



**Mirasol Studio**  
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Studio visits by appt only.

*Clay is a sort of communication device between myself and the outside world. I don't question my need to create. I pass along my experience through creating, appreciating, listening and teaching*

Artistic expression has always been my saving grace, my driving force, my sense of sanity. My love of clay began as a small child. Decades later clay is still the tangible substance through which I best express myself on physical, emotional and spiritual levels. I often record with my camera walks through natural settings in the Cowichan Valley. Photography allows me to have immediate results and capture the lighting or setting,



## Susan Whitham

which inspires my work later. The effects of the photography often show up in my patterns and decorative designs, and act as a guide to the drawing and carving I do in the clay. I enjoy drawing scenes on clay tiles and framing them on found wood panels. I have a series of Leisure clocks or Island Time, which are more about the drawing and colors on the clock face than about accurate time.

My happiness and zest for life come through the bright colors and festive nature of all my work these days! I am a formally trained artist who is greatly influenced by the cultural designs inherent in architecture, other artwork, textiles and of course natural settings around the globe. I love living here in the Cowichan Valley, with its great artistic and involved community. I am involved with and

participated in the Visions Art tours. I show my wares at Embellish! on Kenneth St. An annual Holiday Show with local painter, Bernadette McCormack, is in the works for Saturday, December 5th from noon to 5:00pm at her studio on the corner of Day Road and Wharnecliff in Duncan. My work is also available at Salish Sea Gallery in Cowichan Bay. While I am avail-

able by appointment, often the best variety and selection is available in these shops. I enjoy custom work, especially for lamps and dinnerware. I am working to expand my outlets and have just completed coffee mugs for Moziro Cafe in Shawnigan Lake.

*Image of Susan Lynn F Lindeman. Ceramics images Susan Whitham.*

*Talking Arts profiles the work of one Cowichan Valley artist a month.*

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