



# Open Clay Studio Info

**PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY**

### Open Studio Hours\*

Monday Noon-8pm

Tuesday Noon-8pm

Wednesday 10am-5pm

Thursday 10am-5pm

### Pay as You Play

\$5 / hr

\$30 / Day

\$100 Monthly Unlimited

\*Open Studio hours are subject to change with our workshop/class schedule.

No Open Studio during events/workshops/classes. Class fees required for event participation.

Open Studio is self guided work time in our ceramics facility without an instructor.

**Clay, Glaze, and Firings not included in Open Studio, but can be purchased separately at AAC**

### Open Studio participants are provided access to the following equipment:

Work Tables	Basic Pottery Tools
Aprons, Rags	36" Brent Slab Roller
Individual shelf space on open shelves	4" North Star Clay Extruder with Dies
*Rolling Carts that are labeled for greenware/bisque/glazeware	3 Clay Sink Stations
Free Wifi	2 Clean Wash Stations
First Aid Kits	Blue Cabinet Storage* for additional fee
Restrooms	Bluebird Clay Mixer* (Staff Operated Only)
<u>Pottery Wheels-</u> <b>(5) Brent B Pottery Wheels-</b> (12" Wheel Head, 150 lb. Centering Capacity) <b>(2) Brent C Pottery Wheels -</b> (14" Wheel Head, 225 lb. Centering Capacity) <b>(2) Artista Tabletop Pottery Wheels -</b> (11" Wheel Head, 25 lb. Centering Capacity) - an option for those that must stand at the wheel.	<u>Kilns* for additional fee (Staff Operated Only)</u> (4) KM 818 Skutt Kilns (2.6 cu.ft.) Small 1027 Workhorse Skutt Kiln (7 cu.ft.) Medium 1627 Skutt Kiln (18.5 cu. ft.) Large

### BRING FROM HOME:

- Bucket(s) with lids for clay slop & clay storage
- Specialty tools

#### DAILY:

- Sign the sign in/sign out indicating what equipment you will be using
- Pay Open Studio fee to AAC staff member when you arrive
- Clean up all areas everyday after use: AAC staff gives a 15 minute warning before end of Open Studio Time for cleanup to begin - - Late Clean-Up or Space Left Messy results in \$25 penalty charge

#### EQUIPMENT USE:

- Those unfamiliar with equipment are encouraged to learn proper usage in a class/workshop
- If you can demonstrate knowledge of proper equipment usage to AAC staff, you are permitted to it's use
- Wheels are numbered next to their power button please indicate which wheel you choose in the "equipment used" column on the sign in/sign out sheet
- Always let the AAC staff member know when you will be using the extruder & slab roller

#### SHELVING & STORAGE:

- Open Studio participants are limited to the community "Open Studio" shelves provided by the AAC. Space is limited. The "Class Storage" Shelves are for Ceramics Class/workshop participants only.
- The Appalachian Artisan Center is not responsible for lost or stolen clay pieces.
- Blue cabinet lockers are included with \$100 Monthly Unlimited Rental **OR** for \$25/month
- Private Artist Studios are available for rent - \$75/month (does not include access to clay studio or equipment). Studios include sink, workstation, lamp, rolling chair, storage locker, safe, fan, and heater.

#### CLAY:

- Clay can be purchased separately at the AAC
- Each Clay Wash Station is restricted to a particular clay body to avoid the mixing of low/high fire clays and red/whiteware clays
- At this time, the Artisan Center only fires mid-range clay.
- Low range clays may be fired to bisque with our mid range bisque clays but low range glaze firings will only be done separately and at the full kiln price.

#### MARKING YOUR WORK:

- You must put a mark or signature on the bottom of your work so that it can be identified by staff
- All bisque/glazed wares left on Open Studio shelves for more than 1month will be discarded unless we are notified by the owner of extenuating circumstances. Staff (at their discretion) may box up unclaimed bisque/glazed wares as it awaits pickup

#### GLAZING:

- A selection of commercial glazes can be purchased from AAC in 2oz. and greater portions
- Glaze must be wiped off the bottom of all pieces. Any piece with glaze on the bottom WILL NOT be fired. It is your responsibility to clean the pieces before placing them on the "Glaze" shelf
- If a kiln shelf is damaged by running glazes or other issues, replacement of the shelf will be required.

#### FIRING:

**ALL kilns are loaded, fired, and unloaded by AAC staff only**

- Kiln Request Forms are located under the Kiln Calendar and should be submitted to AAC staff
- Rolling ware carts are labeled Low-Fire and High-Fire with labeled shelves (greenware / bisque / glazeware) - put all work onto their respective shelves with a copy of your Kiln Request Form

**FOLLOW ALL CLAY STUDIO SAFETY RULES and ALWAYS BE SAFE**