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ANNUAL HOLIDAY TIMES

Kiln Contracts (Pty) Ltd

Closed from 20th December 2007- 12pm and re-opens on
Wednesday 16th January 2008.

The Clayman and Claybright

Closed from 20th December 2007 -12pm and re-opens on
Wednesday 9th January 2008.

Cape Pottery Supplies

Montague Gardens and Somerset West branches will be
closed from 20th December and will re-open on Monday
14th January 2008.

Retreat branch remains open, however the following
hours will apply.

Thursday 20th December – 9.00am – 12pm
Friday 21st December – 9.00am –3.30 pm
Saturday 22nd December – 9.00 am – 12pm
Monday 24th December – 9-00 am – 12pm
Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th December – closed.
Thursday 27th and Friday 28th December – open
between 9.00 am to 12.00pm.
Saturday 29th December – closed.
Monday 31st December open 9.00 am -12pm
Tuesday 1st January 2008 – closed.

Wednesday 2nd January 2008 – back to normal trading
hours.

Deliveries will stop 19th December 2007 and resume
from Wednesday 9th January 2008.

Firing service:

If you wish to have items fired for Christmas, prior
to our factory shutdown, please have them in by
Monday 26th November – anything received for
firing after this may not be completed prior to our
factory shutdown and will then only be completed in
2008.



From Sydné in Retreat Branch

I feel inspired again! Having attended the
Regional Ceramic Exhibition at the Artscape
Theatre my eyes were opened to the world of
pottery. The work on display was a beautiful
and imaginative experience - well done to
everyone who entered and thank you for
giving me some inspiration.

The world-renowned Southern Ice Porcelain
from Australia has finally arrived! Our ceramist
Elsabe says it is a lovely smooth pure white
body and throws beautifully on the wheel.

Please visit any of our branches and try this
beautiful new porcelain. If you need to buy a
gift for a friend or family member this festive
season, this would be the perfect gift.

From all of us at Cape Pottery Supplies we
would like to wish you a very
Happy and safe Festive Season!

From Greg in Montague Gardens Branch

Busy, busy, busy, yes it's that time of the year. The
markets are in full swing and hopefully the big
spenders, if they have not arrived yet, are on their
way! As we all know the cogs of bureaucracy turn
slowly and our much-publicized move will only take
place in hopefully March next year. We'll keep you
posted.

As mentioned by Syd, in the branches is the Les
Blakeborough's "Southern Ice" porcelain – just love
that name! This is an extremely beautiful top of the
range porcelain body that has a firing range of
1260 - 1300°C, attaining its best translucency at

1280°C. Many of the international artists reviewed in the Ceramics Review magazine have shown items made from this body, with high acclaim. Whilst looking through Sasha Wardell's book, Slipcasting 2nd Ed. (now in stock) I found a recipe for producing slip – see page 138. We are able to either e-mail or fax this to you should you require.

Other new items on our shelves include the original "invisible" plate hangers that unlike the wire ones protect the rims of your plates. Also in stock are wax-carving sets made from surgical stainless steel and are ideal for fine detailed work. You get five double-ended tools to a pack. A great gift idea for the early Christmas shoppers.

On a personal note, I'd like to congratulate Mvika (Frederic) Ndangi, a very loyal customer, on his winning for the second year running the category for three-dimensional work in the 2007 Vuleka art competition. Ndangi, who uses the name Frederic, was born and grew up in the Congo. He supports his wife and two children by making colourful ethnic pots and vases, which he sells at the Greenpoint market on Sundays. His unusual competition entry was a legendary "kings chair" made from white stoneware clay and covered in a Springbok skin with a matching footstool. Well done Frederic! A selection of the best entries in this year's event is currently on display at the Art b Gallery in Bellville.

This just goes to show that with a little imagination and some determination you can achieve great things!

Have fun, Greg

From Aafke in Somerset West Branch

AMACO underglazes now available in Somerset West!

Some **Gare products** are still on special at **50% off**. These are beginning to sell off quickly now as my customers and I become more aware how lovely they are.

Oudekaap bisqueware (still made with clay that can fire to 1200°C) is on special **at this branch only – 25% off** marked price.

Exciting **workshops and demos** running regularly – **at this branch only!** – with the best tea! Well worth the ½ hour drive from the centre of Cape Town.

Wonderful bisque **Christmas bells, Angels, Father Christmas's and trees** to decorate – underglaze, acrylic paint or onglaze! Starter pack **Gift sets** of underglaze, mug and brush are available for the price of the mug only! New glaze boards going up soon!

Millstone Pottery is running their annual Wood-firing Jamboree on 9 November. This is always a sought after event and I thoroughly recommend it. Hope to see you there. Give me a call should you need details.

*Light, spacious, quiet, full of good conversation and laughter:
Somerset West branch is the branch to be!*



WORKSHOPS IN CPS SOMERSET WEST

THURSDAY DEMO'S

Times: 9.30am to 11am

Cost: R65-00 per person per demonstration workshop

FREE samples of various products!

Lettering Techniques	8 Nov 2007
Banding	14 Feb 2008
Temperature Controller or Cones?	28 Feb 2008
Extruders	13 March 2008
Amaco, Gare or Claybright?	17 April 2008
Porcelain	8 May 2008
Glazing	22 May 2008
Firing	5 June 2008
Slipcasting	19 June 2008

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WEDNESDAY COURSES

BOLD in COLOUR

Decorate, and get to keep, a **beautiful serving bowl worth R300.00**.

The course will run over 5 weeks, every Wednesday, beginning 13 February through to 19 March 2008, excluding 5 March 2008.

Times: 9.30am to 12pm

Cost of the course is R750.00 (VAT inclusive)

Embracing Glaze

Trained as a painter (as well as a potter) Elsabe loves using more than one glaze at a time, when decorating her pieces. Play with her and various Low Stoneware Glazes. Discover patterning and blending. Try painting with glaze – rather than underglaze – and not just covering the surface of a piece with one colour. Be a potter pointillist, impressionist or Picasso...

The course will run over 4 weeks, every Wednesday, beginning 16 April through to 7 May 2008.

Times: 9.30am to 12pm

Cost of the course is R570.00 (VAT inclusive)

NAKED CLAY

The surface of natural unglazed clay can be truly beautiful. Join Elsabe in celebrating clay in it's "naked" state. Create texture within the body of the clay itself and complement this by using oxide washes, while contrasting with smooth surface areas.

The course will run over 4 weeks, every Wednesday, beginning 14 May through to 4 June 2008 .

Times: 9.30am to 12pm

Cost of the course is R450.00 (VAT inclusive)

Impasto 3-D's

Claybright 3-D's are more versatile than just squeeze-out-the-bottle. Let Elsabe show you how to use them in an impasto style – thick, juicy, generous – in the style of a painting. Be Rembrandt, van Gogh, Auerbach!

Decorate your own functional painting/plate to take home with you. FREE: **3 brushes** and a **Palette Knife**.

The course will run over 3 weeks, every Wednesday, beginning 11 June through to 25 June 2008.

Times: 9.30am to 12pm

Cost of the course is R460.00 (VAT inclusive)



NEWS/ NEW RELEASES

MOLOCHITE is now available at our branches in 1kg packs at R 20.20.

WEBSITE COMPETITION!

Winner of the CPS Voucher for R 500-00 is :

Mrs Anna Marie Shutte of Kleinmond.

Congratulations!



CONGRATULATIONS to HYLETT ENGELBRECHT on winning the CPS Sterling Award R 2500-00 voucher at the CSA Regional Exhibition held at Artscape.



HINTS & TIPS

Oxides or Carbonates?

Which should I use, an oxide or a carbonate, to colour my glaze? When deciding on using an oxide or carbonate just remember oxide colour is more intense than a carbonate. Carbonates can effectively be substituted for

oxides by doubling the quantity of the carbonate or otherwise halve the amount of oxides. Carbonates are often recommended for colouring glazes because oxides will sometimes give speckles. So in the end it all comes down to the result you want.



From Craig's desk

Casting slip

We are often challenged by customers regarding the amount of water in our clay. Sometimes it is too hard and sometimes too soft and in this case are we just selling them water?

Water content in casting slip is very pertinent. The ideal casting slip is high in clay and low in water if it is properly balanced. A casting slip with litre mass of 1,8 kg will cast quickly, resulting in faster drying time in moulds, less saturation of moulds, therefore less wear and tear and faster turn around time in moulds. In addition, because there is less water, there is less shrinkage and the articles will be bigger.

A 10-litre bucket of slip should weigh in the region of 19kg. It takes a significantly more amount of material to raise the litre weight and if you are buying a bucket that is light then you are paying for water and not clay.

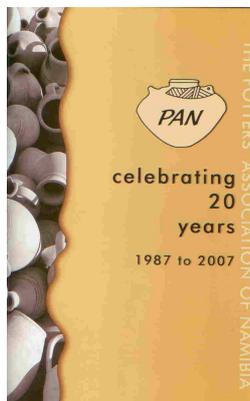
Happy Potting! Craig



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