



Teacher Training Classes

Our free Teacher Training classes are for teachers or parent helpers in K-12 school programs. We created them to answer the basic questions like "Yikes, clay! What do I do now?" We have only two requirements for these classes: first, they should be taken in order from Clay 101 to 201 to 301. Second, no more than three people from any one school can attend the series at one time, so we can accommodate as many schools as possible. Please note: due to demand and space restrictions, class participants must be from K-12 regional public school districts or accredited private schools.

Clay 101: The Basics

The first class covers the three necessary elements of any work with clay: forming, glazing and firing. Emphasis will be on leaning and understanding materials & the firing process as these are integral concepts for the success of the entire process. We will also discuss firing temperatures, how to load a kiln and how to make it all work. The goal is to fire your kiln without fear and have successful projects for you & your students! All projects are made with Georgies low-fire Wonder White earthenware clay.

Clay 201: Building on the Basics

The second class begins with basic slab work and learning how to make tiles. From a slab, we move to creating bird-houses, a fun form that includes the basics of handbuilding like scoring and attaching bases and lids. Slabs and tiles offer a substrate to explore underglazes. We will also learn how to build hollow forms by modeling clay bugs. Clay bugs are fun for all ages on their own, but this technique is also a stepping stone for the Clay 301 class.

Clay 301: Beyond the Basics

You'll be introduced to more than clay in our number three class as you explore a timeline in clay history. Travel back in time by making clay plaques from cave paintings, followed by a wealth of interesting projects from ancient Egypt (hieroglyphic tables and stamps) and China (terra cotta warrior figures). If time permits we have a few more ideas, so wear your clay clothes!

Classes are in the Eugene Store and we provide lunch! You must attend all three (3) sessions.

Please call to register and hold your spot!

Saturdays 10am-4pm

Fall 2017 Session: September 16th • October 21th • November 18th

Winter 2018 Session: January 20th • February 17th • March 17th