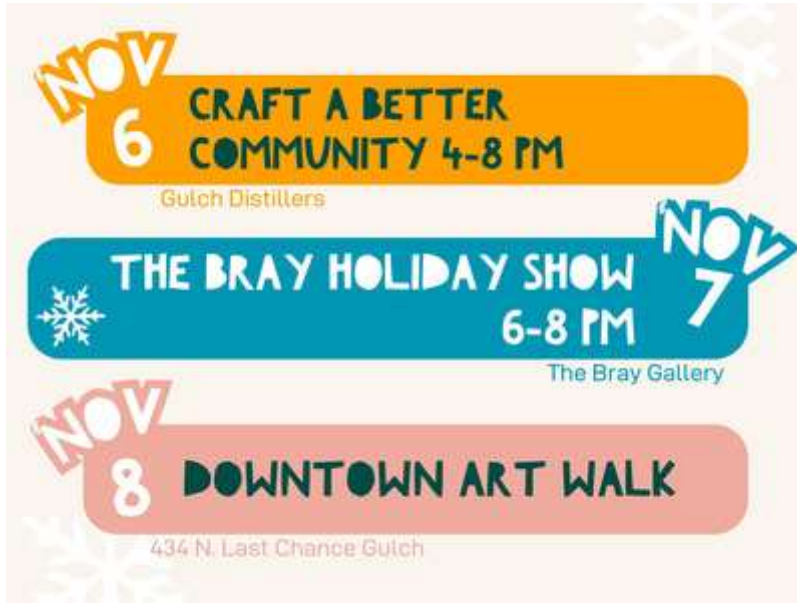


# NEWS from the BRICKYARD



## Events This Week



## You're Invited - Holiday Show Opening Reception at The Bray November 7th!

**Opening Reception:** Thursday, November 7th, 6–8 pm at The Bray

**Sale Dates:** November 7–December 23, 2024

**Fall Artwalk Downtown:** Friday, November 8th, 4–8 pm at The Bray Gallery: Downtown, 434 N. Last Chance Gulch in Helena

## 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

### Bray Gallery: Downtown

Wed-Fri, 11 am–5 pm  
Saturday, 12 pm–4 pm

### Bray Holiday CLOSURES

November 28-29  
December 24-January 1

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## EXPERIENCE CLASSES

Grab your friends for quick clay class! Get your hands dirty while learning the basics during our 2-hour classes! Fall/winter experience classes are filling fast, see our offerings and [register here.](#)



THE BRAY'S  
BRICKYARD  
NETWORK



Deck the halls with art and cheer! Join us for our festive Holiday Show opening, featuring stunning new works by Bray artists. Sip on beverages, nosh on tasty bites, mingle with friends, and discover the perfect holiday gift for anyone on your list!



Be sure to swing by the Bray Gallery: Downtown during the Art Walk on Friday, November 8th anytime between 4-8 pm to connect with us and see incredible art throughout beautiful Downtown Helena!

## Save the Date; Spring Continuing Education Classes!

Fall classes are under way with our students and teachers hard at work creating and exploring new ideas, which makes it hard to believe that registration for Spring Session is around the corner, but as the old adage goes, time flies when you're having fun (and when the end of the year rolls around). Make sure and mark your calendar with these important dates:

**Early Member Registration opens on Tuesday, December 10th at 10:30 am MST** (Link emailed to all current and grace period members)



[Consider becoming or renewing your membership today!](#)

**General Registration opens on Tuesday, December 17th at**

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.

### THE KILN SITTERS



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

### MAKER'S PLAYBOOK



10:30 am MST at [archiebray.org](http://archiebray.org)

Spring session runs February 10th – April 26th (no classes week of March 24th)

The Bray's Continuing Education classes meet for three hours once a week, for ten weeks with experienced instructors who are eager to share their knowledge around a specific course topic. Students receive daily open studio access outside scheduled classes to come in and practice what they are learning. We offer these classes in the spring and the fall. [Discover more here.](#)

## End of Year Experience Clay Classes

Don't miss your chance to get in our final 2024 Experience Classes – they're filling up fast but a few classes still have availability! Whether you are looking to experience clay for the first time or seeking a fun filled creative activity, our Experience Classes offer hands-on learning for a variety of student types, abilities, and interests. Reserve your seat today! (Classes are \$55/person, with exception of our family Classes which are \$45/person)



- [Family Ornament Making](#), Thursday, November 21, 6-8 pm  
Create your very own handmade holiday ornaments in this family friendly class! Cut, carve, texture, and color your way to individualized ornaments perfect for decorating your home or giving as unique gifts. Ages 9+ with guardian, 16+ without  
\*Parents/Guardians Please Note: this is a family class NOT a youth class. Please register to attend with participants under the age of 16. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation :)
- [Hand Built Cup or Mug](#), Friday, December 7, 6-8 pm  
Create a custom cup or mug right in time for gift giving season while experiencing the relaxing and pleasant process of hand building in clay. Treat yourself or your loved ones to a handmade object that can be enjoyed on a daily basis! Ages 16+
- [Family Tile Making](#), Sunday, December 8, 2-4 pm  
Design your very own ceramic tile in this family friend class! We'll provide a tile template but then its your turn to get creative with shape, carving, drawing, color, and more. Wall hangings, trivets, coasters and more. Get creative with your family members in this playful class. Ages 9+ with guardian, 16+ without \*Parents/Guardians Please Note: this is a family class NOT a youth class. Please register to attend with



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

participants under the age of 16. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation :)



## Residency Application Due December 19th



Each year we welcome new summer and long-term residents to the Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts here in Helena, Montana. Since 1951, The Bray has continuously hosted artists in residence providing time, place, and space to experiment and develop new work. Our goal at The Bray is to create a supportive space where ceramic artists can expand and deepen their practice.

Applications are due December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Apply directly online at [www.archiebray.slideroom.com](http://www.archiebray.slideroom.com). More details and information are available online at [www.archiebray.org](http://www.archiebray.org)

**APPLY**

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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## November Craft a Better Community Partnership



Craft a Better Community helps Helena area nonprofits promote themselves while at the same time raising money for their causes. The current Helena businesses that participate in the monthly fundraiser are Ten Mile Creek Brewery, Gulch Distillers, Loft Studio, and Point S Tire & Auto. Each business raises money throughout the month through different promotions and at the end of the month, the featured non-profit of the month receives the funds.

Swing by and say "Hi!" to Bray staff and raise a drink for The Bray any or all of these nights!

- **Wednesday, November 6, 4-8 pm at Gulch Distillers, meet The Bray Executive Director, Rebecca Harvey between 6-8 pm**
- **Sunday, November 17, at Ten Mile Creek Brewery**
- **Wednesday, November 20, at Gulch Distillers**

Thank you to [Point S Tire & Auto](#), [Loft Studio](#), [Gulch Distillers](#) and [Ten Mile Creek Brewery](#) for supporting The Bray this month!

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## Bray Clay Business

[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](#).

## 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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