

Rapid City Arts Council Open Pottery Studio

Welcome to the Rapid City Arts Council's (RCAC) Open Pottery Studio (OPS) Program. All ceramic students are welcome and invited to join OPS. Our community Pottery Studio (Studio) is open, inviting and buzzing with activity for independent adult ceramic students.

The Studio is fully furnished with the basic equipment needed to explore ceramics. We offer nine (9) pottery wheels, a slab roller, large work tables, two wedging tables, and basic potter/ceramics tools. We offer electric kiln firing up to cone 6. We also sell new and recycled brownstone clay (ranging from cone 4 to cone 6).

Eligibility, Availability & Cost

To obtain an OPS Pass the following conditions must be met:

- First-time users must have completed both RCAC Pottery Foundations and Basic Wheel Throwing classes (regular attendance is mandatory) OR one of the above mentioned classes and successful completion of OPS Skills Test.
- Current participants, or past participants who have taken classes or been enrolled in OPS within the last year, may renew their OPS Pass by simply paying the fee.
- Past participants, who have not been in the Studio for over one (1) year must renew their OPS Pass by completing and passing the OPS Prep Class. This class is schedule by the Art Education Director and is billed at \$50 plus tax for a 3-hour course.

OPS Passes are purchased monthly. \$45 for RCAC members and \$50 for non-members and includes the following:

- Access to Studio tools, equipment and resources
- All firing fees
- Access to one (1) locker. Students supply their own locks. When available, additional locker space may be purchased for \$5 per locker per month.
- All clay is purchased separately.

OPS supervised* and unsupervised* Studio hours are available on our website:

<http://www.thedahl.org/open-pottery-studio.html>.

Hours are flexible and reflect times when OPS Volunteers are available to supervise the Studio. It is strongly recommended that OPS participants check the Studio Calendar prior to coming into the Studio.

*Supervised Studio hours: An Ops Volunteer is in the Studio and on the schedule.

*Unsupervised Studio hours: RCAC Staff are on duty in the Education Complex.

To register for a class, or schedule your OPS prep class please contact:

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