

## CHEERS! Brick by Brick Auction and Reception

The CHEERS! auction features over 50 drinking vessels by Bray affiliated artists and community members.

### Bidding Begins:

Wednesday, Oct 23, 10:00 am MDT

**Bidding Closes:** Friday, Oct 25, 7:00 pm

### Reception:

Friday, October 25, 5-7 pm  
The Bray Gallery: Downtown  
434 N. Last Chance Gulch in Helena



The Bray invites you to the downtown gallery to lift up a new ceramic cup or mug and “Cheers” with us! Attendees will have a chance to place final bids before the auction closes at 7 pm.

Visit [givergy.us/cheersauction](http://givergy.us/cheersauction) to check out the fantastic artwork and place your bids. Happy bidding!



**Closing Artist Amplified of the Season;  
Louise Ogemahgeshig Fischer**

## 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

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## DO YOU NEED A KILN DOCTOR?



Join us for the Electric Kiln Doctor Class! Discover how to maintain, repair, and replace **elements, relays, thermocouples, and bricks** to give your kiln the longest life possible.

**Saturday Oct 19th, 9:30-1:30pm, \$75**

[Register Today!](#)

**EXPERIENCE  
CLASSES**



Join us October 17th 6:30pm for our closing Artist Amplified of the season as local artist Louise Ogemahgeshig Fischer shares insight into her practice and experiences as an artist, educator, and traditional healer.

Louise has been a speaker for Humanities Montana for many years, traveling to many parks, museums, schools, and other places throughout the state. She is an artist and a drum maker. She also leads sweat lodge ceremonies and talking circles for the VA at Fort Harrison, helping out the PTSD Veterans. Louise has traveled to many states to do sweat lodge ceremonies for the Veterans, the VA staff, Tribes, and other groups. In the past, these ceremonies and other like ceremonies were not allowed. Since then, laws have been passed to ensure that Indian people can perform these types of ceremonies.

Our Artist Amplified lecture and demonstration series allows artists and art enthusiasts to share their history, process, and conceptual motivations with the public through various presentation formats. We can't wait to discover what Louise has to share!

An In Person and [Virtual Event](#) (Link goes live at the time of the event).

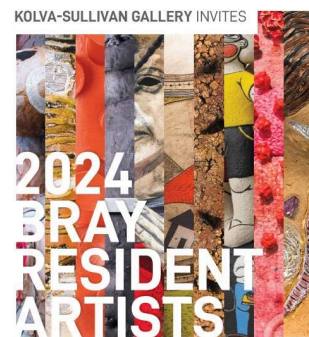
Thank you Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana for making our Artist Amplified 2024 season possible!



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](#).



## KOLVA-SULLIVAN EXHIBITION



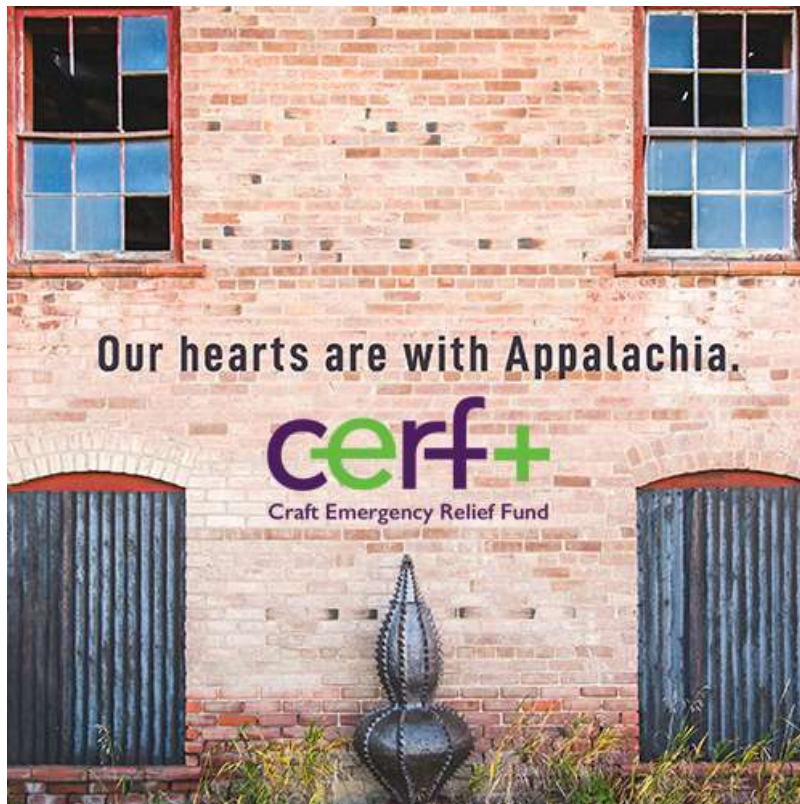
For those in the Spokane, Washington area, Kolva-Sullivan Gallery is hosting an exhibition featuring 2024 Bray Resident Artists, on view until October 26. Gallery open by appointment, call (509) 458-5517

## 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!



## In Solidarity



As we watch the devastation of Hurricane Helene unfold, the Archie Bray Foundation stands in solidarity with the artists, families, and communities affected by this disaster.

The Bray is committed to supporting our fellow artists and is donating to the [CERF+ Craft Emergency Relief Fund](#) to provide essential resources for recovery for the vibrant creative communities of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina.

Let's come together to help rebuild the artistic community. Please consider donating to CERF+ or another reputable organization, and share the stories of impacted artists on social media. Together, we can make a difference.

[Click here to give.](#)

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## Announcing New Bray Development Director Liz Harrison

Join us in welcoming Liz to The Bray!

Liz Harrison has been raising money for a variety of Montana and Seattle nonprofits since 2006. Born and raised in New York City, she spent a good portion of her childhood exploring the world-class museums in the city while attending the High School of Music and Art. After college, Liz started working at Random House publishing, eventually moving to California and opening their first West Coast marketing and publicity office. Later, she received a Masters in Divinity from the Institute of



## [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](#)



Rebecca Ickes Carra talks with artists about what it's really like to make a living from the things we make.

## [THE SHOT CALLERS](#)

Transpersonal Psychology which informed her volunteer chaplain service in spiritual care at hospices in three different states. Having lived in Montana for close to 20 years, Liz enjoys being outdoors in any weather, exploring the state's treasures with her partner and their dog, Sophie.

## Secrets of the Vault; Rebecca Harvey Presentation at the Holter Museum

**Guest Speakers:**

July 19, Dr. Michele Corriel  
September 7, Timothy Gordon  
September 21, Katie Knight  
September 28, Dr. Shane Doyle  
October 12, Rebecca Harvey  
October 19, Gianna Sherman  
November 9, Dr. Rafael Chacón

The Holter Museum of Art presents:

*Secrets of the Vault* 5-8 pm

5-6pm Happy Hour  
6-7pm Secrets of the Vault unveiling  
7-8pm After talk Parlour

A tantalizing lecture series highlighting important artists & artworks from the Holter's permanent collection

Proudly funded by a grant from Humanities MT

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TEN MILE CREEK BREWERY

Artwork Top: Rucky Autio, Bottom: Jessie Miller

The Holter Museum is proud to present a lecture series featuring guest lecturers from various cultural institutions throughout the state. Guest speakers will take a deep delve into the Secrets of the Holter Museum Vault and unveil their selected artworks that speak to the rich history of art in Montana.

Rebecca will present her talk; ***Drawing Lines - Space/ Place/ and Time - Connections between the Holter and The Bray*** this Saturday, October 12, from 6-7 pm.

## Save the Date! Holiday Show Opening Reception

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



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.

## 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

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



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, mingle with friends, and discover the perfect holiday gift for anyone on your list!

## Education and Engagement Summer Highlights

Creative energy was a buzz throughout the Frances Senska Center for Education and Engagement this summer! As we move into our fall season, we wanted to make sure and highlight a few of the great things we got to be a part of.



(Above) [Manchester Craftsmen's Guild & Youth Arts](#) returned to The Bray for its fourth year of partnership! Four high school seniors and two faculty joined The Bray from Pittsburg, PA for a jammed packed

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

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4-day immersive studio experience.

(Right) Working with school groups like Boulder Summer School, and ongoing partnerships with local organizations like Helena Indian Alliance and Lewis and Clark Teen Services, we were able to serve 108 students this summer through our [Engagement programming](#).

Thank you to the dedicated group organizers who help make this wonderful programming happen!



(Above) Returning for their second year, Lame Deer High school students and their art teacher, Susan Wolfe, came to The Bray for weeklong studio intensive filled with Bray resident demonstrations, hands on guidance from a designated program assistant and creative exploration through open studio time. Having students return for a second year was a gift and we look forward to seeing their creativity continue to unfold!



(Above) [Peoples Pottery Project](#), a program based in LA which helps formerly incarcerated women, trans and non-binary individuals through paid job training, access to healing community, and meaningful employment in their nonprofit ceramic business, spent three weeks in the Senska Center for a technical and creative studio experience. Co-Founders Ilka and Domonique Perkins along with three of their participants received artist demonstrations customized to advance their knowledge and skills to bring back to their home studio. Additionally, they gave a moving Artist Amplified presentation, and networked with Bray Residents present and past – even having the opportunity for a float down the Missouri thanks to the hospitality of our Bray community!

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## Residency Application is OPEN!



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. Montana is unabashedly remote but the stunning landscape, set against the backdrop of a historic brickyard, fosters an atmosphere of exploration and experimentation. We need your help to introduce this unique environment to potential future resident artists.

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)

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### Bray Clay Business

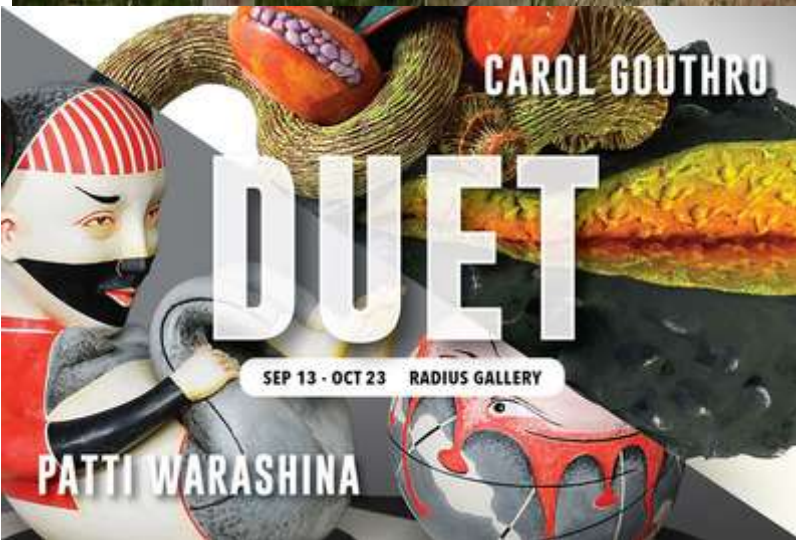
At [Bray Clay](#), we provide everything a ceramic artist, hobbyist, or classroom could need or want. We produce clays on-site in Helena, Montana for every firing temperature and color and we stock many more clays from Plainsman and Laguna. Everything you need to work with and finish your ceramic pieces—glazes, underglazes, tools, dry materials, and studio equipment—is all available in our Helena store, by phone, or [online](#).

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### Warashina Works Available at Radius Gallery

Patti Warashina—a Bray alum and former board member—has an exhibit at nearby Radius Gallery until Oct 23rd. Patti has been a trailblazer since the 1960s. Her figurative work skewers dominant culture with a wonderfully wry, feminist vision.

**Use the code 4BRAY at purchase and 10% of the purchase price will be donated to the Bray!**



[View the exhibition here](#)

## 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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