

## The Bray Receives Largest Donation in 71-Year History

**We have exciting news to share:** The Bray has received a \$15 million endowment from the Windgate Foundation. This donation, which will be established as the ABF Fund, is the largest in The Bray's 71-year history and will help strengthen and enhance all aspects of our current programs and future priorities.

### Transformative Gift

The Windgate Foundation, which is dedicated to supporting contemporary craft and visual arts in the United States, has been working with The Bray since 2010. The funds generated from this new endowment will continue Windgate's financial support of The Bray's international artist-in-residence program and help us achieve our strategic goals, including extending our reach in underserved communities through artistic partnerships and educational programs. The endowment will also further expand our commitment to actively increasing inclusion, representation, belonging and equity in the ceramics community, and support the equitable and sustainable management of facilities and operations. *(Pictured, above: summer resident, Cathy Lu)*



By establishing this endowment, Windgate is providing The Bray with both immediate support and long-term stability. While the endowment proceeds will only cover a portion of our annual needs, this provides us with a solid foundation from which we can continue to evolve and foster opportunities in the ceramic arts. The Bray will continue to rely on the support of individuals and foundations, in addition to this endowment, to sustain our mission. We hope that other supporters will consider [long-term investment](#) in The Bray to build on this momentum.



***"We are deeply impressed with the work and vision of The Bray. Our significant investment represents both the trust we have going forward and a deep belief in the mission and values. We encourage others to join us in support of this important ceramic arts institution."***

***~ Patricia Forgy, executive director of Windgate Foundation***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, June 3rd  
6–8pm**

Fellowship Artists Exhibition  
Opening Reception at the  
Holter Museum of Art

**Thursday, June 9th  
6:30–8pm**

Artist Amplified: Kristy  
Moreno and Soojin Choi at  
the Education  
Facility [Register Here](#)

**Thursday, June 16th  
6:30–8pm**

Artist Amplified: Summer  
Residents Part 1, at the  
Education Facility

**Thursday, June 23rd  
6–8pm**

Resident Artists Exhibition  
Opening Reception,  
Warehouse Gallery at The  
Bray

## SAVE THE DATE

**Monday, August 1, 2022,  
3:00 pm**



Private tour of [Raven  
Halfmoon: New  
Monuments](#) exhibition at  
Missoula Art Museum (MAM)  
led by former Bray resident  
artist Raven  
Halfmoon *(pictured, above)*.  
Hear from the artist and see  
the exhibition before it opens  
to the public. This is a special  
intimate gathering for Bray

### Long-Term Partnership

The Windgate Foundation began its support of The Bray for the creative center's 60th anniversary celebration. Ongoing grants from the foundation have enabled The Bray to support our artist-in-residence programs and increase direct funding for artists, expand the north campus—including our new education and research facility, administrative offices, sales and exhibition galleries, and visiting artist housing—provide unrestricted grants to help support The Bray during the COVID-19 pandemic, and more.



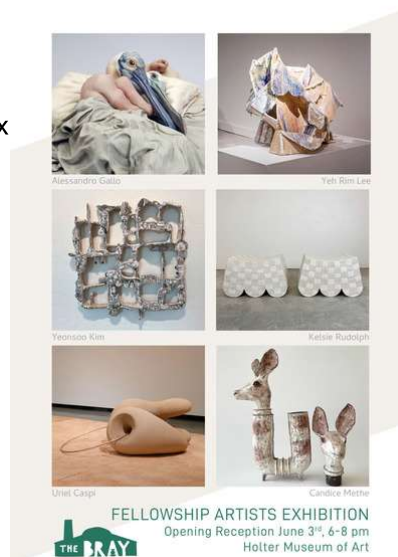
To sustain our international leadership in the field, The Bray relies on the creative and financial contributions of its benefactors. We are humbled by and extremely grateful for this transformative gift from Windgate Foundation. The Bray will use this landmark gift to strengthen and stabilize its educational and artistic programs.



## Fellowship Artists Exhibition at the Holter Museum of Art - Opens Friday, June 3rd

Join The Bray at the Holter Museum of Art for an opening reception on Friday, June 3, from 6-8pm. The Fellowship Artists Exhibition features the work of six long-term artists concluding their residency at The Bray; [Uriel Caspi](#), [Alessandro Gallo](#), [Yeonsoo Kim](#), [Yeh Rim Lee](#), [Candice Methe](#), and [Kelsie Rudolph](#). This exhibition will be on display at the Holter June 3-July 31, 2022.

Friend of The Bray members have been invited to a special preview of the exhibition. If you did not receive an email, please contact [alison@archiebray.org](mailto:alison@archiebray.org). [Click here](#) to learn more about becoming a Friend of The Bray member.



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Contact Development Director, Alison Dawson, for more information and to reserve your spot at [alison@archiebray.org](mailto:alison@archiebray.org).

## HOURS



### Clay Business

Monday-Saturday, 9 am–5 pm

### Sales Gallery

Monday-Friday, 11 am–5 pm  
Saturday, 12 pm–4 pm



## QUICK LINKS

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Fellowship support is made possible by: Paulette Etchart and Jon Satre, Joan and David Lincoln, Lillstreet Art Center, Grace and Osamu Matsutani, Quigley-Hiltner Family, Speyer Family Foundation, Suzanne Francoeur Taunt, Visions West Contemporary, Windgate Foundation, and anonymous donors. Each fellowship awards \$7,500 to a long-term resident artist; additional funds are provided to cover The Bray's studio costs for each resident. Contact [Alison Dawson](#), Development Director, if you are interested in directly supporting a resident artist.

Special thanks to [Mosaic Architecture](#) and [Hawthorn Bottle Shop & Tasting Room](#) for sponsoring this exhibition.



## Support The Bray

Your support makes an impact! The Bray needs your continued involvement now as we invest in the power of art to heal and unify. The ceramic arts inspire creativity and connect people of all backgrounds and abilities through transformative encounters in the studio, in the classroom, at the table, and in the community. Please consider a tax-deductible donation today to help us reach our spring fundraising goals! [Donate here](#) to support the continued vibrancy of The Bray.

(Pictured, above: long-term resident artists, Uriel Caspi, Yeonsoo Kim, Soojin Choi, Sydnie Jimenez and Kristy Moreno)



## June is Pride Month!

#Pride month is a time of celebration for the LGBTQ+ community – and it's also a reminder of the progress we are still fighting to achieve.



The Bray is committed to providing a community for individuals to work in a safer space of equity, respect, belonging, and support, recognizing the full range of makers, artists, designers, and thinkers who make up our residents, staff, board, students, volunteers, supporters, and creative partners.

## Artist Amplified Summer Line Up

We've had a blast bringing new perspectives on contemporary ceramics and its history to our communities through our newly developed Artist Amplified lecture and demonstration series. So much fun, that we're upping our offerings this summer to two events per month! Mark your calendars and join us throughout the summer months as we continue to introduce and highlight artists, educators, and art enthusiasts alike.

All Artist Amplified events are held in the Education and Research Facility from 6:30-8pm MST and are free and open to the public. Attend in person or stream online! [Find in person registration and streaming links for each event here.](#)

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(Pictured, above: long-term resident artists, Kristy Moreno and Soojin Choi)

**June 9th, Kristy Moreno and Soojin Choi** - Join these two Long Term Resident Artists as they partner up to demonstrate their processes while exchanging conversation with one another and the audience.

**June 14th, Summer Residents Part I** – Discover

part one of this year's incredible Summer Residents! Haylie Jimenez, Austyn Taylor, Future Revival (Katie Parker & Guy Davis), Aili Schmeltz, & Joon Hee Kim will introduce themselves through an energetic and entertaining Q&A based panel discussion.

**July 14th, Cannupa Hanska Luger** – Connect with this summer's Visiting Research Artist, Cannupa Hanska Luger, as he shares insight into his multidisciplinary practice, monumental installations, and social collaborations.

**July 28th, Summer Residents Part II** – Engage with Elizabeth Pena-Alvarez, Melissa Joseph, Adam Lefebvre, Justin Reese, & Lindsay Rogers in part two of our Summer Residents Q&A panel discussions!

**August 11th, TBD** – Exciting potentials in the works!

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## Save the Date

Bidding begins Saturday, July 23rd, for The Bray Online Benefit Auction! There's something for everyone to enjoy in our five auction categories; Heritage, Premier, Main, Cup and Experience Auctions.

The Bray Benefit Auction is generously sponsored by [Allegra: Print Marketing](#) [Mail](#); [Radius Gallery](#); [Hawthorn Bottle Shop & Tasting Room](#); [Oddfellow Inn & Maison](#); and the [Montana Club](#).



## Should I be afraid of silicosis?



On this episode of [For Flux Sake](#) on [Brickyard Network](#), our hosts talk about studio cleanliness and the presence of silica in our community studios. Matt shares a CDC paper on the topic and settles a few misconceptions about the prevalence of silicosis in studio ceramics. Listen to the full episode now on your favorite podcast app or [stream here](#). To see the supplemental info

talked about in this episode, [visit this page](#).

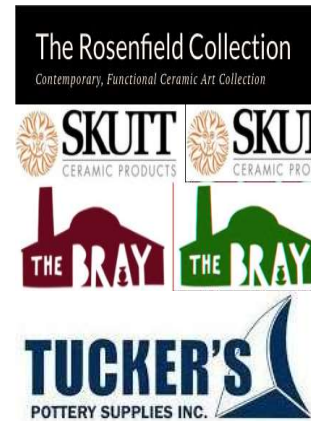
## Convenient ways to shop!

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At [Bray Clay](#), we provide everything a ceramic artist, hobbyist, or



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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.



*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 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.