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"CHINESE CLAY ART" is a newsletter emailed to professional artists, curators, collectors, writers, experts, educators and students in the ceramic field, who want to know about ceramic art in China and things related. This newsletter will be a bridge between China and Western countries for the ceramic arts. Comments and suggestions are very welcome.

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## *Ideas and Suggestions For New Clay Tools*



### **Ideas and Suggestions For New Clay Tools**

Early in September, I visited Kinzie's Studio to learn what they have for new clay tools. Sandy and Bob Kinzie are both ceramic artists living in Santa Cruz California. Bob primarily makes vases and Sandy has made a lot of teapots. After they went China with me, we became very good friends.

Bob has so many ideas and suggestions about clay tools.

Bob has invented the Bevel Cutter which has become one of our hot items. One of his suggestions is to manufacture the Edge Cutter, which is a 90-degree piece of steel welded to a blade of spring steel. After the edge cutter moves through the edge, the rounded, smooth edge comes out like magic. I have engaged a Chinese vendor to make the edge cutters, and they will be available on line within two or three months.

One Tool For Many Functions: Bob asked me to import specific spring steel pieces for cleaning up the 90-degree side. I have suddenly realized we have had these kinds of putty knives (a set of four in different sizes, item number CN 35, see picture) which have been sitting in the warehouse a long time without getting many orders!

I have been back and forth every one or two months between China and the US for ceramic cultral exchanges and developing our clay art tool business. It is always great fun after new products arrive in the US and are finally available to our ceramic art community.

We would like to pay for all kinds of ideas and suggestions for new clay tools!.

### ***New Products Have Arrived***



#### **Heavy Duty Trimming Tool Set.**

This trimming set has a wooden handle with five interchangeable screw-on blades. The blades are 2mm thick and made out of manganese steel. The item number is: CN 19, price is \$18.00

#### **T-Shirt of Chinese Clay Art.**

We have printed our T-shirt with an image of teapot that designed by Po Zhou and completed by the well-know Yixing artist GU Mei-qun. To view this product, please

visit our website at [Tools section](#) (item OA62). Regular price \$12.00, **On sale price \$10.00** until End of October.

### ***Ceramic Beads Have Arrived***

We now have 8 colors in 12 shapes for a total of 96 types of beads. We also are going to import some beading tools and beading supplies. [Click here](#)

### ***New Field of Beads, Crafts and Gifts***

Since we moved into the new location of 1500 square feet, we are planning to add more and more new products. I believe that people in the ceramic field are also working on other crafts such as beading. Based on our experience in the ceramic tools business, we expect to get additional lower prices for beads and craft supplies into our retail store. We have imported some beads and pendants made of ceramic, agate, jade, turquoise, coral and lacquer-ware, plus Yixing teapots and many other ceramic gifts.

### ***New Beading Pliers***



When I was in a wholesale jewelry market in China last August, I found a new kind of pliers that I had never seen before. These pliers have one side in a needle shape and one side in a notched shape so that wire can be pushed into the notch and shaped into a half circle.

**Item# ZTP 001, price is \$5.00.** Please visit [Tool Section](#).

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### ***DVD of The Innovative and Traditional Clay Tools (free)***

**Title: The Innovative and Traditional Clay Tools**

Producer: Chinese Ceramic Art Council USA. Length: 20 minutes. This video demonstrates how to use ceramic tools, both Chinese traditional and newly invented, plus some textural mats and molds made of wood and ceramic. All of these tools are available on line at [www.ChineseClayArt.com](http://www.ChineseClayArt.com).

## Current Sale Items



We had imported many wooden boxes with the idea of packing your valuable ceramic pieces as gifts, but we didn't sell many. To help our cash flow and clear some storage space, we are offering deep discounts. [Click here](#)  
Prices greatly reduced!

Small boxes: Regular price was \$18 for a set of 3. **On sale prices are (44% off): \$10 for a set of 3; or \$3, \$4 and \$5 based on the sizes.** Large boxes: Regular price was \$36 for a set of 3. **On sale prices are (66% off): \$12 for a set of 3; or \$4, \$5, and \$6 based on the sizes.**

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