

FACTORY WORKS CLAY STUDIO

Membership Rules

Factory Works Clay Studio is a place for both beginners and advanced students to explore the clay medium through classes, membership, individual instruction, and workshops. The Clay Studio's mission is to introduce ceramics to people who are interested in working with clay as an art medium. Our focus is on expanding the membership program and providing an open and friendly, fully-equipped space where members can explore and experiment with the many facets of ceramics while having the opportunity to engage with other people learning clay. Factory Works Clay Studio is a program of Factory Works — an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit community organization located within the Pajama Factory in Williamsport, PA.

Membership Benefits

- 24/7 studio access.
- Tools, equipment, and workspace are provided.
- A variety of studio glazes and underglazes are provided. Members may use their glazes if they are compatible with our studio clay, and they fire to the proper temperature. Speak with the manager if you want to use your glazes.
- The cost of firing is included. Members who have a large body of work, or want to do special firings may be asked to pay for the cost of firing/s.
- Personal shelves are provided for storing clay, materials, and works in progress based on tiered memberships.
- 25% discount on classes and workshops for members.

Responsibilities:

- We expect every program member, volunteer, board member, and instructor to promote an inclusive educational and community environment.
- Membership dues are expected to be paid in full before using the Factory Works Clay Studio.
- Non-members are NOT permitted to work in the studio, except those participating in workshops or attending special events offered by the studio.
- Guests of members over the age of 18 are permitted to work in the studio if they pay the current day rate.
- If a member takes a break from their membership for more than 1 month, an agreement must be made with the studio manager as to whether their building key must be returned and belongings removed from their shelves in the studio. If no agreement is made concerning equipment or work on shelves, after three months have elapsed the items will be considered abandoned and will be

assimilated into the studio equipment or disposed of. In cases where the lapsed member requests storage past one month, a storage charge of \$50 per month will be billed.

- Members pay for their clay. Clay is provided for purchase by Factory Works Clay Studio. The studio uses Standard 182 without grog (Cone 6 to 10). This is a white clay body. At times, dark clay is also available for purchase. NO OTHER CLAY WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE CLAY STUDIO UNLESS A MEMBER HAS PERMISSION TO DO SO.
- Recycled/reclaimed clay is used for fundraising projects, classes, and workshops.
- Members are expected to be respectful of the studio, tools, equipment, the works of others, and other members' workspace and personal space. Cell phone use and loud music should be avoided unless you are in the studio by yourself, or everyone in the studio agrees with what music is being played and at what volume.
- Members who are working in the studio during workshops/classes do not need to leave but should make room for the instructor and the participants.
- Members are expected to clean up after themselves, turn off lights, and turn down the heat before leaving.
- In addition to cleaning up after every work session, members are required to help clean the studio (dust, sweep, vacuum, mop, recycling, trash removal, and general tidying) and/or clay recycling and pugging. All members will be instructed as to how these chores should be carried out. The studio operates as a cooperative in this way, as there are no paid employees who take care of maintenance and cleaning, etc. If every member does this approximately every 6 weeks, the studio will run smoothly and cleanly. If a member chooses not to help with these duties, his/her membership fee may be increased by \$50 per month.

The studio managers have the right to discontinue the membership of any member who does not comply with membership duties and responsibilities or does not get along with other members. If this occurs, the key must be returned and personal shelves emptied of all belongings.