

Jenny Chadwick

Ceramic artist, teacher and musician

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I was the kid who was not shy to play in the mud and luckily for me at secondary school pottery was an option. Years later when I moved to Cape Town after leaving Johannesburg, I rediscovered clay.

I have a studio at home that I call Kommetjie Ceramics and since 2010 I have patiently learnt to hand build and to teach.

I love the versatility of clay. That we can create with our hands bowls, platters, plates, cups, vases and boxes to hold food, liquid, plants and flowers is fantastic and that sometimes the presence of a piece is enough that it needs no obvious function.

We learn that from clay we can form infinite kinds of sculpture. That solid colour and washed rawness are both awesome. That clay is a body that can be smooth or textured, a body that can be carved with patterns or random marks, splashed with glaze or painted like Fine Art. I love to build a piece and burnish it with a stone, then after a firing in the kiln cover it with combustibles and place it in a bin or a pit and make fire to create alchemy on the surface.

It's in the doing, in the mistakes and in the success.

Qualifications

Jersey Channel Islands (UK)

A'Level - Art and Design, ceramics and batik.

A'Level - Graphical Communication

Clay experience

2007 Assistant pottery teacher for Lorette Espi. Noordhoek Pottery

2008 Pottery student at Patty Schilder ceramic studio, Amsterdam

2009 Tile Making Course Holland

2010 Opened own studio - Kommetjie Ceramics

Various Ceramics SA Western Cape Workshops over the years.

I have been involved with Ceramics SA Western Cape Region since 2013.

Exhibitions & Galleries

Ceramics South Africa Western Cape Regional Exhibition 2020

Artvark Online Auction 2020

The Cape Gallery, 60 Church Street, Cape Town 2019

Ceramics Southern Africa Western Cape Regional Exhibition 2019 PREMIER AWARD

Ceramics Southern Africa National Exhibition 2018

Artvark Gallery, Kalk Bay 2017 to date

Ceramics South Africa Western Cape Regional Exhibition 2017

Rust-en-Vrede" Blue" Group exhibition 2017

Ceramics South Africa Western Cape Regional Exhibition 2016

"Smoke Fired" Art in The Forest 2016

Ceramics South Africa National Exhibition 2015

"From African Earth" Iziko Slave Lodge 2015

Kommetjie Ceramics Open Studio 2015

Ceramics South Africa Western Cape Regional Exhibition 2014

ROSEKORBER art 2013

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