

Activities at GrannyMouse

Arts & Ceramics Tours – Self Driven / Chauffeur Driven



Ardmore Ceramic Art is an internationally acclaimed ceramic studio. These unique and vibrant artworks have become representative of South African art. Visit their gallery and museum where you can watch the artists working, and afterwards enjoy tea overlooking the Lions River flow over the Caversham Waterfall.



The Wood Turner is home to John and Andrew Early, who use only salvaged wood – mostly from “exotic” species like jacaranda, Pinoak, Blackwood and Indian Mahogany. Each bowl is turned from wet wood, left to dry for up to four years, and then returned, sanded, waxed and oiled. These pieces will continue to dry throughout their lifetime, in a dynamic process that makes them living art works.



At Dargle Valley the artwork includes porcelain, stoneware, terracotta as well as indoor and outdoor fireplaces by Ian Glenny who founded the Midlands Meander.

At Sterling’s Wrought Iron they produce wrought iron furniture and accessories, from heavily forged iron to the delicate French wirework. They try to use recycled materials as much as possible when making many of their unique pieces. They also offer people the chance to try their hand at metal work with their “Basic welding and forging courses”



Zulu-lulu Ceramic Boutique Zulu-Lulu also caters for children with their Art Bar, it’s a great way for kids to work with the challenges and rewards of painting a 3 dimensional ceramic object whilst having fun creating something special in an outdoor environment.



Hillfold Pottery is home to Lindsay Scott, one of South Africa’s foremost ceramicists. He has won numerous regional awards as well as the South African national ceramics exhibition, for his oil-fired stoneware and porcelain. As well as Lindsay’s work, Hillfold Pottery also carries a range of terracotta garden pots thrown by Albert Ntombela.



Head out for a visit to Café Bloom for tea and a chance to meet Mick and Sally Haigh, who have their studio there. Mick is a ceramic artist who uses traditional forms as a starting point, low center of gravity vessels, handles that work and spouts that pour kind of design. Sally is a painter whose works grace the walls of Granny Mouse. You may have seen her artwork in the reception area, the Bistro, and even your room.

Wrought Iron Courses – *Self Driven*

Sterling's Wrought Iron offers a beginner's course in basic wrought iron and metal work. Courses are run on a demand basis at the Sterling's Wrought Iron workshop in Dargle, KZN. Courses are run by Guy Sterling who has 20 years experience in this field. Participants are taught how to make several different items including candlesticks, a coat rack, fire pokers, fruit bowls and a magazine rack/log holder. Participants take all items made home as well as the jigs needed to reproduce the scrolls etc. at home. The value of these items is approximately R1550. Techniques covered include welding, traditional blacksmithing and basic metalwork.



Cost: R 1 550 per participant. The course includes all materials and safety gear needed, All items made by participants (theirs to keep) and the jigs. Teas and a light lunch. The course is a 1 day course from 8am to 4:30pm on a Wednesday or Saturday with a maximum of 3 people / minimum of 2 people. Participants should preferably wear overalls or old clothing (e.g. old shirt and jeans) and must wear closed shoes and long pants.