVES 170 x 140 x 6 mm**

And for those unaware of the fact, our handmade raku shelves (diameter/width +/- 420mm) can be made either round or square, with or without the holes used

And once again in stock: **Bamboo Teapot Handles!**



Over the weekend of 25 – 27 June I was privileged to take part in one of five glass slumping workshops run by David and Michelle Walters. I screeched in just on time to find that the other participants had been waiting in anticipation for half an hour already! Most were a family of South African Soccer fans who were interspersing their support of the Netherlands with other family outings. They were imbued with soccer fevah, the local Franschoek grape, and much shared family fun. They knew nothing of glass or the glass slumping process, but on having the process explained to them by David and shown some finished samples, entered into the enterprise with vigour. The table was laid with a round plate and small sushi plate for each participant – each talc dusted plate having a layer of glass placed on top of it. A side table of many bottles of coloured beads stood to one side. It didn't take long before the colours enticed and the fun began. I felt like a kid in a sweet shop! We all decorated our plates with different colours and patterns (a few soccer-themed plates were made), which, once finished, were covered with another sheet of glass. David later signed our names onto the plates with platinum lustre. It takes a day to fire the plates, and another day to cool, so the collection or delivery of the finished items was organized.

Many of us became lost in the creative process and even those who believed they weren't creative or weren't sure why they were there, had a ball. Everyone thanked David & Michelle for the opportunity, some even considering becoming glass artists themselves! David & Michelle create a warm, welcoming atmosphere, serve delicious wine, cheese, coffee and cake, and unlock creativity out of everyone!

## NEW PRODUCTS/ NEWS/SPECIALS

*Just arrived :*

A new range of tools – perfect for sculptors.

More stock of The Steve Tool.

Gare stocks

More Talisman Sieves & spare screens

AMACO stock in



## CONGRATULATIONS to .....

Ferdinand Henning for winning the **CPS plastic banding wheel** in our March Potter's Market lucky draw – 1<sup>st</sup> prize.

Francois Korver won 2<sup>nd</sup> place and receives his **Claybright** set of 3 colours.



## HINTS & TIPS

1. When throwing gritty clay bodies, use sponges between your hands and the clay on the wheel. They can be real skin savers! Also, don't be shy about throwing out any worn sponges from your tool bucket. There are few things as frustrating as having a good throw ruined by bits of sponge breaking off into your clay.
2. Use a spoon or a rubber kidney to smooth out the bottoms of grogged or sandy clay bodies. This way, you reduce the likelihood that your pots will scratch counter- tops or tables.



## POTTER'S ASSOCIATION OF NAMIBIA

All our planned events for this year are over and we will only put a new calendar of events together in the New Year.

For the time PAN would wish all potters a merry Christmas, a good start into the New Year and a successful 2011.

## FOR SALE/ WANTED

Fantastic hobby opportunity!! Complete porcelain doll making equipment and accessories, kiln (top loader), slip, molds, etc. R12,000.

Phone Carol at 039-699-3254

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I have a lovely Slabroller for sale  
Area: Cape Town City Bowl.

Price: R1 500-00

Very good condition

Contact no 083 303 6025

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HARPERS KILN FOR SALE

Model T3.5 2x13 Amp 220 volt.

This kiln has never been used

R9000.00 o.n.o

John Mast 021 852 1702 Email [woodbend@iafrica.com](mailto:woodbend@iafrica.com)

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Position Available: Assistant Ceramicists

Position to start immediately

Company: Spier Architectural Arts

Contract: 3 months

Salary: R4500,00/month

An assistant ceramicist is needed in a studio in Cape Town city centre to work on a large scale Mural job requiring ceramic tile pieces, shapes and forms to form part of a ceramic and stone mosaic installation in a restaurant in London.

The assistant ceramicist needs to have strong hand work abilities, needs to have hard working abilities with good organisational and time management skills, experience in glazing and knowledge about making glazes and enthusiastic about the work they do as well as being able to work in a team.

Please contact Alex or Bonnie on 021 4659029

Or email: [alex@spierarchitecturalarts.co.za](mailto:alex@spierarchitecturalarts.co.za)

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**SAFE TRAVELLING AND WE  
WISH ALL OUR CUSTOMERS  
THE VERY BEST FOR 2011!**

