

# NEWS from the BRICKYARD



## Pots & Plants Sale May 13, 10 am - 3 pm



### POTS & PLANTS SALE

Saturday, May 13, 10 am-3 pm

Our beloved Pots & Plants Sale is back, in partnership with West Mont Farm and Gardens! Get creative with your Mother's Day gift or treat yourself to some beauty! Shop for potted planters, one-of-a-kind flower-filled vases and more. In-person only.

**\*The Sales Gallery will be closed Thursday, May 11 and Friday, May 12, to prepare for the Pots & Plants Sale. See you Saturday!\***

### SPRING SALE

Browse new work by current and former resident artists!  
[ONLINE HERE](#)

## Greater Helena Gives, Today Until 8 pm

Greater Helena Gives is the Helena Area's annual 24-hour online giving campaign designed to raise money and awareness for nonprofits in our community, like The Bray! We hope you will join us during an exciting time of growth and change at The Bray by making a gift during Greater Helena Gives. Your support will help us make bigger an impact as we continue to invest in new and unique education models, international residency opportunities, and the expansion creative educational programming.

[Make your gift here.](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS - JOIN IN!

### Resident Open Studios

First Friday (5-7 pm) and the following Saturday (12-2 pm) of each month!

Friday, May 5

Saturday, May 6

Friday, June 2

Saturday, June 3

David & Ann Shaner Resident Artist Studios

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Bray Sales Gallery

### Artist Amplified; Kelli Sinner and Chris Alvashere on Building Community

Thursday, May 18, 6:30 pm

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### Speaking of Pots w/Sarah Jaeger

Sunday, May 21, 2 pm

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### Exiting Fellowship Exhibition and Resident Artist Exhibition

Reception June 15, 6-8 pm

Bray Warehouse Gallery



**Bray, Clay & Brews** is a gathering welcoming the entire greater clay community, including the Montana Clay Tour



*Long term residents, L to R, back to front. Shea Burke, Austin Riddle, Colby Charpentier, Megan Thomas, Simphiwe Mbunyuza, Maura Wright, Sydnie Jimenez, Soojin Choi, Janina Myronova, Rebecca Harvey, Kristie Moreno*

If this email finds you after 8 pm on Thursday, consider [supporting The Bray directly here.](#)

## Clay Business Construction



The schedule for our upcoming construction project is always fluxuating. Presently we are thinking that the Clay Business will not usually have to close. We are going to try and keep our regular hours, open Monday through Saturday 9am - 5pm.

There will be some large construction equipment moving around the foundation so be careful while driving on campus. We will do our best to direct parking if needed.

\*Present Construction Dates:  
Monday 5/8 through Sunday 6/11

artists, local art center artists and patrons, Bray board members, current and former resident artists and community students. This bash will happen at Blackfoot River Brewing Co. where we will be able to spread out and take over the whole brewery. We can't wait to see you there, Friday, July 14, between 4-8 pm!

**DONATE TODAY**

## SUMMER ARTISTS SEEK HOUSING

Ten artists from across the country will need a place to stay during their June- August residency at The Bray. We love sharing our artists with you, it's a great way to be involved and make new connections. If you are interested in being on a list of landlords our incoming residents may contact, [please fill out this form.](#)

## HOURS

### Clay Business

Monday-Saturday, 9 am–5 pm

### Sales Gallery

Tuesday-Friday, 11 am–5 pm

Saturday, 12 pm–4 pm

Closed Sunday and Monday

## QUICK LINKS

[Bray Homepage](#)

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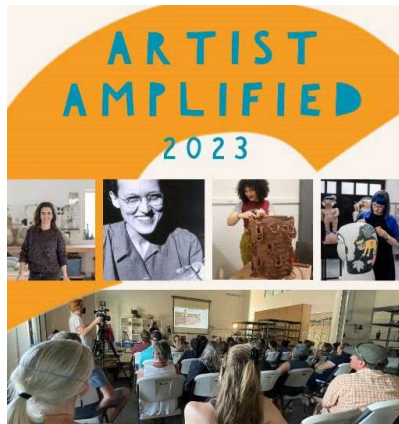
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\*If you are coming to the Clay Business from a distance or locally please call to make sure we are open between these construction dates.

## Artist Amplified; Kelli Sinner and Chris Alveshere on Building Community

May 18 @ 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
In-Person or Streaming Online!

Join us at The Bray as Missoula artists, educators, and entrepreneurs Kelli Sinner and Chris Alveshere share insight into their individual practices and shared endeavor; Montana Workroom! Our newly revamped Artist Amplified lecture and demonstration series, designed to allow artists and art enthusiasts to share their history, process, and conceptual motivations with the public through various presentation formats.



IN-PERSON: [Let us Know You're Coming!](#) Doing so helps us prepare, but more importantly, helps us secure funding that makes this series possible. Thank you in advance for taking the time to register!

[JOIN VIRTUALLY! \(Link goes live at the time of the event\)](#)

Want to learn more about Sponsorship opportunities? Email [education@archiebray.org](mailto:education@archiebray.org)

Free and open to the public in the Frances Senska Center for Education and Engagement.



*Join us this week to meet artists and see into their process Friday, May 5th and Saturday, May 6th!*

## A Busy Beginning of 2023 in Education and Engagement!

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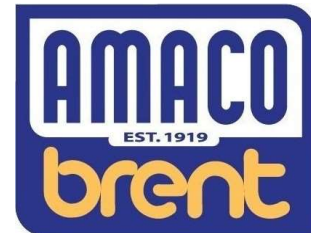
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The Rosenfield Collection  
Contemporary, Functional Ceramic Art Collection





As a pillar of The Bray, Education and Engagement has a mission to *foster excellence in the ceramic arts through quality educational programming developed to connect students of all backgrounds and abilities while encouraging students to challenge accepted norms, take risks, and explore new ideas.* We've had **a very busy first quarter** and have already welcomed **675 students** into the Frances Senska Center for Education and Engagement to learn from our talented teachers!

Thank you: *Destination Imagination, Helena Home School, Bozeman Field School, Winnet School District, Livingston Middle School, St. Ignatius High School, Girl Scout Troop 3745, Sweet Grass County High School, St. Andrews Elementary, Augusta High School, Trio-Pre College*, along with all of those who joined us for *Community Bowl Fest*, a *Continuing Education* class, or an *Artist Amplified* Event for helping make The Bray such a special place!

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## A Smashing Success; Community Bowl Fest



We had a blast at our very first Community Bowl Fest in partnership with Helena Food Share. With the help of 88 community participants over 100 bowls were made to support Food Share in their Empty Bowls Helena Event! Over the next week we'll be glazing the bowls made (if you have glazing experience and would like to volunteer to help, please email [education@archiebray.org](mailto:education@archiebray.org) to get the details.) and will deliver the bowls to Food Share for the May 18th fundraising event. Thank you to all who participated and volunteered!

### DROP OFF BOWL DONATIONS Due by May 8th

Deliver to the Frances Senska Center for Education and Engagement at The Bray

The Bray is a collection site for bowl donations. All bowl donations support [Helena Food Share](#) in reaching their vision of *creating a hunger-free community* during their 2023 Empty Bowls Helena fundraiser. Ideal bowl donations are handmade (by you or someone else), good quality, and are soup-bowl sized. Donate as many bowls as you'd like! Please send any questions to [education@archiebray.org](mailto:education@archiebray.org).



### We're Hiring! Development Director

The Bray seeks a full-time development director to head ongoing fundraising and donor development needs. Reporting to the Executive Director, this professional must have an established background in coordinating nonprofit donor cultivation and solicitation strategies, restricted and unrestricted donation cultivation, as well as staff/volunteer leadership. [View the position and apply here.](#)

Know someone who would love working at The Bray? Please pass

along the news!



*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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