

SUMMER

2025

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Monday Evening Pottery

Cathy Tapia

8 Mondays: June 2 - July 21, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

\$161.50 members, \$190 non-member, Clay \$25 for 25 lbs., Tools \$25 (optional)

Minimum 4 students, Adult | Registration closes June 2

For hand building and wheel students with any level of experience. Great class for beginners! Students will work on their own projects following teacher demonstrations and critiques to improve skills. All classes use stoneware clay fired to cone 6 with food safe glazes in an electric kiln. Students may bring their own tools or purchase a kit for \$25. All students are required to purchase clay from us at \$25 for 25 pounds which includes glaze and firing fees.

Double your class hours with any combination of up to 8 supervised open studios on Saturdays 9:30-12:30, Tuesdays 10-1, Thursdays 10-1 or Friday nights 5-8 pm, Sundays 2:30-5:30 pm

Tuesday Afternoon Pottery

Nana Maher and Marie Remington

8 Tuesdays: June 3 - July 22, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

\$161.50 member, \$190 non-member Clay \$25 for 25 lbs., Tools \$25 (optional)

Minimum 4 students, Adult | Registration closes June 3

For hand building and wheel students with any level of experience. Work may be functional or sculptural. We will explore the unique properties of clay, the aesthetics of form, handles, lids, spouts, decorating techniques, glaze application, cone 6 glaze mixing, and the loading and firing of electric kilns. Raku firings can be included if there is interest. All classes use stoneware clay fired to cone 6 with food safe glazes in an electric kiln. Students may bring their own tools or purchase a kit for \$25. All students are required to purchase clay from us at \$25 for 25 pounds which includes glaze and firing fees.

Double your class hours with any combination of up to 8 supervised open studios on Sundays 2:30-5:30pm, Tuesdays 10-1, Thursdays 10-1, Friday nights 5-8 pm, or Saturdays 9:30-12:30 June 1 through July 26

Tuesday Evening Pottery

Roxanne Gunter

8 Tuesdays: June 3 - July 22, 5:30 - 8:30 PM

\$161.50 member, \$190 non-member, Clay \$25 for 25 lbs., Tools \$25 (optional)

Minimum 4 students, Adult | Registration closes June 3

For beginners with no experience and intermediate students. We will work on hand building and/or wheel throwing. We will explore the properties of clay and how to form it, decorating techniques, and glaze application. All classes use stoneware clay fired to cone 6 with food safe glazes in an electric kiln. Students may bring their own tools or purchase a kit for \$25. All students are required to purchase clay from us at \$25 for 25 pounds which includes glaze and firing fees.

Double your class hours with any combination of up to 8 supervised open studios on Saturdays 9:30-12:30, Tuesdays 10-1, Thursdays 10-1 or Friday nights 5-8 pm, Sundays 2:30-5:30 June 3-July 26

Thursday Afternoon Pottery

Nana Maher and Marie Remington

8 Thursdays: June 5 - July 24, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

\$161.50 member, \$190 non-member, Clay \$25 for 25 lbs., Tools \$25 (optional)

Minimum 4 students, Adult | Registration closes June 5

For hand building and wheel students with any level of experience. Work may be functional or sculptural. We will explore the unique properties of clay, the aesthetics of form, handles, lids, spouts, decorating techniques, glaze application, cone 6 glaze mixing, and the loading and firing of electric kilns. Raku firings can be included if there is interest. All classes use stoneware clay fired to cone 6 with food safe glazes in an electric kiln. Students may bring their own tools or purchase a kit for \$25. All students are required to purchase clay from us at \$25 for 25 pounds which includes glaze and firing fees.

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Sip and Slab Flower Bowls

Cathy Tapia

Thursday, June 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

\$29.75 member. \$35 non-member

Minimum 4 students, Adult | Registration closes June 18

Cut out flower designs from slabs of clay and press them into bowls to make a beautiful floral serving dish. You will probably have time to make two! You pick the color of the glazes. This is an easy class for beginners and a great night out! Bring a glass or bottle of your favorite beverage to sip! Projects will be glazed and fired at the center. They will be available for pickup about 3 weeks after class.

Sip and Slab Leaf Plates

Cathy Tapia

Thursday August 10, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

\$29.75 member. \$35 non-member

Minimum 4 students, Adult | Registration closes August 9

Create beautiful plates using real leaves for designs!! You can bring some leaves from your garden or use ours. Leaves should be no larger than your hand. Leaves with prominent veins or interesting shapes work best. Bring your favorite beverage to sip while we create! No clay experience needed! All plates will be glazed green. Pick up your completed pieces 2-3 weeks after the class. Sign up with a friend!

Clay Flower Bath for Bees or Hummingbirds

Roxanne Gunter

Thursday, July 17, 2025, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

\$34 member. \$40 non-member

Minimum 6 students, Adult | Registration closes July 17

Have a wonderful night being creative with clay and make 3 Flower Baths for bees or hummingbirds to adorn your flowerpots or flower beds. Choose the color of your Flowers and return in 2 1/2 to 3 weeks to pick up your adorable project.

Clay Flower Bath for Bees or Hummingbirds

Roxanne Gunter

Thursday, August 21, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

\$34 member. \$40 non-member

Minimum 6 students, Adult | Registration closes August 21

Have a wonderful night being creative with clay and make 3 Flower Baths for bees or hummingbirds to adorn your flowerpots or flower beds. Choose the color of your Flowers and return in 2 1/2 to 3 weeks to pick up your adorable project.

Ceramics Critical Review

Samantha Purze

Monday, August 25, 6:00 -9:00 PM

Members \$37.50 Non members \$45

Minimum 2 students, Adult | Registration closes August 25

Calling all working clay artists, hobbyists and potters! Are you eager for critical feedback and interested in joining a intelligent community of caring makers? Join us in this supportive discussion about your finished pieces of pottery or ceramic sculpture. During class you will be given encouraging feedback from instructor Sam Purze, as well as others in the group with the goal being to improve your skills, build community and inspire your next project. This class is great for individuals with home studios, current RRAC ceramic students or anyone who works with clay. Bring 1-3 finished pieces that you would like to receive supportive feedback on and be ready to take notes.

We will enjoy a potluck style snack together so feel free to bring a dish if you wish. (Bonus points for food served in/out of hand made pots)

Claymates for Kids

Samantha Purze

6 Saturdays: April 26, May 3 - 31, 1:00 -3:00 PM

\$76.50 member. \$90 nonmember

Minimum 4 students, kids ages 6-9 Registration closes April 26

Children will learn the basics of hand building with clay in the form of coiling, pinching and slab building. They will complete their projects with simple glazing techniques. At the end of the session each child goes home with several ceramic works which they made themselves from start to finish. These children will have the opportunity to pick up a new hobby, learn a multitude of hand skills, and work on problem solving. They will be welcomed into an environment where their creativity is encouraged and make new friends along the way. Experienced students may pursue their own projects under the guidance of the instructor. Pick-up finished work 2-3 weeks after last class.

Please include the child's name and age in the notes during enrollment.

Raku Fire Dragons

Debbie Carew and Marie Remington

2 Fridays: June 13 & 20, 1:00 -3:00 PM

Saturday, June 28, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM (firing date) ADULT REQUIRED

\$65 nonmember. \$55.25 member

Minimum 4 students, teens 7-14 years old | Registration closes June 13

Bring cash or blank check the first class if you might want to order a Raku Fire Dragon Master T-shirt.

On day one students will study the history of dragons and their meaning in different cultures, then create their own original versions in clay. Day two they will apply glazes to their dragons and write their biographies. On the firing day they will watch their dragons go into the kiln flames and magically emerge minutes later. Parents are required to accompany their child on the firing day. The dragons will be ready in time for entry in the Berrien County Youth Fair. Bring your camera, sunglasses, water and a lawn chair the day of the firing.

Claymates For Teens

Samantha Purze

6 Mondays: July 21 - August 25, 3:30 - 5:30 PM

\$76.50 member. \$90 non-member

Minimum 4 students, teens 14-17 years old | Registration closes July 21

Explore the world of clay during this 6-week class! Teen artists will learn multiple hand building techniques and get a chance to try the pottery wheel. No experience with clay is necessary, but experienced students may pursue their own projects under the guidance of the instructor. At our final day of class, everyone will practice simple glazing methods which bring each object to life. Students regularly bring home several ceramic masterpieces which they built themselves from start to finish. They will also be welcomed in a fun and caring environment where their creativity is encouraged, while making new friends along the way. Pick-up finished work 2-3 weeks after last class.

Kids Clay Camp

Samantha Purze

2 Weeks, Monday - Friday: July 28 - 31, August 1 & 4 - 8, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

\$115 member. \$135 non-member

Minimum 4 students, kids 6-12 years old

At this camp, young artists will experience the world of clay with instructor Sam Purze. Campers learn multiple hand-building techniques to create functional masterpieces. Then they will practice simple glazing techniques which bring each object to life. Everyone will take home several pieces of ceramic art which they built themselves from start to finish! Students will learn new skills in an environment where their creativity is encouraged and make new friends along the way. Avoid wearing clothing or shoes that cannot get muddy. Pick-up finished artwork 2-3 weeks after last day of camp.

Claymates for Kids

Samantha Purze

6 Saturdays: August 23 - September 27, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

\$76.50 member. \$90 nonmember

Minimum 4 students, kids ages 6-9 | Registration closes August 23

Children will learn the basics of hand building with clay in the form of coiling, pinching and slab building. They will complete their projects with simple glazing techniques. At the end of the session each child goes home with several ceramic works which they made themselves from start to finish. These children will have the opportunity to pick up a new hobby, learn a multitude of hand skills, and work on problem solving. They will be welcomed into an environment where their creativity is encouraged and make new friends along the way. Experienced students may pursue their own projects under the guidance of the instructor. Pick-up finished work 2-3 weeks after last class.

Please include the child's name and age in the notes during enrollment

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Claymates for Youth

Samantha Purze

6 Saturdays: August 23 - September 27, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

\$76.50 member. \$90 non-member

Minimum 4 students, Youth 10-13 years old | Registration closes August 23

Explore the world of clay during this 6 week class! Young artists will learn multiple hand building techniques and get a chance to try the pottery wheel. No experience with clay is necessary, but experienced students may pursue their own projects under the guidance of the instructor. At our final day of class, everyone will practice simple glazing methods which bring each object to life. Students regularly bring home several ceramic masterpieces which they built themselves from start to finish. They will also be welcomed into a fun and caring environment where their creativity is encouraged while making new friends along the way. Pick-up finished work 2-3 weeks after 1st class.

PRIVATE CLASSES

Take a Spin on the Pottery Wheel

Jeff Finn

Wednesdays: June 4 - July 30, 4:00 - 5:00 PM, 5:00 - 6:00 PM, and 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Member \$51, Non-member \$60

1 student, teens and adults | Pre-register by day of

Take a spin & see if you like it! Learn to create on the potter's wheel and ignite your inspiration and creativity! This step-by-step, individual instruction will teach you the basics of throwing, centering, lifting, shaping. All tools and materials are provided. You will complete up to 3 pieces of pottery during your personalized one-hour session. The instructor will glaze your work; you choose your glaze colors. Pick up your completed pieces within 3-4 weeks. Join the fun and release your creative expression!

Remove rings, wrist jewelry and watches prior to class. Long finger nails are not recommended. Long hair should be pulled back. Wear clothes that can take getting muddy! Be on time and get ready to have fun!

Pottery for You!

Samantha Purze

Thursdays: June 5 & 26, July 31, August 7 - 28, and Saturday, August 23.

Sessions at 4:00 - 5:00 PM, 5:00 - 6:00 PM, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, and 7:00 - 8:00 PM; vary by date.

Check online registration for specific availability. | Registration closes day of

\$51, Non-member \$60

1 student, All ages

Learn to use the potter's wheel or work on your hand building skills. Join me for step-by-step, individual instruction on clay projects that will be catered to your interests entirely. This one hour lesson is available for children or adults. All skill levels and ages welcome including small groups of siblings, couples and friends. You will complete at least one piece of pottery during your personalized one-hour session and finish by picking out your glaze colors. The instructor will glaze your work and fire it. Pick up your masterpiece within 2-3 weeks.

Remove rings, wrist jewelry and watches prior to class. Long finger nails are not recommended. Long hair should be pulled back. Wear clothes that can take getting muddy! Be on time and get ready to have fun!

Please include the child's name and age in the notes if enrolling a child.

STUDIO CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS - ADULT

Art Journal Workshop

Olivia Bromilow

Saturday, June 7, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

\$30 or \$25.50 for members

Minimum 3 students, ages 16+ | Registration closes on June 5.

Students will create a one-of-a-kind art journal using different materials and mixed media techniques. We will be making covers using recycled materials, assembling signatures with mixed media papers, and learning basic book binding techniques. We will also discuss the how and why of art journaling. Some materials will be provided and a supply list will be emailed as well.

The Art of Fusion: A Multimedia Workshop

Charlie Myers

Five Wednesdays, June 25 - July 23, 1:00 - 3:30 PM

\$95 or \$80.75 for members

Minimum 4 students, ages 16+ | Registration closes on June 23.

In this five-week workshop, students build a strong foundation in drawing and anatomy before diving into the creative world of mixed media. Early sessions focus on proportion, composition, and technique. As the course progresses, students explore layering, texture, and decorative elements across various materials to develop their personal artistic voice. The final week culminates in a polished piece that brings together everything learned.

Shibori Dyeing

Cheri Martin

Saturday, July 12, 1:00 - 3:30 PM

\$42 or \$35.70 for members

Minimum 3 students, ages 13+ | Registration closes on June 28.

Shibori is the Japanese term for tied and bound resist dyeing techniques. Although traditionally done with indigo, we will be using multiple colors of synthetic dye. Each student will receive 2 27"x27" hemmed cotton bandanas to dye, and the instructor will provide primary dye colors that can be combined to achieve any color desired. Examples and instructions for variations of folding, tying, and claspings will be demonstrated to achieve many different patterns. The projects will go home wet, to be revealed the next day.

Introduction to English Paper Piecing

Diane Pike

Saturday, August 2, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

\$44 or \$37.40 for members

Minimum 3 students, ages 13+ | Registration closes on July 30.

Discover the charm and versatility of English Paper Piecing, a timeless hand-sewing technique that stabilizes fabric pieces with paper templates before assembling them into beautiful, intricate designs. Especially effective for shapes that don't have long straight sides and include numerous set-in corners, like classic hexagons, there are endless creative possibilities!

Because this method is entirely done by hand, it's the perfect portable project that is ideal for relaxing evenings, travel, or any moment you want to slow down and stitch something meaningful.

A complete kit with everything you need is included so you can dive right in, whether you're a seasoned quilter or brand new to sewing.

Farm Fresh Florals: Mason Bloom Jars

Laura Tuthill

Thursday, July 31, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

\$32 or \$27.20 for members

Minimum 4 students, ages 13+ | Registration closes July 27.

Join us for this hands-on flower arranging workshop using farm-grown blooms from Ruby Hill Flower Farm. In this fun and relaxed class, you'll learn the basics of floral design and create your own unique mason jar arrangement using a variety of seasonal flowers. Whether you're a budding floral designer or just love fresh flowers, this class is the perfect way to get creative, connect with nature,

and bring a bit of the farm to your home! You'll leave with a beautiful handmade arrangement, a better understanding of floral design, and tips you can use to arrange flowers at home.

Guided Open Studio: Watercolors, Oil, Pastels

Phillip Falcone

Thursdays, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

\$15 each session

Drop-ins welcome if at least one student is registered, ages 13+

Bring your ongoing projects in oil paints, soft pastels, or watercolors--or start something new in a relaxed, supportive environment. Whether you have a specific piece in progress, an idea you'd like to explore, or simply want to get your feet wet in one of these mediums, this guided open studio offers a welcoming space to create.

Experienced facilitator Phillip Falcone will provide personalized guidance, encouragement, and demonstrations, working on a piece alongside students to offer real-time examples and support. This is a low-stress, community-driven environment where artists of all levels can develop their skills, ask questions, and find inspiration.

Students should bring their own materials in their chosen medium (oil paints, soft pastels, or watercolors), along with any reference images or inspiration they would like to work from. Easels are available for use.

STUDIO CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS - CHILDREN

Scribble Worms

Cathy Tapia

Six Fridays, June 13 - July 25 (No class July 4) 10:00 - 11:00 AM

\$50, or \$42.50 for members. Tuition assistance available

Minimum 4 students, ages 3-8 | Registration closes June 13.

Paint, glue, scribble and squish! Young artists will explore 5-6 new projects each session using a wide variety of art materials with a different theme each week. Students will be encouraged to explore at their own pace and ability level. Help your child's creativity and confidence grow through art! An adult must attend with all 3 and 4 year-olds.

Dress for a mess! Paint shirts or aprons are encouraged.

Tiny Tots

Olivia Bromilow

3 separate sessions: Wednesday June 11, July 9, August 13, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

\$15 or \$12.75 for members each session. Tuition assistance available

Minimum 4 students, ages 3-7

Tiny Artists, grab an adult and let's create! Tiny Tots is a process-based art class for our littlest artists. In this class, we will be exploring different art concepts and mediums through play. This class emphasizes process art, where the focus is on the experience of creating rather than the final outcome.

Please dress in clothes that can get messy!

The focus for each month will be: June - Drawing, July - Pastels, August - Painting

Each session requires separate registration.

Registration closes two days before each class; June 9, July 7, August 11

Art Explorers

Olivia Bromilow

3 separate sessions: Saturday June 21, July 19, August 9, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

\$25 or \$21.25 for members each session. Tuition assistance available

Minimum 4 students, ages 7-12

Hey kids, let's explore and create art! In this class, we will be exploring different art concepts each month through media and play. This class emphasizes process art, where the focus is on the experience of creating rather than final outcomes. Students will engage in a creative, self-led, playful project.

Please dress in clothes that can get messy!

The focus for each month will be: June - Printmaking, July - Drawing, August - Collage

Each session requires separate registration.

Registration closes two days before each class; June 19, July 17, August 7

Petals & Paint: Children's Flower Workshop

Laura Tuthill

2 separate sessions: Saturday June 28, August 16, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

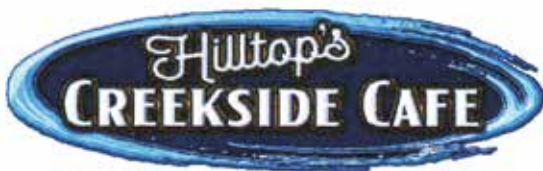
\$30 or \$25.50 for members each session. Tuition assistance available

Minimum 4 students, ages 6-12 | Each session requires separate registration.

Fresh, local flowers from Ruby Hill Flower Farm will be the centerpiece of this class. After learning fun facts and the names of flowers, aspiring florists will use their creativity to design their own flower arrangement in a mason jar. We will discuss shape, smell, texture, and color theory as it applies to floral design and will admire examples of floral art to inspire us! To wrap up the class, we'll document and point our beautiful bouquets using watercolor paints. Each child will take their flower arrangement and watercolor painting home.

Come and let your imagination bloom!

Registration closes 4 days before class; June 24 and August 12.



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