

Welcome Back to The Smithy Clay Studio!

We are pleased to announce the long awaited reopening of the studio. After a long hiatus, we will be offering some adjusted programming and studio access, which we hope will give people a much needed creative outlet. We are tentatively scheduled to reopen on **Monday, July 13th**, providing NY State's phased reopening stays on track. While we are hoping to return to a relatively normal schedule in the future, we will be operating with reduced numbers and programming to protect both studio members and the staff from the ever present Covid-19 virus.

There will be **updated studio protocol** that everyone will be required to follow while using the studio. These include mask use, temperature checks conducted by staff, signing in for tracing purposes, adhering to social distancing, and several other new rules that will be set out in more detail very soon.

Our hope is that everyone can respect the new studio structure and protocol so that we can all get back to making some great clay work!

New Programming:

Studio Space Rental - \$25/session, No Clay Included

Sessions will be two hours in length and run three times a day on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. There will be three slots available for each session so we can keep everyone properly distanced within the space. This will be very similar to open studio with no instruction provided and a limit of three people per time slot. We ask that you bring as many of your own tools as possible. Prior clay studio experience is required and 18+ only please.

Time slots will be: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9am-11am, 11:30 am-1:30pm, 2pm-4pm. We will use the half hour in between sessions to clean and disinfect the space for the next group.

Sign-ups will be taken via email only, to gallery@smithyarts.org, and will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. With this programming being new to both the studio and the members, during the first two weeks, we will have a one session limit per person to make sure everyone has the opportunity to use the studio.

Private Studio Lessons - \$150 for 3hrs, \$50 per additional person, No Clay Included

Private studio lessons will consist of one-on-one instruction with one of The Smithy's instructors, with the option to have up to 3 people in the lesson. These lessons will be available on Tuesday and Thursday, and will be scheduled upon request. We ask that when scheduling the lesson, you provide us with an idea of what you would like to accomplish in the timeframe so that we can match you with an appropriate instructor.

To inquire about a private lesson, email us at gallery@smithyarts.org.

Kiln Rental

We will be offering whole kiln rentals for people who do not wish to work within the studio. The costs associated with these firings include, electricity, wear and tear on the equipment, and labor for loading the kilns. If you wish to use clay not purchased at the studio or glaze not from the studio, both must be approved by the studio manager prior to firing. We ask that you bring receipts or recipes for review and approval. We reserve the right to deny firing if we deem it a risk to the equipment.

Firing Fees:

Small Kiln

Bisque Firing Cone 05: \$35

Glaze Firing Cone 6: \$45

Large Kiln:

Bisque Firing Cone 05: \$45

Glaze Firing Cone 6: \$55

Remember, all sign-ups will be taken through the studio email, gallery@smithyarts.org.

*Clay is still available for purchase through the studio at \$35 per bag and will cover glaze and kiln firing costs.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Clay Studio Manager, Adam Jennett, at gallery@smithyarts.org!