

ClayAround

This month's newsletter will be unashamedly about Pardo Professional Art Clay. I have just received a shipment of this new clay – well new to the UK: it has been on the continent for some time now. Here is a report on the inception of the clay <http://tonjastreasures.com/wordpress/?p=2466>

This is very different from Pardo clay that was produced a few years ago, which was marketed in small balls in a round container- this clay is different, and a superior clay used by professionals, and particularly good for use with caning.

It was developed in Germany and tested by a number of the members of the German Polymer Clay Guild. Here are samples on flickr of some of the work by those people –all skilled clayers:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/mingapunga/> Martina Weller

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/mingapunga/> Ulrika Schaffrath

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/fimorina/3562930655/> Kerstin Rupprecht

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/beadworx/> Bettina Welker

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/anart-island/6813217264/> Anke Humpert

There is even a Pardo Professional flickr group: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/pardopac/>

Here are some examples of pieces made with this new clay:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/hoedlgut/6136696453/> This is work by Eva Ehmeir who was teaching last week at the excellent Polymer Pamper Play and here is an example of work using the wonderful translucent: http://silastones.blogspot.co.uk/2010_08_01_archive.html : pototo chips of all things!

Lisa Pavelka did tests on the translucent of every clay available, and showed that the Pardo Professional translucent is far superior to any on the market. Here is a most beautiful example by Kathrin Neumaier:



The new Pardo Professional Art clay will be on the ClayAround website in the next week.



On a different topic, are you aware yet that Alison Gallant has organised three very special Polydays to be held from 14th- 16th September this year? They will be held in Gloucestershire in the UK and Alison, together with Carol Simmons and Betina Welker, will be offering you the benefit of their expertise. For more information go to <http://www.millefioristudio.com/POLYDAYS-2012.html>

Meanwhile, a reminder that we will be running a further free ClayDay in Wales on Friday 30th March when we will be learning about Mica Shift. We have a really enthusiastic group of people now so whether you are a beginner or and expert you are welcome to join us. Just ring 01686 340745 for further details if you are interested. We are based near Montgomery, so if you want to play with the new clay come to lovely Wales!

Happiness comes when you believe in what you are doing, know what you are doing, and love what you are doing.

Brian Tracy



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