

NEWS from the BRICKYARD



Join Us for the Resident Artist Exhibition
Opening Reception Thursday, June 13, 6–8 pm
June 13–August 30, 2024
Bray Warehouse Gallery



Join us for **SUMMER AT THE BRAY!** Celebrate excellence in ceramics at the 2024 Resident Artist Exhibition! This exhibition features 21 incredible artists, including ten new residents, ten current long-term residents, and the Bray's Executive Director, Rebecca Harvey. Don't miss this chance to ignite your creativity while viewing art and mingling with the artists.

Artists in order of pictured above, top to bottom, left to right:

Corinna Cowles; Philadelphia, PA
 Priscilla Dobler Dzul; US and Mexico
 Aida Lizalde; Mexico City, Mexico
 Maura Wright; Columbia, MO
 Marcè Nixon-Washington; Pittsburgh, PA
 Lexus Giles; Jackson, MS
 Dante Gambardella; Bozeman, MT
 Jason Lee Starin; Grand Rapids, MI
 Colby Charpentier; Providence, RI
 Sarah Alsaied; Kuwait, based in US
 Simphiwe Mbunyuza; Johannesburg, South Africa
 Eliza Weber; Great Falls, MT
 Laura Dirksen; Maria Stein, OH
 Carey Nathanson; Wilmington, NC
 Shea Burke; Rochester, NY
 Janina Myronowa; Wroclaw, Poland; Ukraine
 Austin Coudriet; Lincoln, NE
 Kim Tucker; California
 Rebecca Harvey; Helena, MT
 Austin Riddle; Salt Lake City, UT
 Megan Thomas; Hamilton, OH

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

possible by: Linda Carlson, Susan J. and Henry K. Ricklefs; Brian Rochefort; Paulette Etchart and Jon Satre; and friends and family of Sarah Frederick.



We are stoked to have ten new resident artists join the returning group of innovative artists at The Bray. Welcome to all!

Summertime Wheel Classes; Register Today!



Ever seen someone using the pottery wheel and wanted to give it a go? Interested in meeting new people and connecting through art? Looking for a fun activity for your out of town visitors? Miss

working with your hands and need an excuse to get back at it?... Check out our [summer wheel classes](#) and find the class(es) that speak to you!



Develop your wheel throwing skills and engage with good company in our monthly [Coffee and Clay](#) classes (BYO coffee, pastries, and other snacks are welcome!). Try your hand at the pottery wheel in the energy filled [Bray Clay Throwdown](#) class – we won't judge the results but we do expect a good time to be had by all! Bring your partner, spouse, or friend to one of our ever popular [Dirty Date Night](#) wheel classes, no romance required ;) Don't miss out, sign up

decorative in their work.

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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.

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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](#)

today to reserve your seat.



Artist Amplified; Long-Term Resident Artist Laura Dirksen

Thursday, June 27, 6:30 pm



Join us at The Bray as Bray Fellow and long-term resident artist, Laura Dirksen shares insight into her artistic practice. 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 Laura has to share! An In Person and Virtual Event (Link goes live at the time of the event). An In Person and [Virtual Event](#) (Link goes live at the time of the event). Learn more about this event and the entire [Artist Amplified Series](#) [here](#).

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



2024 Artist Amplified Lineup

- June 27: Bray Fellow Laura Dirksen
- July 11: Summer Residents
- August 15: Artists of People's Pottery Project
- Sept 19: Local Artist Danielle O'Malley

[RAMBLER](#)



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

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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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- Oct 17: Local Artist Louise Ogemahgeshig Fischer



Back by Popular Demand; Summer Artist Talk Series!

Artist Talk Series – Current Bray Resident Artists
Monday, July 1st and August 5th, 6:30 pm
Free and open to the public.



Join us at The Bray for these Monday evening artist talks presented by the current resident artists. 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.

Mark your calendar! Talks are free and open to the public. Presentations will take place in person only at The Bray's Frances Senska Center for Education and Engagement, and begin at 6:30 pm.

Archie's Avant Garden Party Tickets Go On Sale Tuesday, June 11th

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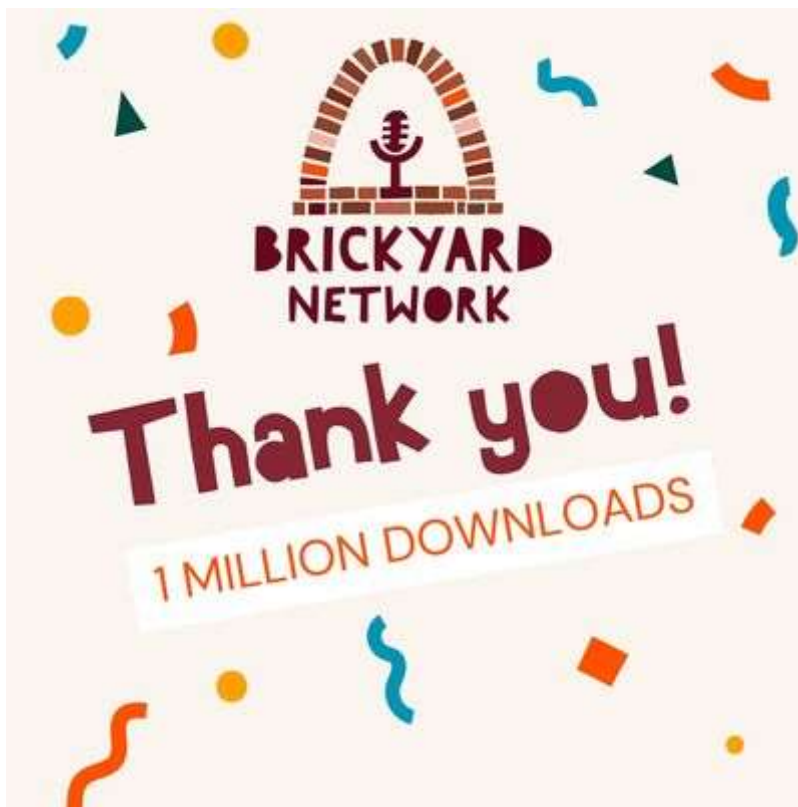
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Save the date for The Bray's all new signature fundraiser and ticketed reception for the 28th Annual Bray Benefit Auction on July 18, 2024. This year's theme is Moon Garden: Shimmer & Shine! Archie's Avant-Garden Party and Annual Bray Benefit Auction supports our resident artist program. Mark your calendars! Tickets will be available on June 11th at archiebray.org

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Wine Tasting Tour of The Bray; Registration Open!



Come join us at The Bray as we celebrate a few of Earth's greatest treasures — clay and grapes! 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 wine flight curated by Jill Roberts of The Hawthorn Bottle Shop and Tasting Room. Wine will be enjoyed in handcrafted ceramic cups created by Bray artist Brooks Oliver, which you will keep to add to your own Bray collection!

\$75 per person / Space is **LIMITED**

For more event information and to reserve your spot online visit:
giveryg.us/BrayTastingTour

Bray Benefit Auction Coming Soon!



Artwork by Linda Lopez

Fantastic moods and minerals await you in the 2024 Annual Bray Benefit Auction! Be sure to reserve your tickets for this year's auction reception and Archie's Avant Garden Party, available June 11th at archiebray.org.

Bray Clay Business

At [Bray Clay](https://BrayClay.com), 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](https://BrayClay.com).



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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