



## POTTERY WORKSHOP VISITS

Potters like to share their know-how by opening their workshops to visitors and talking about the methods of production used. Each day a different company offers such a visit and visits can be arranged on request at the Tourist Office.

### F4 COURSES ON CLAY

#### TECHNIQUES

Inside the old Grandjean pottery, the local School of Fine Arts holds pottery courses during the summer months (clay modelling, potter's wheel techniques), which cover the techniques of throwing, decoration and raku (a Japanese firing technique), over 30 hours of classes held in one week from Monday to Friday.

Price: 168 € per person per course. Materials provided.

A timetable of the course on offer for both children and adults is available from the School of Fine Arts, Boulevard des Deux Vallons - Tel. 04 93 63 07 61



Roger Collet

Pignates de R. Picault, A. et P. Thiry, Y. Koenig

Galerie Madoura



Biennale Sculpture de Sandro Lorenzini



Dipping



Decoration



Firing



## GLOSSARY

**Ceramics:** a general term used to describe objects made from clay that are irreversibly transformed by heat: faience, stoneware, porcelain, etc.

**Pottery:** objects in fired earth, often used for cooking purposes, which may be totally or partially glazed.

**"Taraiette":** small earthenware object made by ancient civilisations that were no longer able to throw large pieces (toys, miniature pots).

**Biscuit:** a ceramic object that has not been glazed, the name given to the object after it has been fired for the first time.

You will no doubt hear the potters refer to many other technical terms (enamel, raku, reduction, slip, chamotte, tournassage...). They will be happy to explain what they all mean, so do not hesitate to ask.

**POTTERY FESTIVAL:** every year, on the second Sunday in August, a large popular festival is held. Admission is free and many events are held relating to pottery making.

## USEFUL ADDRESSES

### F4 Union of Potters' office

Salle Jules Agard, Avenue Jean Gerbino  
Tel. 04 93 64 88 30. Open Monday to Friday from 13.30 to 17.00

### F4 Vallauris Association for the Development of Ceramics - (AVEC)

15, rue Sicard - Tel. 04 93 64 66 58  
Temporary exhibition hall - Open from Monday to Friday from 13.30 to 17.30 during the winter and 14.30 from 14.30 to 18.30 during the summer.

## AS YOU STROLL ALONG...

• **Don't forget to look up**, as the majority of the town centre's street names are made of ceramic plaques; you can also see decorations by Massier on the front of the old post office at 1, rue Hippolyte Aussel and more recently a work by Roger Capron on the front of the MacDonald's Restaurant.

### • Old kilns can still be seen

- inside the Espace Grandjean, and a reconstructed kiln can be seen rue Jean Gerbino
- at the Foucard-Jourdan factory (now the Sassi-Milici gallery) where the kiln is complete with chimney stack, ventilation holes and drying ledges
- at the pottery museum
- the Madoura chimneys
- at the Milazzo factory (today the shop called Terres à Terres).
- The dove of peace that was made by the craftspeople of the Union of Potters on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the arrival of Picasso in Vallauris can be seen on the "Pont-Neuf" roundabout on the road between Golfe-Juan and Vallauris.

