Surface Design I: Polymer Clay Textures and Molds

Instructor: Susan Gantz

$87: $72.00 registration fee + $15 kit/supply fee (see below).

If you’ve ever dismissed polymer clay as too “cutesy” or a medium for children, you haven’t seen it in the hands of a master like Susan Gantz! In this class, which is suitable even for those with no previous polymer clay experience, you will work with, and create, texture plates for surface design. These plates can then be used with polymer clay to create beads, pins and pendants, wall art, journal covers, switch plate covers and more.

Create a plate from nature, using leaves, twigs or flowers; from rubber stamps, and/or from the design of your choice (abstract, repeated patterns, drawing/landscape).

Students can expect to complete several plates of their own designs, and several completed pieces from plates and designs supplied by the instructor.

Your Kit/Supply Fee includes the following:

- Premo! Sculpey® polymer clay
- In-class use of the following:
  - work surfaces
  - rollers and pasta machines
  - slicing blades
  - cookie cutters
  - texture tools
  - texture plates and rubber stamps
  - variety of molding materials
  - Rub and Buff and Gilder’s paste for coloring experiments
  - baking oven
  - hand cleaner
- Deli tissue for stacking work, index cards for baking.
- Instructor will also have a supply of pin backs, earring backs, and a bit of glue to attach them, if desired.

Students, please bring the following with you to class:

- Textures you like:
  - any favorite plant material
  - rubber/polymer stamps
  - buttons
  - etc.!
- Clay other than Premo, if you prefer a different brand. (Please bring alternative clay already conditioned.)
- Box to carry home any unfinished work, unbaked work.
- pasta machine dedicated to polymer clay (if you already own one; no need to purchase)

There will be a break for lunch—you may bring a bag lunch (Artistic Artifacts has a refrigerator & microwave for student use) or plan to make a quick trip out to the deli across the street, or any of the close-by food establishments.