

## Christine Torres - Schnortzy's Pottery

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My journey with clay is much like the wooded trails I frequently explore. I have found beauty, colours and textures. I have found patience, joy and creativity. Most importantly, I have found myself. I have learned to slow down, open my eyes, open my heart and absorb the natural beauty that surrounds me and take inspiration from it. My only sadness on this journey is that my dad is not here to see it. In his memory, I sign my pottery Schnortzy, the nickname he had for me. I know he walks beside me on my path and will continue to be my biggest supporter.



My first pottery classes were in Ailsa Craig in October, 2015. I remember so clearly that first night I walked into Marilyn Barbe's studio, that night I ventured onto my path of clay...a path full of curiosities, colours, textures and endless discoveries. I was with my people and Marilyn's energetic enthusiasm was nothing short of contagious. She is an amazing and knowledgeable woman and I am so honoured that she was my guide that night I journeyed onto my path.