



Ellen Shankin Workshop

January 25-27, 2019

Sponsored by the San Diego Potters' Guild

What makes a good pot?...an expressive pot? We will ask a lot of questions and search for answers together.

It has been my particular passion to take the thrown pot beyond the wheel...out of round, discovering a world of possibilities, while holding fast to the restrictions that usefulness imposes. This workshop will encourage the exploration of those techniques and ideas: from simple immediate manipulation of the wet pot as it leaves the wheel, to the more forced imposition of form on leather hard clay...a variety of approaches will be demonstrated.

We make endless choices about our work, often unaware: the rim thick or thin....throwing lines visible or removed....how handles are attached, where the belly of the curve rests...These decisions, whether made consciously or not, radically affect the overall presence and resolution of the piece. By attempting to explore and understand the vocabulary of functional pottery we may take a step in the direction of greater personal expression.

I want students to come away from this experience jazzed up about the altered pot....with the skills to continue that investigation when they leave. And to have developed a richer vocabulary of self-expression as it manifests itself in the simple pot.

1. Slide Lecture: Friday, January 25, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Location: SDSU, room Art 412; park at the trolley and ride the trolley to the campus

Cost: FREE for everyone

Ellen will present her work and inspiration in images.

2. Workshop: Sat–Sun, January 26–27, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Location: El Cajon Valley High School, Room #702
1035 E Madison Ave, El Cajon, CA 92021

Cost: \$120 (with early registration)

Registration Deadline: January 6, 2019, midnight PST

Late registration (\$135) on a space-available basis only, including at the door.
Cancellation fee BEFORE registration deadline: \$50, no refunds after registration deadline.

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Visit us at Studio 29 in Balboa Park, Spanish Village.

Please fill out the following form to attend the workshop

First Name _____ Last Name _____

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Include a \$120 check made out to SAN DIEGO POTTERS' GUILD

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