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Pottery Thurs eve	
Linda Crossley	
Thursday	
6:30 - 9:00	
25-2-21 – 25-3-21	
5 Sessions	
OEP	
£65.63 (Concessions: £32.81)	

Who is it for?

Pottery workshops at RALSS are mixed level and so learners will be working towards their own creative goals. Beginners will be guided with demonstrations, individual and group discussions, some online study in class and suggestions for light homework if wanted.

What will I learn?

Skills and techniques for hand building will be demonstrated. For example: how to make pots by coiling, slabbing, pinching or a combination of these techniques. The tutor will either do step by step demonstrations, e.g. for complete beginners, or advise and encourage more confident/experienced learners. Sculpture techniques can also be covered for those who would like to sculpt. We will study and practise a selection of decorative techniques over the course, including the use of coloured slips, underglazes and glazes, and discuss other techniques which might include impressing, stamping, drawing on clay, carving etc. The course is very flexible and actual skills taught will be sensitive to the aspirations of the individuals in the group. We have two portable wheels in the classroom which the group shares, so there will be an opportunity to have a go at throwing a pot for those who want to.

Course outcomes:

Learners will make a number of items (which may be functional or purely decorative) covering a number of the techniques outlined above. Please be aware that there is a cost for items made - currently 60p per 100grams - to help offset the cost of clay, glazes and firing.

If you need more information or advice, please call us on 01572 758122 or email adultlearning@rutland.gov.uk

What should I bring?

*You don't have to get all of this, or buy lots of items - you might find what you need at home. If you cannot get what you need, we can supply it, and at the end of each session you can throw it in the soapy bucket to be cleaned. However, a basic kit **could** include:*

- A sharp, pointed knife for cutting slabs (please protect the blade during your travels!)
- A large sponge for cleaning the table, and a small sponge for moulding the clay
- A cutting device/cheesewire (you can easily make one with a couple of large buttons or curtain rings and some strong fishing line or thin nylon string – I use carp line at home)
- A water jug and spray bottle
- A cloth for rolling out on – fine grained and tough, i.e. not too stretchy when wet & doesn't wrinkle too easily, like an old teatowel or some sheeting.

- An old rolling pin (do not use in the kitchen after it has been used for clay!)
- A piece of sandpaper for sanding bisqueware before glazing
- Battens - useful sizes are 4-5mm, 6mm and 8mm thick.
- Texturing items for example lacy cloths, hessian, shells, textured wallpaper, stamps you have made or bought, old jewellery, fossils, bits of tree bark, nuts and bolts from the shed etc
- Cutters of various sizes depending on project - stainless steel ones are better as they do not rust if left damp
- Old credit cards for cutting into shapes, scraping down of pots, scoring etc
- A pair of old fairly tough scissors for cutting the credit card.
- Soft brushes for applying glaze & a cheap bristle brush for making and applying slip to joins

What could I do after this? Who delivers it?

Linda Crossley is an experienced tutor who has been delivering ceramics classes for over 16 years. After your course you may want to enrol on further workshops at RALSS or other institutions. Many learners get the bug and go on to buy their own equipment and set up at home in a shed or purpose built studio and others continue to attend classes.

Directions and Map:

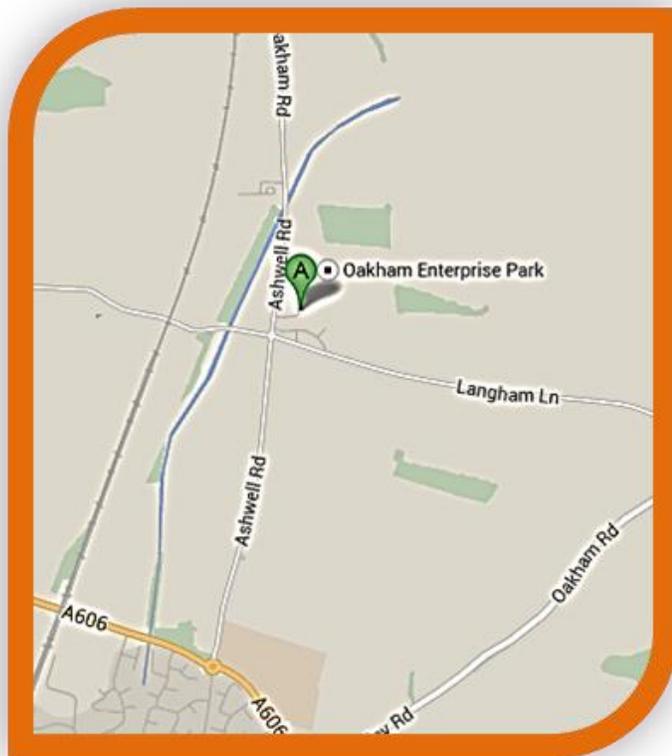
From the Oakham Bypass, turn onto the Ashwell Road. After about a mile cross the mini-roundabout and immediately prepare to turn right into Gate 2. The car park is straight on.

Buses run from Oakham, John Street Bus Station, at intervals throughout the day. The bus stop is just outside the entrance to the complex. For example:

John St	8:45	→	OEP	8:59
OEP	12:51	→	John St	12:59
John St	11:45	→	OEP	11:59
OEP	15:51	→	John St	15:59

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