



LA MANO  
POTTERY



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## Welcome to La Mano Pottery

December is a busy time at La Mano. One will walk in and see all the potters at work like elves in Santa's Shop. An excited buzz is heard throughout the studio when someone comes up with a new shape, texture, or glaze color combination. A group gathers around the potter and ideas are exchanged. Another crowd is often gathered along the shelves outside our kiln room with lots of "OOOHS and AHHHS" as something is unloaded from the glaze kiln.

Giving a gift certificate towards a pottery class or towards being a studio potter to someone you care about includes all the benefits of being part of La Mano: learning about ceramics and meeting new people. One can come in from the cold and warm up in the studio around creative people - a great place to relax from the stresses of the outside world!

Please check out our schedule below for adult and children's classes.

We hope you will join us on Friday, December 11th, from 6-9, for our Holiday Party & Sale. There will be tons of great gifts to purchase for your friends and family - ornaments, casseroles, bowls, mugs, and more!!

Happy Holidays!

Yours in Mud,  
Julie, Peggy, and Diane

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### \*Tween Wheel\*



Due to popular demand, we are adding another Tween Wheel Class to our schedule on Tuesdays! (We currently have one on Wednesdays.) Both classes meet from 3:30-5:30 and are 10-week sessions. Ages 9 and up are recommended. Check out our schedule for dates. Call the studio to register your child or for more information.

### 'Tis the Season!



La Mano's annual holiday party will be on **December 11th from 6 until 9 pm**. Please plan to stop by for a glass of holiday cheer and some wonderful shopping.

Handmade unique works of art such as ornaments, bowls, plates, mugs, vases and much more will be on display and for purchase-all made within our studio.

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...and become a fan!

### FEATURED ARTIST



Peggy Clarke is our featured artist this month. In the window of the studio and in our gallery, you can see an array of Peggy's recent work which includes a study of small porcelain teapots and a series of large hand-coiled vessels that Peggy calls her "yoga bodies". Here is how she describes these pieces and what they mean to her:

"I discovered ceramics quite by accident about 10 years ago and I was immediately hooked on the technical challenges, the creative outlet and the mental focus that clay offers to its students. In a very different way, studying clay has taught me some of the same lessons that practicing yoga has. These two disciplines, while physically demanding at times, are as much about finding balance and listening to yourself as they are about achieving a particular outcome. Yoga and ceramics have helped me to 'get centered'.....to 'be flexible'.....and to 'accept change'.....in such delightful and unexpected ways. This past year, I combined my two passions and created a series of 25 hand-made ceramic vessels that represent the bodies of my yoga students. In constructing these pieces, I pay tribute to the beauty, grace and strength of my students whose influence on my life has been profound. Each piece was constructed of coils or slabs and lovingly formed --- to reflect the energy and spirit that I witness in every class I teach."

Peggy is one of La Mano's owners and also teaches pottery classes in our studio. She teaches 9 yoga classes a week, ranging from advanced vinyasa classes to basic classes in yoga and meditation. Peggy is a member of the faculty of FIT.

Her beautiful work is on display in the front window at the studio throughout November. You can also check out her work on our website: [www.lamanopottery.com](http://www.lamanopottery.com)

### POTTERY TIP OF THE MONTH



We always recommend putting on hand moisturizer when leaving the studio. Working with clay easily dries up your skin. We recommend "Babies Bums." A cream developed by one of the potters at La Mano. Check it out at Stiggly Holistics ([www.stiggly.com](http://www.stiggly.com)).

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### Class Schedule

Classes are for 8 weeks at \$300 (+ \$20 firing fee) unless otherwise noted. For more information, [see below](#).

#### Wheel Classes | Winter 2010

Day	Dates	Time	Notes
Monday	1/4-2/22	6-8 pm	
Tuesday AM	1/5-2/23	10:30am-12:30pm	
Tuesday	1/5-2/23	7-9pm	
Wednesday	1/6-2/24	7-9pm	
Thursday AM	1/21-3/11	10:30am-12:30pm	
Thursday	1/7-2/25	7-9pm	
Saturday	1/9-2/27	10:30am-12:30pm	
Sunday	1/10-2/28	6-8pm	

#### Handbuilding Classes | Winter 2010

Day	Dates	Time	Notes
Tuesday	1/19-3/9	7-9pm	
Wednesday	1/13-3/3	7-9pm	
Thursday	1/7-2/25	7-9pm	
Friday	1/8-2/26	4-6pm	
Saturday AM	1/16-3/6	12-2pm	

#### Tween Wheel Classes

Day	Dates	Time	Notes
Tuesday	1/12-3/16	3:30-5:30pm	10 weeks, \$375 (+ \$10 firing fee) ages 11 and up recommended
Wednesday	1/13-3/17	3:30-5:30pm	10 weeks, \$375 (+ \$10 firing fee) ages 11 and up recommended

### More work by our featured artist...



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