Your Best Find: Diving Cat Studio

What it is: A small studio in Chester Springs that sells handmade jewelry and clay sculptures and beads, much of it made by owner Markels Lorini. It also offers pottery lessons.

What I like about it: As spring approaches (I hope), one of the things I look forward to in addition to flowers and milder temperatures is the Diving Cat studio show. Several years ago, I heard about pottery lessons given by a neighbor and showed up one day to find a magical studio hidden down a long, gravel driveway where children and adults could make or just marvel at the pottery and jewelry in the works. My children and I were hooked immediately and soon after were guests at a show. We discovered a whole new group of immensely talented artisans and now look forward to seeing our friends and all the new creations at each show. It is more of a house party than a craft show and is an experience not to be missed.

Mark your calendar: For the biannual studio shows ... the next one is May 6 and 7. There will be food and drink

along with the work of many artisans.

What it costs: Prices range from about \$15 to \$1,000 or more for an original work. The studio offers pottery lessons for adults and children twice a week for \$20 per hour plus supplies. Class size is limited, and there is a waiting list. You can also browse the studio for Lorini's latest jewelry and pottery pieces.

Where and when: Studio tours and pottery classes by appointment only. Call 610-496-8795. The studio is at 1432 Horseshoe Trail.

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Markels Lorini with her original diving cat, the
sculpture that inspired the name of her
Chester Springs pottery studio.