

The Start of a New Year



We are welcoming this New Year with open arms and high hopes! We are remaining positive by thinking of all of the possibilities this year holds. We have several updates to our building that have happened in the last month, and we are beginning to remodel our gallery space! NCECA may be going virtual this year, but we are still excited for the few installations and exhibitions that *will* be going up in March. We have a diverse schedule of workshops lined up that we just can't wait to debut!

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SIO₂ is HERE!

Introducing SIO₂ clays! We've been working on getting their clay into our store since summer of 2020 and it is finally here for you to enjoy! We have spent lots of time sampling the various clay bodies they offer, playing around with the colored porcelains and we are so happy with them! Call the store ASAP to reserve a box because we are positive they will go quick. Not to worry though, we will be carrying them in the studio for the foreseeable future!

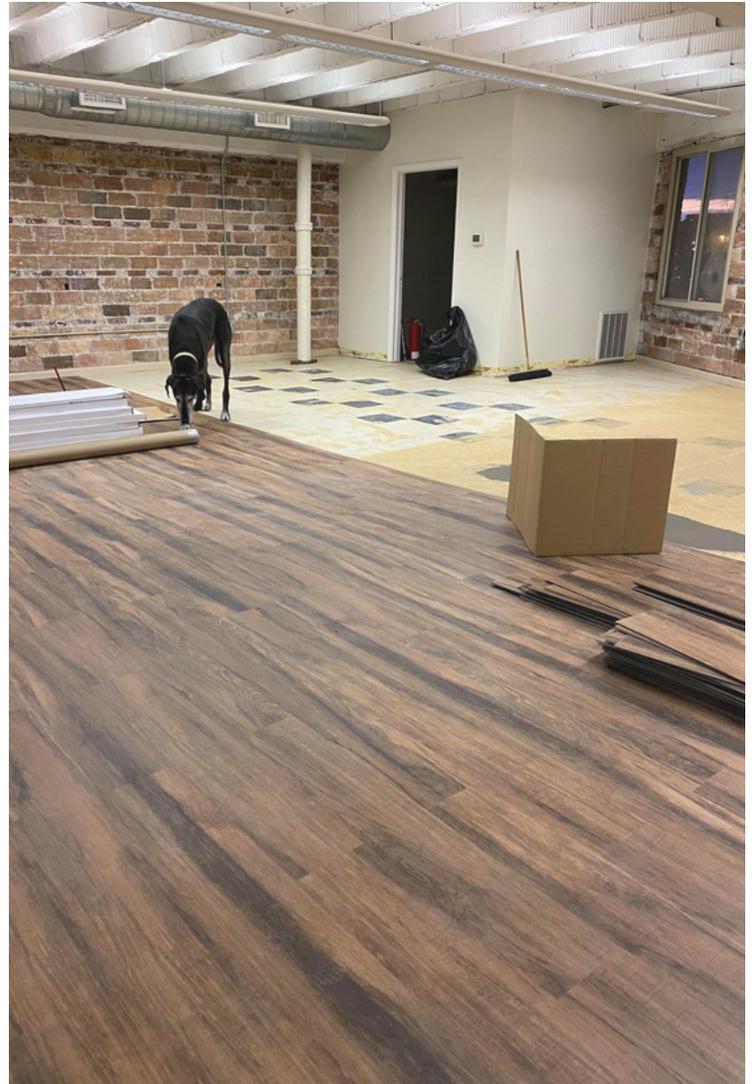


Above: Liz Given's work using
Sio2 Upsala.
Left: Hannah Staber's test
marbled cup using Sio2 Black Ice
and Aneto.

Third-floor Classroom

In order to broaden our reach to the community and accept more students, we renovated a room on our third floor to become our newest classroom! This new addition to our building allows us to host even more bright eyed and curious students. Our classes had been selling out so fast it was getting hard to keep up!

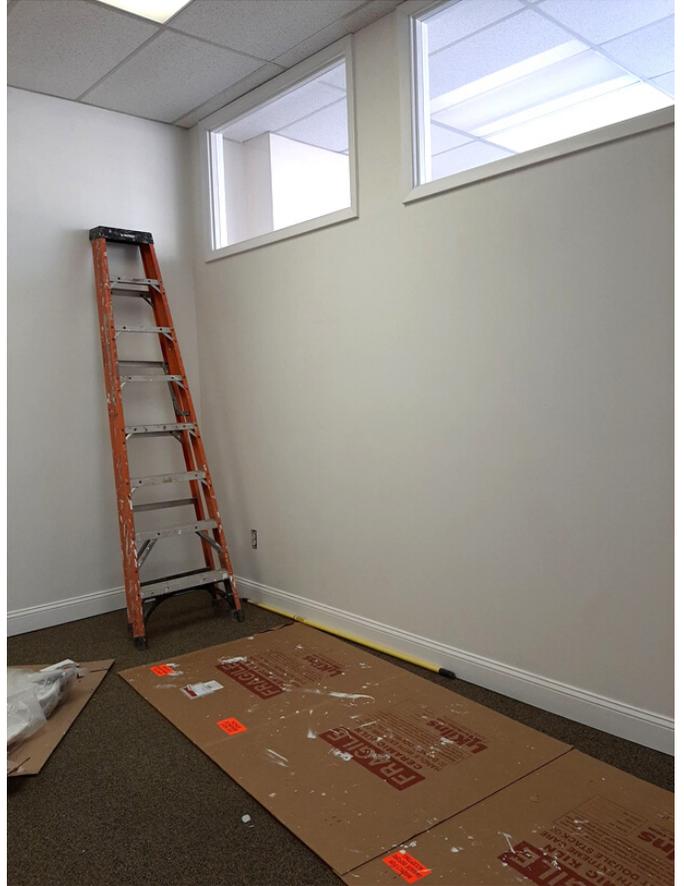
We are so thankful to have been able to expand our teaching space. After the hard labor of ripping up old carpet, we were able to have a new waterproof floor installed (it looks so snazzy). We are so excited to get it dirty!



Inspector Mo, checking out the new flooring. Does it pass his sniff test?

New Gallery & Retail Space

In addition to our third floor getting a makeover, our Gallery and Retail areas are also getting a new look! Our retail area is being moved to our garage, and the gallery is expanding into the old retail area. They are getting a fresh coat of paint and brand new floors. Expanding these areas means we can carry more clay supplies and clay for our customers and community, and it also means we can host bigger shows and events.



Above right: The gallery looking unrecognizable as we begin to paint and rip up carpet.

We will have this new gallery space up and running for NCECA. We will also be hosting our Resident Artist exhibitions come summer and fall--our first Artist in Residence show in the new building! Get excited!

Workshops & Boot Camp

We have a vibrant workshop lineup from Beginner Boot Camp to mono printing on clay! Here is our schedule so far:

February 6th- Make a Sweetheart with your Sweetie with Laura! Make conversation hearts to give to your sweetie; bring a friend, parent, kid, spouse or whoever you want! Cost is \$30 and firing, paints, and clay is included. Family Friendly!



February 13th- Throwing off the Hump with Jason Trautz of Magpie & Molly. Learn how to throw shot glasses and Sake sets with this unique throwing technique. Cost is \$30 for members and \$50 for members. We will have clay for you or you can bring your favorite clay.

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February 20th to 21st- Beginner Wheel Throwing BOOT CAMP!! Join us for this weekend- long throwing boot camp. This is designed to be a shortened but intensive course for students who want to take a beginner class but can't commit to a full 6 week session. Only 5 seats available! Class will go over all beginner throwing techniques and trimming techniques on the second day.



February 27th- Glaze Workshop!

The workshop so many have been asking for! “Why does my glaze run?” “Why did this glaze crackle and crawl?” “How did you get that color combination?”

We have your answers! We are ready to teach you how to make test tiles, how to test glazes, how to make kiln cookies, how to layer glazes and much more! This is just the first of many glaze classes we will host.

Looking Ahead...

We are planning an exciting workshop-filled 2021. Every Saturday we hope to have an educational workshop happening, whether it be for experienced potters or children who don't have access to clay. For our March lineup we have slip transfers, sgraffito, "Kid's Clay Day" and much more. We will send out the schedule in each monthly newsletter.

As always, we hope you are all staying safe out there and loving clay. We are keeping hopeful and positive attitudes for this new year, and we hope you are too.

Thanks for reading along,

Core Clay Staff

