



**How to distribute the Bottles of Hope:** Show some sample bottles to the oncology department of your local hospital. The nurses, who have the most direct contact with patients, can help you give some away to patients. Explain that some patients use their bottles as wish bottles to hold wishes to or from the patient. Some keep them as a memento of their chemo treatment and consider the bottles a wish of health. Maybe some of the nurses would like to keep a few themselves to hold wishes for their patients.



**Host a workshop:** Many hospitals run art therapy workshops for patients. Polymer clay is so easy to work with and patients will be delighted to create their own Bottles of Hope. This is a perfect medium for children! Share your talents with them.

**A word about the project: Our hope is that this project remains grass roots: a one to one sharing of art and love. The Bottles of Hope should NEVER be sold; they are to be given freely to cancer patients to bring hope to their lives.**

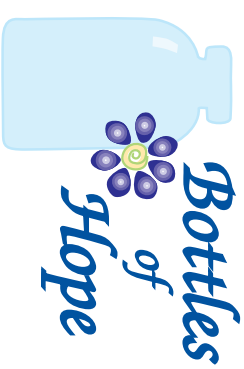


For more information: Visit the Bottles of Hope website at <http://bottlesofhope.org> or Southern Connecticut Polymer Clay Guild's website at: <http://sccpcg.org>. You can e-mail us at: [bottlesofhope@hotmail.com](mailto:bottlesofhope@hotmail.com).

If you are not familiar with polymer clay and want to learn more, visit Polymer Clay Central at: <http://www.polymerclaycentral.com/>.

And please, share your experience with us! The more we do, the more we learn and the more we can help brighten the lives of cancer patients. You can post your initiatives at our on-line message board.

Please follow link at the Bottles of Hope website.  
Or call (203) 932-6460 or (203)467-7090.



*A little bottle and a bit of clay: a gift of hope.*



## Clay Artists' Outreach to Cancer Patients

The Bottles of Hope project was started in 1999 by a very special person, Diane Gregoire, a cancer survivor and polymer clay artist. Diane found a way to use her special talents as an artist to cheer up the lives of cancer patients going through the ordeal of chemotherapy. She used clay to decoratively cover small glass medicine bottles and gave them to other patients as a symbol of hope. Polymer clay, which is sold under the brand names of Sculpey®, FIMO®, PREMO® and others, is a colorful and versatile man-made clay that can be sculpted, textured, stamped and combined in a multitude of ways to produce unique designs in pieces of art.

