



DECEMBER 2008



Welcome to La Mano Pottery

Making and selling gorgeous gifts is on the agenda at La Mano this month. We have a wonderful display of ornaments, vases, bowls, mugs, pitchers, and more for sale with a wide price range perfect for anyone looking for a gift with a personal touch for someone special.

Gift certificates can also be purchased. They can be used towards being a monthly studio potter, paying for someone's firing fees, or for a class.

On December 12, from 6-9 pm, is our reception for the Holiday Sale. Please join us!



OUR NEW CLASS SCHEDULE IS OUT!!

NEW WHEEL AND HANDBUILDING CLASSES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN BEGIN IN JANUARY.

WINTER 2009 CLASS SCHEDULE

One-Day Children's Workshops are a great way for your child to spend a cold winter's morning. The next few workshops have been scheduled for December 14th and January 11th, from 10:30 -12. The minimum age for these workshops is 6.

> Call the studio for more information and always check out our website for updates!

Wheel Classes Learn to use the potter's wheel to create

bowls, mugs, teapots and more.

(+\$20 banked towards firing fees)

All classes are for 8 weeks @ \$300

Tues AM Wheel Class has open enrollment so that students can

1/12 - 3/2

Mon.

Wed.

Tues.

start an 8 week session any Tuesday morning 10:30 am-12:30 pm ... the first class of the New Year starts January 13th, 2009. 1/6 - 2/24 Tues. 7pm-9pm

> 1/15 - 3/5 Thurs. 7pm-9pm Sat. 1/10 - 2/28 10:30am-12:30 pm Sun. 1/18-3/8 6pm-8pm Handbuilding Classes

1/7 - 2/25 7pm-9 pm

6pm-8pm

Create unique ceramic pieces using traditional techniques, including pinching, coils and slabs.

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1/13 - 3/3

Wed. 1/14 - 3/4 (Korean) 12:30-2:30pm Wed. 1/14 - 3/4 (Korean) 7pm-9pm 1/8 - 2/26 7pm-9pm Thur. 12pm-2pm Sat. 1/10 - 2/28

7pm-9pm

One way to create a thrown piece of a

POTTER'S TIPS: "BOTTOMLESS BEAUTIES"



a piece without a bottom. First roll out a slab with texture or smoothing it with a rib to make completely smooth. Then, at the wheel, after centering your clay, make a hole straight through to the bottom of the wheel head. Pull out and up to create the height and thickness of the piece that you want to

With a hair dryer blowing on your piece as you spin the wheel (never use a hair dryer on clay without movement of the clay or the dryer),

dry your clay a bit (about 30 seconds to a minute.) Add a little wetness to the base of the walls with a sponge and then use a pin tool sliding under the walls to trim off a little clay and

separate the base of the walls from the wheel. This water will create all the slip necessary to connect your piece to the slab.

With the slab nearby, lift your piece and transfer it to the slab. Create any shape that you want - a triangle, oval, square, etc. Smooth where the base of the wall and the slab meet and Voila! A Issue: 5

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MADE AT LA MANO...

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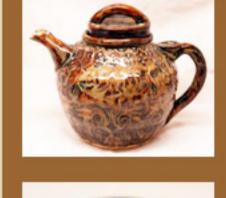


We have had a few workshops at the studio this past month and are planning more for the future because they were so successful

Peggy Clarke led a Wheel Workshop. Potters experienced throwing blindfolded which forced each person to sharpen his/her other senses in order to center and pull up the sides of his/her pot evenly. They also threw "Bottomless Beauties" (as Peggy has been referring to them). They are pots without bottoms that are then attached to slabs. See our Potter's Tip below for more information on this!

Julie Hadley, assisted by Wendy Sidewater, led her third One-Day Children's Workshop this year. The children, in ages ranging from 6 - 11 years old, explored the shapes and textures of Fall. They focused on leaves and used molds and colored slip to create wonderful bowls and platters.

Work from our studio...







shape other then a perfect circle is to throw

make. It helps to slightly indent the walls inward as they go up.

"Bottomless Beauty!" (Let your piece stand for a while without touching it to let it set. Then add any other details you desire.)

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