

Annual Bray Benefit Auction & Garden Party



Welcome to the 2024 [Annual Bray Benefit Auction](#) and Archie's Avant Garden Party!

For 2024 we have an exciting lineup of artists and beautiful works and experience packages we are eager for you to check out. Join us now on campus in the Bray Gallery: North to view this beautiful exhibit, open Tuesday-Friday, 11am-5pm and Saturday, 12-4pm.

New for 2024 is our in-person ticketed fundraiser Archie's Avant Garden Party! Details for the event are available by [clicking here](#) or selecting the ticket option in the menu on the left. Dress attire this year will be Moon Garden: Shimmer and Shine, but feel free to wear whatever you'd like! We hope you can join us for an evening of celebrating art, honoring our Meloy Stevenson award recipients, plus dinner and dancing!

For assistance purchasing a ticket please email jasonburnett@archiebray.org and leave your email and best phone number to reach you.



**Auction Bidding Begins Friday, July 19, at 8:00am
MDT/10:00am EDT**

Auction Closing Times:

[HERITAGE](#): Wednesday, July 24, 6:30pm MDT/8:30pm EDT
[MINERALS](#): Thursday, July 25, 6:30pm MDT/8:30pm EDT
[MOODS](#): Thursday, July 25, 7:00pm MDT/9:00pm EDT
[EXPERIENCE](#): Friday, July 26, 6:30pm MDT/8:30pm EDT
[CUP](#): Friday, July 26, 7:00pm MDT/9:00pm EDT

Bray & Brews

Friday, July 19, 4-8 pm
Blackfoot River Brewing Co

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MONTANA CLAY TOUR



July 20-21, 2024
**5 studios across
Helena, MT, featuring
over 40 artists!**
The Helena based
Montana Clay Tour brings
together ceramic artists



Bray & Brews is a gathering welcoming the entire greater clay community, including the Montana Clay Tour artists, local art center artists and patrons, Bray board members, current and former resident artists and community students. The event takes place at Blackfoot River Brewing Co. where we will be able to spread out indoors and out! Gather with clay aficionados for a laid-back evening of mingling before the Montana Clay Tour kicks off on Saturday! Non-alcohol beverages will be available.

Artist Amplified; Summer Residents

Thursday, July 11, 6:30 pm

Frances Sensa Center for Education and Engagement
 Featuring Corinna Cowles, Priscilla Dobler-Dzul, Aida Lizalde, Marce Nixon-Washington, and Jason Lee Starin



Meet our Summer Residents: Marce Nixon-Washington, Jason Lee Starin, Corinna Cowles, Aida Lizalde, Priscilla Dobler Dzul in a fun and informative manner in the form of a lightning round panel discussion moderated by Bray staff! View their artworks via slides while getting to know more about each of them as artists and

from across Montana, who share a passion for contemporary ceramics.

Their mission is to showcase the talent and diversity of Montana's ceramics community through an annual open studio tour.

[Find out more here.](#)

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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CLAY IN COLOR



Angelik Vizcarrondo-Laboy and Alex Anderson talk with young

individuals. Discover what their plans are for their time with us as resident artists and hear what they're thinking and working on in their studios.

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. We can't wait to discover what Summer Residents have to share!

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!



2024 Artist Amplified Lineup

- July 11: Summer Residents
- August 15: Artists of People's Pottery Project
- Sept 19: Local Artist Danielle O'Malley
- Oct 17: Local Artist Louise Ogemahgeshig Fischer



July Experience Classes

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. Check out our July classes and sign up today to reserve your seat! (classes fill at 10 participants, each class is \$55/person)



Dirty Date Night, [Friday, July 12](#) OR [Thursday, July 25](#) 6-8pm

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

Coffee and Clay, [Saturday, July 13](#), 10am-noon. Develop your wheel-throwing skills and connect with good company. BYO coffee, pastries, and other snacks are welcome! Ages 16+

Bray Clay Throwdown, [Friday, July 26](#), 6-8pm
Try your hand at the pottery wheel in this energy filled

professionals of color who use humor, cuteness, and the 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

clay class at The Bray. We won't judge the results but we do expect a good time to be had by all! Ages 16+



Welcome Visiting Artist Meredith Host!

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.



Meredith Host (she/her) produces contemporary

through the world of art.

TALES OF A RED CLAY 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!

(ben@archiebray.org)

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tableware and textiles with retro flair. Her dot patterns are inspired by her collection of toilet paper and paper towel designs. She obsesses about these ubiquitous domestic patterns subtly quilted on the paper products we see, use, and throw away every day. Meredith reinterprets these motifs and celebrates them in the context of other domestic objects meant for daily use.

Meredith received her BFA in Ceramics from Kansas City Art Institute in 2001 and her MFA in Ceramics from The Ohio State University in 2008. She was named one of the 2011 Emerging Artists for NCECA and Ceramics Monthly, and in 2016 was a Presenter at the Utilitarian Clay Symposium. Currently, Meredith lives in Kansas City, MO, teaches workshops around the country, and is a founding member of the Kansas City Urban Potters.

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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](#).

Save the Date; Fall Continuing Education Classes Are Coming Soon!

Our Continuing Education classes meet for three hours once a week, for ten weeks with experienced instructors who are eager to share their knowledge around a catered course topic. Students receive daily open studio access outside scheduled classes to

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come in and practice what they're learning. We offer these classes in the spring and the fall and our fall classes are right around the corner - make sure and mark your calendar with these important dates:

Early Member Registration opens Tuesday, August 13, at 10am

A link will be emailed to all current Bray members.

[Consider becoming or renewing your membership today!](#)



General Registration opens Tuesday, August 20, at 10am
at archiebray.org

Our 2024 Fall session runs September 23–December 7
(no classes week of Thanksgiving)

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.



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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