

NEWS from the BRICKYARD

Get Something Special

Pictured Spring Sale artwork, above: Soojin Choi, Candice Methe, Didem Mert, Kristy Moreno, Melanie Sherman Pictured below: Candice Methe, Sydnie Jimenez, Yeonsoo Kim

The Bray's annual Spring Sale is this Saturday, May 7th, featuring the work of current and past Resident Artists. Join us online or in-person!



Just in time for Mother's Day, the Spring Sale will feature a wide variety of ceramic vases, planters and functional pottery as well as sculpture, jewelry and 2D work in our newly completed Sales Gallery.

This year The Bray is thrilled to host our in-person Spring Sale for the first time in two years. We welcome our community to join us on-site to shop in our Sales Gallery,

noting that The Bray will not have additional programming onsite as in years past. We look forward to greeting everyone who can swing by The Bray to pick up something special from our gallery including a small selection of potted plants and fresh cut flowers in the gallery rotunda (in-person only).

[Online shopping](https://archiebraygallery.org) begins at 10 am MDT at archiebraygallery.org, and in-person shopping will be from 12–4pm on Saturday at 2915 Country Club Avenue, Helena MT, 59602.



The annual Spring Sale features work from current and recent past Resident Artists, including Dawn Candy, Ben Carter, Soojin Choi, Christina Erives, Martha Grover, Sydnie Jimenez, Yeonsoo Kim, Didem Mert, Candice Methe, Kristy Moreno, Melanie Sherman, and Maura Wright.

See you there!

*The Bray Sales Gallery is closed MAY 5–6, in preparation for the Spring Sale.

HOUSING NEEDED

The Bray is on the lookout for affordable housing for our 2022 summer and long-term artists. [Please reach out](#) if you are willing to become an official Bray landlord. Please fill out [this form](#) if you will have a space opening up in the coming months.

HOURS

Face covering required for all individuals regardless of vaccination status.



Clay Business

Monday-Saturday, 9 am–5 pm

Sales Gallery

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



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We apologize for the technical issue with the shopping cart function in tandem with the launch of our new website. The problem has been remedied, please feel free to return to your cart to check out. If you have any trouble, don't hesitate to contact the gallery staff at gallery@archiebray.org or 406-443-3502 extension 118.

NEW Podcast Alert!



The [Shot Callers](#) is your chance to have a drink with your favorite ceramic artists. 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. Available now on your favorite podcast app.



Greater Helena Gives



It's here! [Greater Helena Gives](#) is the Helena area's annual 24-hour online giving campaign designed to raise money and awareness for local nonprofits, like The Bray, in our community!

Your generous involvement during this community event will make an impact on present and future Bray programming. Your support now fuels our commitment to promoting, celebrating, and sustaining the ceramic arts through the residency program, education, gallery, ceramic materials and technology, and community engagement.

Our goal is to raise \$3,000 to support The Bray's exciting future to continue enriching our community and providing access to the ceramic arts.

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Upcoming Artist Amplified Event



The days and weeks are moving quickly as we get closer to summer and just like that, another exciting Artist Amplified event is right around the corner. Join us May 12th as local artist, author, and former board member, [Robert Harrison](#), shares a history of The Bray through his perspective as a former Resident Artist in the 1980's. Robert's been busy mining away at our slide archives and has put together a truly retro slideshow, carousel and all, for us to enjoy!

Join [in-person](#) or [virtually](#). Registration is required for in person attendance.

*Virtual link goes live at the time of the event, no pre-registration required. FYI: We received feedback about the sound quality of our last event and have since made adjustments for a more enjoyable virtual experience.



Can't make our May 12th event? Save the date for our June 9th event with Resident Artist and Taunt Fellow, Kristy Moreno! All Artist Amplified events are free and open to the public and located in the Education and Research Facility, at 2915 Country Club Ave, Helena, MT 59601. We look forward to seeing you here!



Bray Clay Employment Opportunity



Bray Clay is hiring for two part-time positions. Qualified applicants must be able to lift 50 lbs. continuously and should have a personal interest in ceramics. If you want to work at an historic nonprofit, learn about ceramics, and receive great discounts at the Clay Business, apply now! Email Chuck Aydlett at chuck@archiebray.org to apply.

Raising Awareness



The first week of May is Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples awareness week.

The Bray would like to highlight recent Invited Visiting Artist Cannupa Hanska Luger and the monumental artwork EVERY ONE (2018) which utilizes over 4,000 ceramic beads created by hundreds of communities across the US and Canada to raise awareness around MMIP and advocate for violence prevention.

Cannupa joins numerous Indigenous advocates and artists calling for attention to the still under acknowledged issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, queer, and transgender people.

Recognizing the connection between lumber, oil, and gas industry and increased murders and disappearances of Indigenous people, primarily women, across the US and Canada, this work asks us to shoulder some culpability in the processes that lead to such violence and to find ways to take action and heal. Cannupa is committed to continue to raise awareness with EVERY ONE, participating in and supporting community work centered in violence prevention in tribal communities across the nation, and we at The Bray continue to learn how to be better allies for Indigenous communities facing this issue.

[More information on violence prevention, MMIP, current data and the making of the](#)

[EVERY ONE piece here.](#)

The Bray is looking forward to working with Cannupa for his next social collaboration clay bead project, launching this spring. Stay tuned for ways you can get involved.

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 Blackfoot 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 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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