

Until the end of this year (December 31st 2009) we are offering 10% discount on orders over £30 to anyone you refer to www.clayaround.com who has not bought from us before (and they will get postage free). And you will get 10% discount on your next order as a thank you. How it works – email us at offer@clayaround.com with the name and email address of the person you are referring, and be sure that both of you sign up to the website so we have your details – and we will do the rest.

Note:

There has been a security breach on OSCommerce shopping carts worldwide. Your details are safe. The hacker may, however, cause the shopping cart to send you emails, despite there being no question of them knowing your details. Any legitimate emails from ClayAround will be signed by me, Penny Vingoe. If you receive any emails from ClayAround.com that do not have my name on them, then delete them and under no circumstances click any links. (Incidentally, this newsletter is from me, Penny Vingoe!) Meanwhile, the developers are working on securing the web carts.

My friends seem to have spent the last few weeks mass producing jewellery out of polymer clay to sell before Christmas. One said to me ‘you know I really want to sit down and do some serious work with my clay – to make something special, more complicated and satisfying’. I know what she means. I read of so many people who are actually bored by making multiple pieces which must pragmatically be quick to make and saleable (mine have been large textured buttons made out of Studio clay). So this weekend together with those friends I am going to do some serious cane making.



And of course here is an opportunity to remind you like minded people that if you are really truly into serious claying, attending Sandra McCaw’s workshop in Nottingham on 23rd and 24th January 2010 is a must. (<http://www.picturetrail.com/sfx/album/view/22479711> - just email Helen Cox at zaroscat@boltblue.com if you are interested) Helen tells me there are one or two places left but you will have to be quick – the remaining places are being snapped up very fast. Give yourself a New Year present – or get your nearest and dearest to treat you as your Christmas present! I will certainly be there.

I also want to commend to you a very classy website that you may not have found yet. <http://www.voila.eu.com/> is a sophisticated website developed by Christine Dumont and which is packed with information and images of polymer clay. I have a friend who is a clarinettist and every time he hears a real expert he says ‘I am going to throw my clarinet into the river’ – well when I see some of the work displayed I feel the same way about my claying! Christine is a delightful lady who is promoting polymer clay in Europe. Do sign up to her website and contribute to the discussion.

www.clayaround.com is thriving and to my delight we are getting lots of positive testimonials. Do have a look around our site too and see what new stock we have. We have just received some little bead

rollers which make beads without fingerprints and a clever little gauge comes with them so you can cut exactly the right amount of clay every time.



So give your creative friends some clay for Christmas! I gave a friend some Kato samples recently and she was delighted. There is no better way to proselytise about polymer clay and share your addiction.

“It is better to have enough ideas for some of them to be wrong, than to be always right by having no ideas at all.” Edward de Bono

I hope the Christmas Season is peaceful and creative for you.