

Laurie Mika – Thursday 18th March 2010

Urban Icons

Class Description:

Please join me for an intensive, technique driven workshop creating mixed media mosaics. In creating our “Urban Icons”, students will learn a variety of overlapping techniques that include: mosaic design, painting, rubber stamping, collage, embossing, beading, and embedding just about anything into polymer clay.

The result will be a personal and beautiful icon that can be hung on the wall or displayed on a plate stand. This will be a hands-on workshop where students will get the experience of making and baking their own tiles and component parts. This is a workshop where you get to use all that “stuff” you’ve been collecting over the years! No previous clay experience is required, so come join the fun!

Student Supply List: Urban Icons

- A piece of wood for the base of your icon. It can be ½ inch in depth (plywood, MDF, masonite) and approximately 7 x 9 inches or less in size. It can be square, rectangular or a triptych.
- 5 small (2 ounce) packages of Premo or Sculpey III polymer clay. Have 3 of them be the same color, I prefer the darker colors, the other two can be of your choosing.
- Rolling pin or acrylic rod-PVC pipe works too (NOT a pasta maker)
- A small bottle of Weldbond glue or similar adhesive
- Assorted paintbrushes to include a fine detail brush

- A few rubber stamps (if you have them) with frame shapes, texture and alphabet stamps. I will be bringing lots!
- A few small bags of commercial tile less than an inch in size. They sell them at Bunnings. These will help fill in some of the extra space on your icon.
- Ephemera/ doo-dads to personalize your icons like charms, buttons, rhinestones, jewelry parts, and Milagros, collage sheets or photos.

Optional: a little something special to go in the center of your Icon like a piece of jewelry or a photo. (see pictures at www.mikaarts.com for ideas)

Laurie will supply:

- Paint and related supplies
- White baked tiles
- Mica powders
- Gold gel pens
- Rub n buff
- Varnish
- Jewelry glue
- Seed beads
- Rubber stamps
- Spray paint
- Clay blades
- Gold leaf
- Commercial tile