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Second Gas Kiln Opening Recap

Photos and thoughts from our second ever Gas Kiln Opening and farewell party for Terri and Kelby.

Our second Kiln Opening was an absolute success! Every piece Laura pulled out was simply stunning (just look at that glaze work)! We saw a lot of friends and family show up to say farewell to Terri and Kelby, and a good time was had by all. Laura's focus for this firing was layering and spraying multiple glazes. "I really enjoy the surface variation you get from spraying." Spraying is a technique that also helps reduce crawling that can sometimes happen when two glazes don't like each other.



Laura was pleasantly surprised by some results that were totally unexpected. The bright red glaze (left) was a tantalizing result for her. Laura is really looking forward to future openings, "it gave us some directions to play with in the next firing. I'm excited about following the information that we get from each firing to plan for the next firing."

Above & Left: Some of the pots from the firing. Photos taken by Mia Selle

August Gas Kiln Opening with featured artists: Liz Given & Amy Pellegrino

Our resident goofballs are taking the kiln reins on August 6th and we cannot WAIT to see what creations they unload! This particular kiln opening celebrates Core Clay's Artist in Residence (AiR) program.

Liz, one of our current Artists in Residence, is also our Kiln Boss. She ensures that every pot makes it through the fire and flame safely and soundly. Amy Pellegrino was an AiR in 2019-2020 and graduated to Co-Director of Education and is one of our Residency Directors.



As a budding plant mom (pun intended) Amy is hoping to pull out several vases and planters to be containers for her precious pollinators; making these has been her way to get connected back to her outdoorsy roots.

Liz is hoping to unload artwork that represent ideas that she has developed while here during her residency. She has been pinching away at lightweight, billowy cloudy forms that are sure to sweep you off your feet. She enjoys pushing and altering the clay to create these cloud-like and rock-like pieces.

See you there on August 6th!

August Workshop Lineup

**August 7th-8th: Beginner
Wheel Boot Camp**
Our ever popular two day
class is currently sold out for
August! We have open
availability for September.



August 14th: How to Use Luster

Add shine, pizzazz and pure gold to your pots by using lusters and overglaze. Amy will share her tips and tricks to a successful shine.

August Workshops Cont'd

August 21st: Glazing Beyond the Basics

One of our instructors will teach a specific technique that makes their glazing style unique. This glaze class will be taught by Laura.



August 28th: Handle It

They say "If you're handed it, you can handle it." But maybe sometimes handles are just a little too tricky. That's where Laura and her "handle know how" comes in. She has a few different methods up her sleeve that she'll share in this workshop.

Empty Bowls at Core Clay

On Monday, August 9th at 6pm we will be hosting a Throw-a-Thon with the Clay Alliance of Cincinnati. We're hoping to make 200 spectacular bowls to raise money for Kids Cafe. To sign up to join us in the studio, please contact us as soon as you can so we can add you to the official list.

The plan is to throw on Monday, have a crew of trimmers for Tuesday morning 9am to 12pm, and have a glaze party on Monday the 16th from 5pm to 9pm.

The Clay Alliance has sign up slots for every role, so you don't have to commit to throwing, trimming AND glazing.



To sign up to help you may:
Call us at 513-351-0036
Respond to this email newsletter
Email us at info@coreclay.com

Looking Ahead...

Our September Kiln Opening is set for September 3rd, so mark your calendars! This kiln opening will feature ALL staff members and variations on our Joyce Clancy Brown base. We have been little mad-glaze-scientists mixing up glazes and we have been quite happy with the test results so far.

Our gallery floor is almost finished! We have to shout out our employees who have been working so hard at learning an entire new skill of installing flooring. Emily, Jason and Sam have been imperative in getting our new gallery space up and running.

With the floor being so close to finished, this means monthly artist shows will be happening, along with our eclectic gallery you are all familiar with.

We have been saying for months that we will be returning to masks in the fall and winter seasons, due to the fact none of our employees got the flu during winter! However, with the impending wave of Delta cases coming, we have decided to bring back masks starting August 9th. **Here's how:** If you are vaccinated and making a quick stop in for less than 30 minutes, you do not need to mask up. If you are making a long visit here, please put on a mask even if you are vaccinated.

If you find yourself in a room with 10 others for more than 30 minutes, please put on a mask.

We are following CDC recommendations and the health and safety of our community is our priority. We understand we may step on some toes and we know how liberating it has been to rip off the masks.

We hope you understand our wishes to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Thanks for reading along, and have a wonderful rest of your July.

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