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## August Gas Kiln Opening Recap

The August 6th Kiln Opening was very green! Liz and Amy chose to fire the kiln with a medium reduction, after making both hand built and wheel thrown pots. We had a great turnout of studio members and students, Clay Alliance members, and a lot of friends and family. We are so happy that the community is enjoying the monthly events so far and we are pleased to continue with them.



We also had our first non human guest (Mo Davis) in attendance and he made sure to get the best seat in the house-- all eyes on him! We've been following a routine of explaining the gas firing process, the chemistry of the glazes used and answering audience questions. If you've ever been stunned by a piece from a gas kiln, please stop by and have some fun with us!



Above: Liz unloading the kiln.  
Left: Amy and Laura presenting the pots that come out. Mo Davis soaks in the attention from the crowd.

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## August Gas Kiln Opening Photos



Above & Left: Some of the pots from the firing.

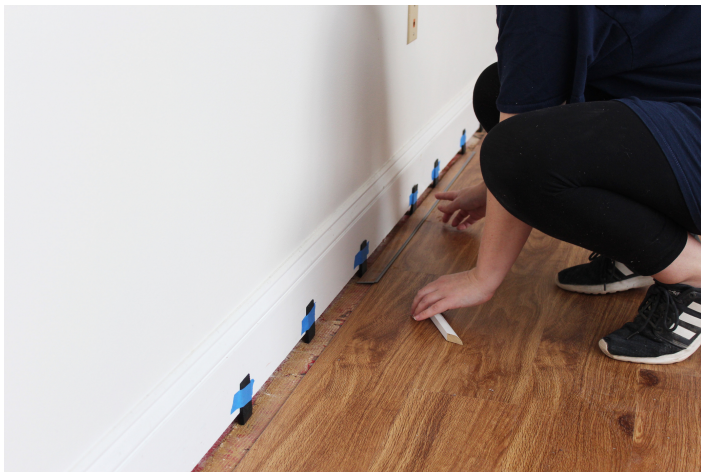
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## September Gas Kiln Opening with featured glaze base: Clancy

We're doing something a little different at this event at the start of Labor Day weekend. Instead of featuring an artist, we are featuring a glaze. We are antsy for Clancy.

Clancy brown (named after Joyce Clancy) is a studio stalwart, a glaze that just wants to please; it is reliable and forgiving. But Clancy has a wild playful side, especially in the talented hands of our glaze boss Nicholaus! She has worked her magic to blend some variations on Clancy, and our artists and members have joined in on the experiment. Come join us to experience the surprising results.



This particular Kiln Opening will allow you to peek at our glorious new gallery facing Montgomery Road. We can't wait to show it to you. So join us for some light refreshments as we gaze upon some gorgeous pots, and step into the new gallery. We hope to see you there at 6 pm!

Above: A sample of Clancy Red on pots thrown and glazed by Laura.  
Left: A sneak peek of Emily laying down trim in the gallery.

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# September Workshop Lineup

## September 18th: Slab Building Plates

Laura is famous for her bold, colorful, (have you seen her plate covered in cuss words?) and modern plates. Come build with her using drop molds.



## September 25th: Trimming Refresher

Trimming can be a bummer if you've cut through your pots too many times. Let's get shaped up with Jason and we'll help you achieve a lovely pot bottom. He will go over some refreshers and show students how to use a chuck for those hard to reach pots. See you there!

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## Remembering John Mason and Herb Allen

Though we have had a lot of good things happening in and around Herb and John within days of each other, and we needed space to mourn and heal. Herb (99) left us Friday August 20th. John (66) tragically left us suddenly on August 22nd.

Both men were talents, both men were joys to be around and both were imperative to our studio and community. Herb was a gentle, talented sculptor, World War II Veteran and so much more. He lived a vibrant, full life. John was a chemist, a potter, a musician, and a co-founder of Core Clay among many other achievements.

Both men were talented artists whose work was sought after by collectors and friends alike. Both men were our family. To have known them and had them in our lives is a blessing.

Memorial services will be held in conjunction with kiln openings in November (John) and January (Herb). Please, help us celebrate their lives by sharing your favorite stories of them. We also ask that you please respect our loss and reserve any purchasing inquiries for a later time.

