

# NEWS from the BRICKYARD



**Pots & Plants Market Saturday, May 11,  
10am–3pm**



Head out to The Bray on Saturday, from 10am–3pm, for our annual Pots & Plants Market! Bray artists have been unleashing their creativity, making one-of-a-kind vases and planters that are bursting with beauty! To make things even more swoon-worthy, they've filled them with show-stopping floral arrangements guaranteed to transform your space into a blooming oasis!

Delicious breakfast treats and refreshing drinks will be available from onsite vendors, a not-to-miss day at The Bray!

**A Smashing Success; Food Share  
Collaboration**

## HOURS

### Clay Business

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,  
May 19**

Frances Senska Center  
for Education and  
Engagement  
kitchen/lounge space  
(2nd floor)  
Free and open to the  
public.



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We had a grand time collaborating again with Helena Food Share for our second year of The Bray's Community Bowl Fest and the return of a Bray Staff, Resident, and Alumni Making event!

With the help of 63 community participants over 100 bowls were made during the Community Bowl fest, 30+ Bray staff, residents, and alumni made over 70 bowls during the making events to support Food Share in their Empty Bowls Helena, and we've collected over 30 bowls from the bowl drop off.... BRAVO Helena for showing up to support the bowl donation cause! We wish Helena Food Share the very best in their [Empty Bowls Fundraising](#) efforts.

**Artist Amplified; Joanna Powell**  
Thursday, May 16, 6:30 pm

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## THE BRAY'S BRICKYARD NETWORK

A wealth of ceramic conversation and knowledge right at your fingertips! Check out our most recent episodes on your favorite podcast app!



### [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.

### [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.





Join us at The Bray as local artist and former Bray Resident Joanna Powell gives a talk on vulnerability and staying tender as an artist. Discover what it means to be an artist and what it takes to maintain an honest and vibrant practice through the lens of Joanna's perspective and experiences. An essential topic and talk for any maker or appreciator to round out their knowledge of the arts. 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

- 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



**Father's Day Themed Classes;  
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

## THE KILN SITTERS



Marianne Chénard, Brendan Tang, and Carole Epp bring you enlightening interviews from Canadian makers.

## 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



Father's day is right around the corner and we have two special [Fathers and Others family themed experience classes](#) right in time for the occasion! Create a one of a kind, slab built and hand decorated mug or cup that is sure to impress any father figure in your life in our [Cups and Mugs class](#), or experience the fun and excitement of Raku Firing in our [Raku class](#). Reserve your spot and sign up today!

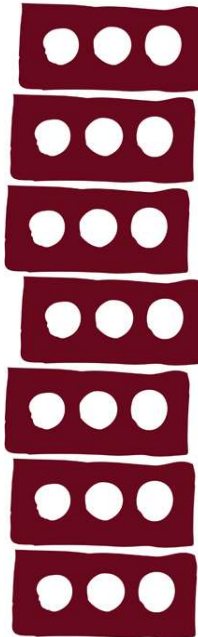


## Together - We build The Bray

Spring is an exciting time for The Bray. We are thrilled to announce the opening of our new Bray Downtown Gallery! Located in the heart of downtown Helena, this space will be a place for us to connect with the community, share our rich history, and increase our support of resident artists and alumni by introducing them to a broader audience. Spring is in bloom at our main campus as well. Starting in June, we will welcome 5 new long-term resident artists and 5 short-term summer residents.

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 to our Annual Fund.

Thanks to generous support from Bray Board Members, all gifts will be matched up to \$3,000!



## 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,



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!  
([ben@archiebray.org](mailto:ben@archiebray.org))

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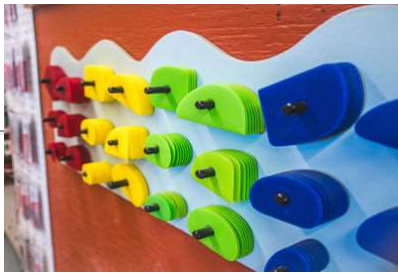
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tools, dry materials, and studio equipment—is all available in our Helena store, by phone, or [online](#).



## 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.

