

Purple Sage Profiles



Iris Minc founded Purple Sage Pottery 22 years ago to create her own work and share her love of clay with students and fellow potters. Iris has been developing her own unique style since graduating from college in 1981, designing her own molds, stamps and other tools to make her work truly one-of-a-kind. Her independent style and easy-going

nature carries into her classes, where she helps her students materialize their concepts in clay.

Beth Bell's journey with clay began 26 years ago at the Worcester Center for Crafts, where she developed her unique, playful style. Still a student of clay, Beth finds that learning and teaching are two sides of the same coin. Her passion and patience helps her students find their own voice in clay.

Anni Melancon has been a studio potter in Gloucester since 1978. For the past 18 years she has generously shared with her students at Purple Sage her broad experience with clay and glaze techniques. Anni's expertise includes decorative and functional stoneware, majolica, raku and pit firing.

Lisa Mistretta shares her love of clay with her pottery students in her supportive and laid back way. She is continually experimenting with different forming and decorating techniques. Students will benefit from her creativity and depth of knowledge, as she inspires them to take their creative energy to the next level.



To Register : Please mail one-half of the tuition fee to Purple Sage Pottery, 3 Mechanic St., Merrimac, MA 01860. **Make check payable to the instructor teaching the class or to Purple Sage Pottery.** The registration fee is refundable up to one week prior to the start of class. Please indicate the desired class and include your home and work phone numbers and e-mail address.

Directions to Studio: from Rte 495 take Exit 53/Broad St. to Rte 110 W. Take first right on Liberty St., take first left onto Mechanic St.

Spring/Summer 2017

Purple Sage Pottery Classes



- Adult Classes for Every Ability
- Children's Classes
- Classes for Teens
- Saturday Open Studio

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Purple Sage Pottery offers classes for all ages taught by teachers as committed to teaching as they are to pottery. While grounded in the fundamentals of hand building, throwing and glazing, we strive to nurture your creative spirit. Classes are small, having at most 10 students. You can take full advantage of our well equipped studios, including electric wheels, slab rollers, extruders and various tools. We recycle the clay for you, which greatly improves your pot making experience. An extensive selection of beautiful reduction fired glazes is available. Your work is handled with great care, and we pride ourselves on the exceptional results we get from our 70 cubic foot gas fired kiln.

Saturday Open Studio

9:30am - 5:00pm

Saturday Open Studio Time is available to former and current students. No instruction is offered during this time period. Current students benefit from additional studio time between classes and former students may work independently. Either may bring a guest under their guidance. First time guests may attend free-of-charge.

Saturdays with class: an additional \$40 will cover students for 10 weeks in conjunction with a class. This fee is kept low to encourage students to practice. Current students may, however, pay \$12 per Saturday or \$6 per hour.

Former students and guests: may pay \$55 a month, \$18 per Saturday or \$8 per hour.

Kids & Clay

We are again offering our kids classes in 10 week increments. Nurture that creative spirit and enjoy a 10 week session at Purple Sage.

Tuesday class for ages 8 & up, 3:45 - 5:15 pm:
Lisa Mistretta will focus on hand building techniques along with some wheel throwing.
Fee: \$215 for 10 weeks.

Friday class for 12 to 18 year olds, 4:00 - 6:00 pm:
Lisa Mistretta will teach students both hand building and wheel throwing.
Fee: \$255 for 10 weeks

Spring classes start the week of March 27th

10 pounds of finished pieces
included with kids classes
\$5.00 per pound firing fee charged thereafter.

Special 5 week Summer Camp
for 10 - 18 year olds

Wednesdays, June 21st - July 19th, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
Lisa Mistretta will teach both handbuilding and throwing while encouraging creative expression.
Fee: \$130, includes 5 lbs of finished pieces.

Studio Member Info

For the potter who is ready to work independently, studio access is available. \$140 per month will allow you to use the studio anytime.

Classes for Adults

Tuesday morning intermediate: Purple Sage Pottery owner **Iris Minc** helps you refine current skills and learn more advanced techniques. *Spring only.*

Tuesday morning beginner and beyond: **Beth Bell** will introduce you to clay and help you improve your hand building and throwing skills. *Spring & Summer*

Tuesday night intermediate/advanced: Benefit from **Anni Melancon's** depth of knowledge to boost your clay work to the next level. *Spring & Summer*

Tuesday night beginner and beyond: **Lisa Mistretta** helps you discover the joys of working with clay through hand building and wheel throwing. *Spring & Summer.*

Wednesday night intermediate: **Beth Bell** helps you express your creativity while refining your hand building and wheel skills. *Spring & Summer.*

Thursday morning beginner and beyond: **Iris Minc** will teach the basics of working with clay. You will learn to make pinch, coil and slab built pots, as well as throwing on the potters wheel. *Spring only.*

Thursday night beginner and beyond: **Beth Bell** will teach clay basics to beginners and introduce more advanced techniques to others. *Spring only.*

Spring classes start the week of March 27th
Summer classes start the week of June 5th
Evening Sessions are 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Morning Sessions are 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

9 week Spring Adult Sessions cost \$270
8 week Summer Adult Sessions cost \$240
additional \$5.00 per pound firing fee
is charged for finished pieces