

# NEWS from the BRICKYARD

## Final Month for the Resident Artists Exhibition!

Don't miss the opportunity to experience this extraordinary exhibition in person at The Bray Warehouse Gallery until August 30th. The Warehouse Gallery is open Tuesday-Friday, 11 am–5 pm and Saturday, 12 pm–4 pm.

Alternatively, delve into the show's intricacies through the online catalog, [here](#).



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## Artist Talk Series: Current Bray Resident Artists

## HOURS

### Clay Business

Monday-Friday, 10 am–5 pm,  
Saturday, 9 am–5 pm

### Gallery & Visitor Center, Exhibitions & Artist Studios

Tuesday-Friday, 11 am–5 pm  
Saturday, 12 pm–4 pm  
Closed Sunday and Monday

### Bray Gallery: Downtown

Wed-Fri, 11 am–5 pm  
Saturday, 12 pm–4 pm

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## THE BRAY'S BRICKYARD NETWORK

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## [CLAY IN COLOR](#)



Angelik Vizcarrondo-Laboy and Alex Anderson talk with young professionals of color who use humor, cuteness, and the



**Monday, August 5, 6:30 pm**  
**Frances Senska Center for Education and Engagement**  
**Free and open to the public**

Join us Monday evening for artist talks presented by the current resident artists at The Bray. Learn about the inspirations and influences that drive their work. Hear the stories of how they got to where they are today and the possibilities of where they may go.

All talks are free and open to the public. Presentations will take place at The Bray's Frances Senska Center for Education and Engagement, and begin at 6:30 pm.

[Join Virtually](#) (link goes live at time of event, no registration required)

## Artist Amplified; People's Pottery Project

**Thursday, August 15, 6:30 pm**  
**Frances Senska Center for Education and Engagement**  
**Free and open to the public**

Join us as the artists of People's Pottery Project share insight into their organization, its mission, and community. Our Artist Amplified lecture and demonstration series allows artists and art enthusiasts to share their history, process, and conceptual motivations with the public through various presentation formats.

An In Person and [Virtual Event](#) (Link goes live at the time of the event).

Thank you Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana for making our Artist Amplified 2024 season possible!



decorative in their work.

## [FOR FLUX SAKE](#)



Kathy King, Matt Katz and Rose Katz answer your burning questions about clay and glaze. You'll be laughing and learning about glaze chemistry in no time.

## [THE KILN SITTERS](#)



Marianne Chénard, Brendan Tang, and Carole Epp bring you enlightening interviews from Canadian makers.

## [MAKER'S PLAYBOOK](#)



Rebecca Ickes Carra talks with artists about what it's really like to make a living from the things we make.

## [THE SHOT CALLERS](#)



Each week Virgil Ortiz and Justin Reese will make a signature cocktail with their guests as they talk about their journey through the world of art.

## [TALES OF A RED CLAY](#)



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## 2024 Artist Amplified and Artist Talk Lineup

- **AUGUST 5: Current Bray Resident Artists**
- August 15: Artists of People's Pottery Project
- Sept 19: Local Artist Danielle O'Malley
- Oct 17: Local Artist Louise Ogemahgeshig Fischer



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### Coming Soon!

#### Fall Adult Continuing Education Classes

Fall Continuing Education classes are right around the corner with general registration opening **Tuesday, August 20, at 10 am** and the session starting September 23rd! Our Continuing Education classes meet for 3 hours, once a week, for 10 weeks and offer a variety of topics for every learning level. Learn more about the fantastic line up of classes listed below here.



- **Pushing Pots with Sarah Alsaied**, Mondays 6-9pm (Sept 23 - Dec 2nd\*), Beginner - Intermediate
- **Introduction to the Pottery Wheel with Lindsey Pankratz**, Tuesdays 6-9pm (Sept 24 - Dec 3rd\*), Beginner
- **Applying Your Voice with Laura Dirksen**, Wednesday's 9:30-12:30am (Sept 25 - Dec 4th\*), Intermediate +
- **Clay and Concept with Lexus Giles**, Wednesdays 6-9pm (Sept 25 - Dec 4th\*) Beginner
- **Layered Surfaces, with Muriel Condon**, Saturdays 2-5pm (Sept 28th - Dec 7th\*) Beginner

### RAMBLER



Ben Carter talks with potters, sculptors, and ceramic designers about their creative practice.

### TRADE SECRET



Adam Chau hosts conversations about contemporary issues in art, craft and design.

### **Coming Soon! BEYOND THE BRICKYARD**

Take a deeper look at the history of the Archie Bray Foundation and its influence on the ceramic world. We are taking listener submitted questions for this podcast. If you have a story to tell shoot us an email and be on the show!

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*\*no classes the week of Thanksgiving*



Consider [becoming a member](#) today to receive early member registration a week before general registration opens. All members (including those in a grace period) will receive an email on August 13, at 10 am with a link for early registration access.

## The Bray Honors Daniela Abel and Dennis Taylor with the Meloy Stevenson Award of Distinction



Community leaders, Daniela Abel and Dennis Taylor were presented the 2024 Meloy Stevenson Award at the annual Bray Garden Party on Thursday, July 18. The Meloy Stevenson Award of Distinction was created in 2001 to acknowledge outstanding service to the Archie Bray Foundation and is granted to individuals whose commitment has helped to sustain the Bray as “a fine place to work.”

Originally from Hamburg, Germany, Daniela Abel is an avid supporter of The Bray and has been volunteering for over 15 years. As a ceramic artist for over 25 years, she is passionate about learning new techniques, developing glazes, and has taken countless classes and

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workshops at The Bray.

Dennis Taylor served on the Bray Board of Directors from 2014-2023 and was Board Chair from 2017-2020. He is a retired City Manager, a long time Montana state government administrator, former Deputy Director of the Montana Department of Justice and Chief of Staff for Attorney General Joe Mazurek. Dennis is a graduate of the University of Kansas, studied public administration at the University of Montana, served in the United States

Marine Corps, is a decorated Vietnam combat infantry veteran and a former VISTA volunteer.

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## Down to the Earth Beer Tasting & Tour of The Bray



**Thursday, August 22, 6–8 pm**

Come join us at The Bray as we celebrate a few of Earth's greatest treasures — clay and grains!

On this one-of-a-kind tour of The Bray, you will discover our unique grounds, vibrant exhibitions and the excitement of what our resident artists are creating in the Summer Studios and Shaner Studio Complex.

Enjoy a progressive beer flight of [Blackfoot River Brewing Co.](#) beers curated by Bethany Flint and Tim Chisman. Beer will be enjoyed in handcrafted ceramic pint cups created by Bray artist, [Sunshine Cobb](#), which you will keep to add to your own collection! Light snacks will be provided.

\$60 per person / Space is LIMITED

For more event information and to reserve your ticket, please visit:

[givergy.us/BrayTastingTour](https://givergy.us/BrayTastingTour)



For questions and additional information:  
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## **August Experience Classes Try Something NEW!**



We have another month of fun summer Experience Classes lined up with a few spots still remaining! Whether you are looking to experience clay for the first time or seeking a fun filled creative activity, our Experience Classes offer hands-on learning for a variety of student types, abilities, and interests. Reserve your seat! (classes fill at 10 participants, each class is \$55/person)

**Dirty Date Night**, [Wednesday, August 7th](#) OR [Friday, August 23rd](#) 6-8pm

Romance NOT required, bring your partner, spouse, or friend to this crash course to create a bowl on the wheel. Ages 18+

**Pottery Spin**, [Thursday, August 8th](#) 6-8pm

Discover what terms like centering, opening, pulling, and shaping mean and how clay responds to the touch of your hand in this foundational pottery wheel class! Ages 16+

**Coffee and Clay**, [Saturday, August 24th](#) 10am-noon.

Develop your wheel-throwing skills and connect with good company. BYO coffee, pastries, and other snacks are welcome! Ages 16+



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### **Welcome Visiting Artist Edith Garcia!**

Our Invited Visiting Artist in Residence is a short term curated partnership between an established artist and The Bray. The Visiting Artist is provided a private studio space, in proximity to The Bray Resident Artists, to realize and conceive new work and projects while engaging in shared on-site resources and a lively creative atmosphere.



[Edith Garcia](#)'s work draws you into an alluring world of installation and sculpture. She focuses on the unique individual experiences throughout our lifetimes, the minimal occurrences that transpire each day, addressing humanity's ontology and grafting them into site-specific installations and objects. Her body of work has been exhibited throughout North America, Mexico, and Europe, in spaces such as the Gimpel Fils, London, Escuela Nacional de Artes Plasticas, Mexico City, and is included in the permanent Sculpture Garden of the Archie Bray Foundation, Montana.

Garcia is strongly engaged in the critical research of contemporary art and crafts with curatorial projects, publishing, and creating works that reflect this passion. Garcia received her BFA from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, MFA from the California College of the Arts, and MPhil at the Royal College of Art in London working on research focusing on The Absence and Presence of the Human Form in Ceramic Sculpture-Where is the Vanishing Point. And her first major publication *Ceramics and the Human Figure* was



released worldwide by Bloomsbury. To learn more visit [edithgarciastudio.com](http://edithgarciastudio.com).

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## Bray Clay Business



At [Bray Clay](#), we provide everything a ceramic artist, hobbyist, or classroom could need or want. We produce clays on-site in Helena, Montana for every firing temperature and color and we stock many more clays from Plainsman and Laguna. Everything you need to work with and finish your ceramic pieces—glazes, underglazes, tools, dry materials, and studio equipment—is all available in our Helena store, by phone, or [online](#).

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## The Mission

Every donation fuels our mission to promote, celebrate, and sustain the ceramic arts through the residency program, education, gallery, ceramic materials and technology, and community engagement on a local, national, and international scale. In the words of Archie himself, The Bray makes available, “for all who are seriously and sincerely interested in any of the branches of the ceramic arts, a fine place to work”.



Your love of the ceramic arts and our community makes this all possible. You are an important part of our work and our continued success. Please show your support by making a gift today.



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*The Archie Bray Foundation recognizes and honors the Indigenous peoples of this region on whose ancestral lands the Foundation now stands. Indigenous people*

*have inhabited the valley in which Helena is situated for more than 12,000 years; the valley acting as a crossover for Salish, Crow, Bannock, and Blackfeet tribes among others.*

*We respectfully acknowledge and honor all Indigenous communities whose land we reside on in what is now known as Montana— past, present, future—and are grateful for their ongoing and vibrant presence. We believe that acknowledging and reflecting upon the contemporary lived experience and history of the Indigenous peoples here in Montana and around the world are essential steps toward creating a more equitable world. Learn more through the [#HonorNativeLand](#) initiative of the U.S. Department of Arts and Culture, and consider contributing to Indigenous-led organizations doing important work to further the health and wellness, sovereignty and self-determination of the first peoples of this land.*

The Bray is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to the enrichment of the ceramic arts, located at 2915 Country Club Ave. in Helena, just 1/3 mile west of Spring Meadow Lake.

This project is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, and in part by the Montana Cultural Trust, the Montana Arts Council, the Bray Business Alliance and the friends and members of the Bray. The Bray is funded in part by coal severance taxes paid based upon coal mined in Montana and deposited in Montana's Cultural and Aesthetic Projects Trust Fund.

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