



Community Kiln



What's New

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The snow is finally clearing away and we're getting ready for the Spring semester. As we wrap up our Winter session, check out this newsletter for some helpful tips about preparing for the week in between sessions. I can't wait to see what ideas our students come back from break with.

March was also filled with lots of planning for the Summer! New programs and plans can be viewed by visiting the "Summer 2026" tab on our website, along with exciting events to be announced. Registration for most of these programs is not yet open, but stay tuned for new registration dates soon.

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End of Semester Reminders

HOW TO OPTIMIZE YOUR TRANSITIONAL TIME



The Winter 2026 session is coming to a close so please read through these helpful reminders to optimize your time away from the studio; Community Kiln will be working hard on transitioning our space during our break from the Winter blues to Spring!

Additionally, we hope you will join us for a **Community Clean Up Day on Wednesday, April 1st from 12:30-3:30PM**. As always, we host an open studio beforehand from 9:30-12:30PM for volunteers of the cleanup day; We ask that only students who are intending to stay from 12:30-3:30PM to participate in the clean utilize this open studio time.

MARK YOUR CUBBY WITH A SPRING 2026 TAG

When Community Kiln transitions from one semester to the next, we print new cubby tags. The different colored tags help us identify which students are currently enrolled in our classes. If you are NOT enrolled in the Spring 2026 semester, we ask that you bring all of your belongings home with you, as cubby items left behind will be donated.

TAKE SOME TIME TO WIPE DOWN YOUR SPACE

Spring cleaning helps everyone! Take the time to look through your own cubby space. Remove those moldy, hard bags of clay you've told yourself you would get to later, wipe down those dust bunnies and clear out some space for new ideas and projects. A refresh of your personal space helps decrease the overall amount of dust within the studio.

USE THIS REST TIME TO GAIN INSPIRATION

Breaks are essential for all artists. Use this time off to seek inspiration from local galleries, social media pages, magazines or more. Take some time to draw, take photos, walk in nature, sketch from life, or engage in activities that make you feel inspired, curious and ready to come back and learn!

HELP OUT EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T MAKE THE MESS

The biggest part of being in a community studio is the willingness to help out even if you didn't cause a mess, spill or accident. We rely on each other to make this space safe, accessible and comfortable for all of our students to receive an education. We appreciate ALL of our students here at Community Kiln.



Upcoming Events



College Level Studio Membership

Applications open now

The College Level Studio Membership will be for the months of June, July and August at no cost for all three months- offering students studying ceramics in higher education to have a space to build their knowledge of ceramics.

This program is now accepting applications. View qualifications and more by visiting www.brickstack.org under the "Summer 2026" tab

Thrown Lids that Fit

March 30th, 1-4PM

Join our 1-day intensive lid throwing workshop with instructor Martha Gold. Dive deeper into making lids that fit well on the top of your vessels. Watch demonstrations of four different types of thrown lids and have the opportunity to throw 1-4 lidded vessels of your own. Basic to intermediate wheelthrowing skills are needed.

More information and registration at www.brickstack.org



Community Cleanup

April 1st, 12:30-3:30PM



Winter 2026 is coming to an end. Come make an impact and clean our studio space!

As a "Thank You" to all of our cleaning volunteers we will have an open studio from 9:30-12:30PM (right before our cleaning).

Can't make it? Clean out your personal space and free up some room in your cubby!

Trinkets and Treasures

March 27th, 6-9PM

Join us for a special TEEN clay night out. We'll be making adorable mini dishes, trays and even boxes to hold your most precious items. Bring your besties for a great night out! This class is open to teens aged 13-18.

For more information and registration visit www.brickstack.org



Amazing Glazes



Stunning combinations using Community Kiln glazes!



Turquoise Matt/ Eggshell
By JCD



Aqua/Brushed Rutile/Ruby
By Carol



White Liner over Nutmeg
By Lynne



Obsidian/Marigold
By Meg



Floating/Marigold/Obsidian/Ruby
By Nancy



Green Bronze/Ruby
By Julie

Summer 2026

SNEAK PEEK

The Summer is a great time to try a pottery class! Instead of our normal, 10 week long semester, we offer two, 5 week long semesters to make learning during these months a breeze.

Summer ONE: July 5th - August 8th

Summer TWO: August 16th - September 19th

Along with our regular program of adult and youth classes, we offer two special camp opportunities for students to play with clay all day! "Intro to Clay" class is geared towards our youngest potters with lots of mini games, exploration and projects to make clay fun. "Clay Camp" is a more in depth class for teenagers looking to dive further into their passions and explore more rigorous work. All of our Summer 2026 offerings can be found on our website www.brickstack.org under the new "Summer 2026" tab. We hope that you are able to join us for some clay classes this Summer. Stay tuned for more details on registration dates and times.



Staying Updated

Please check your student account to pay any outstanding fees from Winter 2026

Follow us!

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 @community_kiln



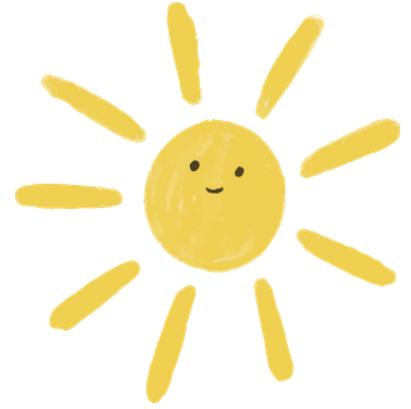
We have Community Kiln merchandise and ceramic tools for sale in the office!



Please see a CK employee if you would like to purchase anything

We are constantly updating our website and would love to use any images of your work, daily studio activities, classes and teachers or our studio community. **Do you have an image you would like to share?** Submit your images to ndahlesmoc.org with the artist's name and title of the work.

OPEN STUDIO



MARCH

Masks Required
Thursday

2026

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 1 Open Studio 10:00-4:00PM | 2 Open Studio 1:30-4:30PM | 3 | 4 Open Studio 2:00-5:00PM | 5 Open Studio 1:00-4:00PM | 6 Open Studio 12:30-3:30PM | 7 Open Studio 10:00-4:00PM |
| 8 Open Studio 10:00-4:00PM | 9 Open Studio 1:30-4:30PM | 10 | 11 Open Studio 2:00-5:00PM | 12 No Open Studios | 13 Open Studio 12:30-3:30PM | 14 Open Studio 10:00-4:00PM |
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| 29 No Open Semester | 30 Studios Vacation | 31 | | | | |

OPEN STUDIO



APRIL

Masks Required
Thursday

2026

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 19 Open Studio 10:00-4:00PM | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| | | No Open Studios April Vacation | | | | |
| 26 Open Studio 10:00-4:00PM | 27 Open Studio 1:30-4:30PM | 28 | 29 Open Studio 2:00-5:00PM | 30 Open Studio 1:00-4:00PM | | |



Come and Join

COMMUNITY KILN
AT BRICK STACK ARTS CENTER

A PROGRAM OF **S M C**

***21 February, 2026
9AM***

Spring Registration

Classes start April 5th and run for 10 weeks long. Registration for Spring 2026 classes opens on **Saturday, February 21st at 9AM.**

To read more on our policies and see more class information, visit our website at

www.brickstack.org



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TALK TO US

communitykiln@smoc.org

508-309-4604

Kids Clay

Tuesday 4PM - 6PM

Students ages 9 -12 will use handbuilding techniques to make one of a kind clay creations. Through hands-on instruction and fun projects we will explore slab, coil and pinching methods used to express your ideas in clay. Class meets for 8 weeks

Teen Clay

Thursday 4:15PM - 6:15PM

Teens ages 13-18 will explore methods and strategies to create their own, unique ceramic pieces. With a focus on handbuilding techniques, students will learn to make a variety of functional items such as bowls, mugs and dishes, as well as decorative objects. Class meets for 8 weeks.

www.brickstack.org



Community Kiln Presents



TREASURES
and
Trinkets

FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH 6-9PM

Bring your Besties for a fun Friday night out at Community Kiln. We'll be making adorable mini dishes, trays and even boxes to hold your most precious items.

You can paint decorative details on your creations with colorful underglazes or glaze them simply for a more modern look. Your pieces will be fired and ready to enjoy in a few weeks time! Price includes instruction, all materials, tools and glazes, plus snacks and lots of good vibes. Ages 13 to 18 welcome!

REGISTER NOW!

www.brickstack.org

\$50
per student

COMMUNITY KILN PRESENTS

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\$75

PER PERSON



WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

- Watch demonstrations of four different type of thrown lids.
- Expect to throw 1-4 vessels with lids during this workshop.

30 MARCH 2026
1-4PM

46 PARK STREET
FRAMINGHAM, MA



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.BRICKSTACK.ORG



April 1st,
12:30-3:30PM

STUDIO CLEANING DAY

Come and help us tidy up our space!

To say "Thank You" to all of our cleaning day volunteers, join us from 9:30-12:30PM on April 1st for a free open studio.

If you can not make it help out when you can and clean out your cubby. Make space for new items, wipe down any dirty surfaces or reorganize anything disorderly in the studio.

We appreciate ALL of your help.

CRYSTALLINE WORKSHOP

\$175

*Includes 15lbs of clay, 3
workshop dates, studio
time and firing*

APRIL 3RD

FRIDAY

6:30-8:30 PM

APRIL 24TH

FRIDAY

6:30-9:30 PM

MAY 1ST

FRIDAY

6:30-8:30 PM

This is a three part workshop where you will have the opportunity to glaze with Cone 10 Crystalline glazes. Students will meet on three separate dates to learn about crystalline glazes, apply their catchers and glaze, and finish/smooth the bottoms of their works. Three different Crystalline glazes will be supplied. Registration includes 15lbs of Standard 257 Grolleg Porcelain clay and 1,500 cubic square inches of firing space.

THIS IS AN INTERMEDIATE-ADVANCED WORKSHOP.

REGISTRATION AT
WWW.BRICKSTACK.ORG