

go from muddy to marvelous this May

THIS MAY, POTTERS ARE OPENING THEIR STUDIOS FOR A HOT KILN TOUR
MARK YOUR CALENDARS—THERE'S AN ANNUAL POTTERY FESTIVAL IN OCTOBER TOO—A DAY TO SEE CLAY

story and photos by Jeanné Sager



The tour will run all day on Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entrance to each studio is free, and the whole family is invited. But be sure to bring your wallet—the potters will have all their wares on sale.

EARTHGIRL POTTERY

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"I create my pottery in a 100-year-old barn, overlooking a sparkling spring-fed pond. I am thrilled



every time I take a piece of clay and make something new. I find the remarkable beauty of throwing on the wheel completely absorbing.

"My pottery is all functional, but ranges in style from vases with attached handblown flowers and crisp apple canisters to sophisticated dinnerware and serving pieces to jack-o-lantern cookie jars that I watch you move around your kitchen."

"You can see my inspirations in my work: our neighborhood farm animals, folk art holiday decorations and my late grandmother's incredible collection of clovers. My color palette comes directly from my gardens, the charrusee of spring, deep brick brown of the soil and the riot of bright colors that stretch to the skies in the summer sun."

"All of my work is functional, food safe and will keep you happy. Custom orders are possible. Come and visit, see where my pots are born. Earthgirl pottery—guaranteed to deliver an instant smile."

Studio is open year round—by appointment or chance.

FROM JEFFERSONVILLE: Take Wily Road 3 miles to Callicoon Center (follow the double yellow line). At the stop sign, turn left onto The Gulf Road. Take the second right, Bayer Road, up the hill to #92. The driveway is long, and the studio is located in the old barn behind the house.

FROM ROSCOE: Make a left on the Golf Road and travel 1.5 miles through Callicoon Center turn right on Bayer Road—continue as above.

CHRIS PARROW POTTERY

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"My goal is to create beautiful wheelthrown functional pottery bowls, mugs, vases, pitchers, lamps, planters, berry bowls, etc., and I make hand-built decorative and pictorial pieces as well. The highly-fired clays are glazed in a variety of colors and techniques, using layered tones and textures to create an interesting surface. You will find hand-painted and stenciled botanical motifs, traditional colorful spongeware, and Catskill landscapes in clay. I hope my pottery creates a sense of connection to craftsmanship and to the beauty of nature, and gives joy in using it in your home everyday."

Open year-round. Please call ahead. Visa and MC accepted.

DIRECTIONS: Take a scenic ride to the Boudnot Reservoir on Rt. 55 between Grahamville and Nanauchoh. Turn onto 55A at either end. Stay on 55A to Lackawack. Turn Right. About 1/2 mile left on Lackawack, go left on Twins Haven Road. Continue 1/2 mile to blue mailbox 218 on right.

CECILY FORTSCUE CERAMICS

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Cecily Fortscue is an English-born environmental lecturer who became a potter 30 years ago. I specializes in free-form one of a kind hand-built pieces, some of them very large. Superimposed by

of glazes give her work unusual depth of color although the exterior of the large bowls is often left unglazed in order to achieve an organic and sculptural look.

Cecily's studio is located in an old farmhouse, off the beaten track, with a beautiful view. Her work can also be seen at the Catskill Artists Gallery at 58 Main Street in Liberty. When not creating clay masterpieces, she can be found playing musical ones on WFF-Radio Catskill. The host of Afternoon Classics is also a master of the viola and the tennis racquet.

Studio is open year round. By appointment only. FROM CALICOON: Use 97 to the blinking light turn up the hill and then immediately right on Hospital Road. Go 9 miles to a red dirt road that angles up the hill to the right and follow to the end.

SUNSHINE POTTERY

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"As a child I was introduced to clay by watching a master Japanese potter throw huge urns out of a standup kick wheel. He allowed me to touch the spinning clay with wet fingers and a sensation became known to my being.

"My early fascination with classic forms still influences my direction. I work on the potters' wheel throwing classic porcelain urns and vessels. I vary the theme with a range of colors, textures, functions and sizes.

"I studied and apprenticed and taught at the Silvermine Guild School of Art in New Canaan, Conn. As a result I learned all the basics of creating pottery from clay and glaze mixing to firing kilns. I have been potting for 20 years. Today, I own and operate Sunshine Cottage Bed and Breakfast and I am a founding member of the Catskill Artists' Gallery in Liberty."

Studio is open year round. By appointment only. DIRECTIONS FROM 178: Left to 52 West into Lake Huntington. Right on CR116 left on Ranch Rd. Right on Stony #109 First house on the right. Studio on the right side of driveway.

FROM ROUTE 97: Lake Huntington Road, CR

116. Pass town hall, right onto Ranch, Right onto Stony #109 1st house on the right. Studio is on the right side of driveway.

HONEY HILL POTTERY

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Featuring fine claywork by Ayla, come visit this beautiful hill-top pottery and enjoy the glorious views. Here on Honey Hill, you will find inspired claywork by the beauty of the surroundings as well as by Ayla's family and friends.

Ayla is a world-renowned ceramic artist who loves to design the elegant shapes that she "throws" on the potters' wheel. Sometimes altering and adding onto the form, you are sure to find a special design style that speaks to you. Highly collectible and for your endless enjoyment, Ayla's pots are made of durable stoneware and are stunning. Here at Honey Hill you will find bowls, sets, tumblers and pitchers, oval serving, lighting fixtures, sconces and so much more. Ayla does installations, handblown garden pieces as well as dinnerware, wedding gifts and all manner of custom orders. All pots are signed and limited editions are numbered.

The gallery also features the work of local artists in a variety of media. Ayla's sweetest heart, Gary, makes the most delicious maple syrup (available for sale), tapped from the trees right here on Honey Hill.

DIRECTIONS FROM JEFFERSONVILLE: 52 West to CR 161 (S&S Pizza) Right on 161. Left on Miller. Right on Villa Roma Rd. Left onto Diehl Road. Honey Hill Pottery is second driveway on right.

DUKE POTTERY

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Nestled on a mountaintop with views down into the Delaware River Valley, the natural beauty surrounding Duke Pottery is apparent in the art of Carolyne Duke's hand-built pottery. Carolyne works primarily with pinch pots, looking to the patterns and rhythms in nature for inspiration. She is

attracted to simplicity in the form, finding the beauty in a pot captured in a single gesture.

Through simple in form, an amazing amount of energy is captured in every piece. The pinch pot allows her to explore her individual approach to clay resulting in original designs that make every special gift for the people you love.

Carolyne fires primarily in a raku kiln, but also uses household pie firing, and stoneware to enhance the natural beauty of her pots. Her functional ware is high fired with richly colored layers of glaze on the interior contrasting a texture exterior of earth tones.

Duke Pottery has a gift shop and art gallery featuring the work of photographer/husband Danu Duke in addition to an ever-increasing number of artists from the area. Big Twig Recording Studio is also located here.

Carolyne's passion for clay is contagious. Come and experience one of the best scenic spots in Sullivan County and find the pot that is just right for you. Welcome.

Studio is open year round. Hours: Friday-Sunday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, or to find out what other potters may have decided to throw open their doors for the day, call Carolyne Duke at 607-498-5207.

DIRECTIONS FROM NEAREST TOWN: Rt. 17 West to Route 88, Exit 94. Left off exit ramp. Left at traffic light (Spartan Ave.) Travel to stop sign, Right on Coxsack Rd. Travel on this road 1.5 miles to top. C.R. 92 Sign. C.R. 93. Duke Pottery on right, bright blue sign. Welcome.

FROM HANKINS: Route 97 to Hankins on County Rd. 94. Travel 8 miles to studio. C.R. 94 becomes C.R. 93. Duke Pottery on left, bright blue sign.

ANTHONY N. BIANCOVISO CERAMICS

Anthony N. Biancovisio
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Anthony N. Biancovisio specializes in creating distinctive sculptural and functional works of ceramic art that are sensual in form, visually arresting and built to last.

Each piece is wheelthrown, placed in a small wood burning kiln, then smoked fire to a low temperature—an ancient technique that accentuates the soft, open, and natural qualities of earthware clay. Pots that are shiny, very smooth, and very pleasurable to touch have been finished with multiple layers of fine clay slip (Terra Sigillata), and then hand-burnished to a smooth finish by sea-buckwheat. Native American potters. The unique abstract designs and interesting color combinations that appear on some pots is created by placing minerals and organic materials around the pieces in the kiln. The earth, water air and fire determine the stunning unique and unpredictable results.

Studio is located on a charming old farm property, one mile from the scenic Delaware River Studio is open year round by chance or appointment.

DIRECTIONS: At the blinking light intersection of Route 97 and Route 55 in Barryville, take 97 South. Proceed 1/4 mile, make left hand turn on Hillside Rd. Studio is one mile up hill on left. ☺

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