

I want to highlight some work by two polymer experts that I have met – you will find so much that is useful and interesting on their web sites.

The first is Zuleykha. She has now had a baby and is 'resting' but some time ago she had what she called a 'bead soup party' – as a result there is a list of clayers on her blog which will keep you fascinated for hours: <http://zuclay.blogspot.com/search?updated-max=2010-03-01T05:05:00-08:00&max-results=7>

Also, now Iris Misley of Polypedia on line TV has a large collection of videos that will surely be interesting if not useful. <http://www.youtube.com/user/polypediaonlineTV#p/a>

Meanwhile I recently I was on the website of one of my new customers – just look at this clever work: www.insektenmodelle.de Julia tells me that she has orders that will last her well into 2012, which isn't surprising.

We are learning the hard way here at ClayAround – last week a customer kindly pointed out that the images were missing from the web cart. Indeed they were. My web host said the Cart had been hacked yet again and had deleted all the images (over 500 of them). It took 13 man hours to put it right. This isn't that serious – early last year someone had put in files calculated to divert all the Paypal payments to their account. We are lucky here that my web host is a computer genius who had pre-empted that by moving files. He is now talking of writing us a custom made shopping cart which is completely secure, so watch this space in the foreseeable future.

The other change has been that Kato clay is no longer available direct from America. The manufacturers want us to deal with a company in Spain. This has resulted in there being no delivery of orders for the last three months, so apologies for missing colours in the Kato clay. However, the good news is this same company stock Makin's goods so I have managed to get hold of some Extruders – and can, if there is a demand, get further discs for these clever little gadgets.



They tell me, too, that they can get the Ultimate extruders (they cost around £50) but they would be a special order for me.



I maintain that these are superior to the Professional ones, so would be interested in your opinion, and if any of you would be interested in buying them were I to get supplies. (I can be contacted at Penny@clayaround.com) I have even acquired (for myself!) the adaptor recommended by Cynthia Tinapple <http://vimeo.com/11508901> so can use this extruder with my electric drill – so easy on the hands!

Everyone has to learn to think differently, bigger, to open to possibilities.

- Oprah Winfrey

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