

Fellowship Artist Exhibition Opening Reception Thursday!

Join us to celebrate exciting artwork by 10 Bray long term fellowship recipients! Gather your friends and come out to the Bray North Gallery Thursday, March 7, from 6-8 pm to discover diverse creations, mingle with the artists, and let the magic of clay ignite your imagination!



Featuring Bray Fellowship Artists:

Sarah Alsaied, Shea Burke, Colby Charpentier, Austin Coudriet, Laura Dirksen, Simphiwe Mbunyuza, Janina Myronowa, Austin Riddle, Megan Thomas, Maura Wright

Support comes from the Bray Fellowship, Etchart-Satre Fellowship, Frazza Fellowship, Joan Lincoln Fellowship, Lilian Fellowship, Matsutani Fellowship, Quigley-Hiltner Fellowship, Speyer Fellowship, and Taunt Fellowship. 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.



The Bray North Gallery Hours:

Open Tuesday–Friday: 11:00 am–5:00 pm; Saturday 1:00–5:00 pm

A big thanks to the exhibition lead sponsor, [Mosaic Architecture](http://MosaicArchitecture.com).



HOURS

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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

SPEAKING OF POTS

Join Sarah Jaeger and friends for conversations and community around anything pots.

**2:00 pm, Sunday,
Mar 24, Apr 28, May 19**

Frances Senska Center
for Education and
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kitchen/lounge space
(2nd floor)

Free and open to the
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QUICK LINKS

The Return of Artist Amplified and Our 2024 Lineup!

March sees the return of Artist Amplified for 2024 and we kick off the season with a delightful pairing of minds with our very own **Megan Thomas** and **Brad Robinson**! Join us March 14th, at 6:30pm as Megan and Brad share their knowledge of birds, pottery, and the local Helena trail systems (yes, you read that right!) Discover Megan's artworks and how her research on historical bird pots have influenced it, then dive into Helena's local flora, fauna, and extensive trail system as Brad talks about the amazing resource, helenaaoutdoors.com. A must not miss night of an enjoyable fusion of two outwardly different yet wonderfully similar perspectives.

Location: In-Person at the Frances Senska Center for Education and Engagement and streaming live, [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!



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2024 Artist Amplified Lineup - Mark your calendar!

- March 14: Bray Fellow Megan Thomas and Bray Staff Brad Robinson

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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)

CLAY IN COLOR

Angelik Vizcarrondo-Laboy and Alex Anderson talk with young professionals of color who use humor, cuteness, and the decorative in their work.

- April 18: Local Florist Abbey Cook and Clay Artist Stephanie McGeorge
- May 2: Special Event at Mt. Ascension; Greater Helena Gives!
- May 16: Former Resident Joanna Powell
- 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
- Oct 17: Local Artist Louise Ogemahgeshig Fischer



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](#).



Upcoming Class Announcements - Be on the Lookout!



We have some exciting classes coming up this spring and we don't want you to miss out! Mark your calendars and keep an eye out for more details for the below classes and community engagement opportunities, including one or two open registrations in the next month's (Aprils) newsletter!

- Community Bowl Fest in partnership with [Helena Food Share](#), Sunday April 14th 11am-2pm
- Mothers and Others Cups and Mugs; Experience Class, Saturday April 27th 2-4pm
- Mothers and Others Raku; Experience Class, Saturday April 27th 4-6pm

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.

THE 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 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.

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- Electric Kiln Dr Class, Date TBD
- Wheel Throwing Experience Classes, Topics and Dates TBD ...we hear you - you want the wheel :)
- Dirty Date Night; Experience Classes, Dates TBD

As always, if you have a group of 6 or more and would like to schedule an on demand [Experience Class](#) reach out to education@arhicebray.org and if it fits within our classroom and instructor schedules we'll work with you to get something lined up!

Crashpads for Clay Artists



This summer, The Bray will be welcoming several new short and long term resident artists. If you have space available for rent, or if you know of anyone who might be interested in housing an artist, please reach out to us. This is a great way for our resident artists to connect with the local community. With Helena's high rental rates, many of our resident artists rely on our network of interested people to help them find affordable housing.

If you can help, please [visit this page](#) and fill out the "Bray Landlord Information". Thank you for supporting our artists!

The Bray's Brickyard Network at NCECA

We are excited to be participating in this year's NCECA conference in Richmond, VA. Come on out to the podcast room B10 and bring your friends for a live taping! Hope to see you there!



Thursday, March 21, 1:00pm	An episode of Trade Secret will be recorded with guest host David Jones on <i>Rethinking Technology</i> .
Thursday, March 21, 2:30 and 4:00pm	Tales of a Red Clay Rambler host, Ben Carter, will moderate <i>The Changing Landscape of Ceramic Education</i> at 2:30 pm. Directly following at 4:00pm guest host Malene Barnett will record <i>Clay Roots: Exploring Ceramics Across the Black Diaspora - From Africa to the Caribbean and the Americas</i> .
Friday, March 22, 11:00am	For Flux Sake hosts Kathy King, Matt Katz, and Rose Katz will record a live episode of their podcast for the <i>Glaze Doctors</i> at 11:00 am.

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Be sure to swing by the Bray's resource table and say, "Hi!"

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”.



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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