

CLASS TITLE: RRAC CLAY MORNING STUDIO FALL SESSION

GRADE OR AGE LEVELS: 8-16

START DATE: September 13, 2023 END DATE: December 6, 2023

**# WEEKS TOTAL: 12 WEEKS OFF: November 20-25 DAY/TIME REQUIRED:
Wednesday 10am-noon ADD'L DAYS/WK AVAILABLE: none # WEEKLY HOURS
(REQUIRED): 2 # WEEKLY HOURS (POSSIBLE): 2 TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS
POSSIBLE: 24**

**LOCATION/ADDRESS: DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION (if needed): BUCHANAN ART
CENTER, 117 FRONT STREET, BUCHANAN, MICHIGAN**

MAIN INSTRUCTOR: NANI MURPHY

ADDITIONAL PRIMARY INSTRUCTORS (background checked):

NONE CONTACT INFORMATION: phone: email:

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION AT SITE REQUIRED?(circle) NO

**MAIN INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS - RELEVANT EDUCATION AND
EXPERIENCE:**

Bachelor of Arts/Communications Grand Valley State University — I am a teaching artist working in drawing, photography, paper arts and pottery. In teaching, I work with every medium and learn different processes regularly in order to expand my creative vocabulary and offer as many different forms of expression to my students as possible. I believe that the process, and the journey through the process are much more important than the end result. I adapt each project, in order to make the process accessible to every participant.

COURSE DESCRIPTION (see relevant examples shown on website): This is a class for students who are new to the RRAC Clay Program and for students who have previous clay experience. Each week we will learn new skills such as slab rolling, pinching, coiling and wheel throwing as we create functional and decorative art with clay. These are all new projects!!! **Students must be at least 8 years old to enter this class or have prior approval from the instructor.**

**SYLLABUS/OUTLINE: WEEKLY BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT-BASED
LEARNING ACTIVITY**

Week 1: Slab Rolling

Week 2: Slabs and sprigs

Week 3: Slump Molds

Week 4: Building with Slabs

Week 5: Pinch Pots

Week 6:Glazing Day

Week 7: Building with Pinch Pots

Week 8:Wheel Throwing

Week 9:Wheel Throwing

Week 10:Wheel Throwing

Week 11:Glazing Day

Week 12:Glazing Day

COURSE OBJECTIVES AND APPROXIMATE TARGET DATES:

Weekly- Students will learn new vocabulary as it relates to pottery tools and techniques Ongoing-Students will learn to use pottery tools safely and correctly.

Ongoing- Students will gain an understanding of techniques in building and throwing clay. By the end of the semester students will have completed projects for display or documentation.

In the event interruptions of class due to weather, government shutdowns or restrictions, teachers scheduling or illness, we will continue into the semester for as long as necessary, individually or in family groups in order to complete projects.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT - what will be used to evaluate student progress and/or end of semester pass/fail status?Note: All classes must abide by the following:

- Student agrees to attend at least 80% of class sessions/lessons offered. Attendance is kept online and tracked by Partnership staff. Failure to meet 80% or be on track to meet 80% may result in program discontinuation.
- The Partnership Student Assessment or Performance Form is filled out by the teacher and turned in to staff. The link to the evaluation form will be provided along with online attendance. Students with failing marks for lack of participation, behavior issues, practice time, etc. may result in program dismissal.

Class-specific assessment: Students will learn new skills each week and use those skills in new projects.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: (online, books, video, etc.):

Students may be introduced to various artists who work or have worked in Ceramics. Students may also be introduced to various books or websites that show pottery throughout history or in different cultures.**CLASS**

SPECIFIC POLICIES: ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOR, WEATHER,

ETC. Attendance: Same as Partnership Requirements

Behavior: Students must be respectful of the facility, the materials, the instructor, and each other.

Weather: Classes will be cancelled if Buchanan Public Schools are closed, or at the instructors discretion.

Other: In the event interruptions of class due to weather, government shutdowns or restrictions, teachers scheduling or illness, we will continue into the semester for as long as necessary, individually or in family groups in order to complete projects.