



Finally! A true spring in NYC! The flowers have been planted in our storefront garden that is tended to by studio potter, **Kate Burns**. If you look a little closer you will see the mosaic teapot that has sprouted there as well - created by potters **Bob Pesce** and **Wendy Sidewater** - just in time for THE BIG POUR!

The Big Pour is our annual month-long show featuring all pots that pour, and the potters who have made them, at our studio. The exhibition will be up all of May and the reception will be on Friday, May 7, 6-9pm. We hope you can join us - sangria for all! Thank you **Cynthia Malaran**, a new student to La Mano, for being the creative mind behind all of the witty and motivating posters and invites!

In our gallery this month are cityscape oil paintings, by **Diane Waller**. Our featured Potter of Month is **Sacha Jones**.

Last, but certainly not least, is the exciting news that La Mano Pottery now has online registration!!!! You can register for classes by going to our website, www.lamanopottery.com where our Spring & Summer schedules have been posted. Maybe you or someone you know will be able to sign up for one of our classes!

Yours in Mud,
Diane, Julie, and Peggy

POTTER OF THE MONTH

Sacha Jones is April's Potter of the Month:

"Pottery for me is like a resting place, a place to get out of my head and breathe. It's corny to say it's about getting centered, but there is such a truth to that cliché for me. It is at the pottery studio, much like in yoga, where I find a sense of personal peace.

Part of my pleasure with pottery is creating something with a person in mind; I love to imagine that person as I work, putting positive energy into their piece. I like to wedge my clay 108 times, and when I stir the glazes I do so in multiples of nine, always trying to think good thoughts. It's a bit magical to me I suppose.

I have been very drawn to the spiral, the symbol of the Wise Woman, and so prolific in nature, and when working on the wheel, the spiral organically appears. I like to exaggerate that and make it very visible, using it as my signature and sometimes inside a piece, as its statement. The spiral is a reminder of life ever evolving. My work outside of pottery is in the healing arts and I love to work with herbs. The earth and her well-being are always at the forefront of my thoughts, and again it is this image of the spiral that to me serves as a reminder to take care, to tread gently. It's such an honor to have this opportunity to celebrate my work as a potter."



Sacha's work is currently on display in our storefront window and gallery. You can also see photos of her pottery on our [website](http://www.lamanopottery.com)!

The Big Pour!

Save the date for the reception:
Friday, May 7, 2010
6-9pm



This is our annual show of teapots, pitchers, and other pots that pour. As always there will be a wide range of colors, shapes and sizes to choose from. (They make great Mother's Day presents!)

On display for the entire month of May.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Try looking around your home and office for tools that might be used for interesting texture on your next clay creation. The patterns created by bubble wrap, the grip pattern on a knife handle, a sea shell, or the design on the bottom of a sneaker can make a piece of pottery even more unique.



Spring & Summer Class Schedule

Upcoming classes include:

Wheel | Late Spring

Monday	05/10-06/28	6-8pm
Tuesday	05/04-06/22	10:30am-12:30pm
Tuesday	04/27-06/15	7-9pm
Wednesday	05/05-06/23	7-9pm
Thursday	05/13-07/01	7-9pm
Saturday	05/01-06/26	10:30am-12:30pm (no class 5/29)
Sunday	05/09-07/11	6-8pm (no class 5/30+7/4)

Wheel | Summer

Monday	07/12-08/30	6-8pm
Tuesday	06/29-08/17	10:30am-12:30pm
Tuesday	06/22-08/10	7-9pm
Wednesday	06/30-08/18	7-9pm
Thursday	07/08-08/26	7-9pm
Saturday	07/10-08/28	10:30am-12:30pm
Sunday	07/18-09/12	6-8pm (no class 9/5)

Handbuilding | Late Spring

Tuesday	05/11-06/29	7-9pm
Wednesday	04/21-06/09	7-9pm
Thursday	05/20-07/08	7-9pm
Friday	05/14-07/16	4-6pm (no class 5/28+7/2)
Saturday	05/15-07/17	12:00-2:00pm (no class 5/29+7/3)

Handbuilding | Summer

Tuesday	07/06-08/24	7-9pm
Wednesday	06/16-08/04	7-9pm
Thursday	07/15-09/02	7-9pm

Kid's Handbuilding

Thursday	05/06-06/24	3:30-4:45pm
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(8 weeks/\$248/ages 7-11)

Kid's One-Day Handbuilding Workshops

Sunday	May 16	10:30am -12pm
Sunday	June 16	10:30am -12pm

(\$50 per child/\$75 for 2 siblings)

Visit www.lamanopottery.com to register online now or call the studio at **212-627-9450**.

WORKSHOPS



The next One-Day Sunday Workshop for Children will be on May 16th, 10:30-12, \$50 per child, \$75 for 2 siblings. This is a great way to get a taste of what working with clay is all about without having to sign your child up for a semester's long class!

Coming soon...workshop for adults that will focus on clay sculpting with armature!