



Pottery Classes



Handsboro Community Center * 1890 Switzer Road * Gulfport, MS 39507

Department of Leisure Services Community Programs

Instructor: Gerrol Benigno

Class Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am-12pm & 6pm-8pm
Saturdays 10am-12pm

Cost: \$125 for Twelve 2 hour sessions (does not have to be consecutive weeks)

Instruction: Hand building, Wheel Throwing, & Sculptural Design

General: All Students are entitled to 12 classes during the term of the class schedule. Some absences can be expected, but classes should be completed in a reasonable amount of time. Most sessions will be group sessions. If time permits, one on one instruction may occur with the instructor. Starter clay is provided for class. Students must provide their own tools. (Kits are available at local pottery supply retailers stores for around \$20)

Contact: Call 860-9890 or 896-4909 for more information

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR:

Gerrol Benigno's artistic interest began as early as elementary school projects working with clay, metals, and pastels. However it was during his services in the US Army as a fixed prosthetic specialist, that Gerrol learned wax carving and casting techniques. After leaving the Army Gerrol studied under a master jeweler and goldsmith for 4 years before opening his own jewelry retail store in downtown Gulfport.

For over 20 years many admired Gerrol's jewelry work, however he later decided to leave retail to concentrate on designing his own jewelry line as well as perfecting his painting and clay sculpting techniques. Working with clay become more than a hobby for Gerrol, it became his passion. His pieces have been featured in the Sun Herald, Mississippi Living, and Beach Blvd publications, as well as on Fox 25 and WLOX TV-13 programs.

Many of Gerrol's works are currently sold and displayed at various local galleries and studios. He also tours local and regional art shows including the annual Peter Anderson Arts & Crafts Festival in Ocean Springs every year. Gerrol is a member of the Ocean Springs Art Association and the Biloxi Art Association.