

CLAY STUDIO COLLECTIVE



April Newsletter



Operation Kiln Connection

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the support we have received from you and other CSC members for this initiative! We have raised **\$2,100** which will be used for electrical costs and upgrades to the kiln. The electrician has completed some work and we are hoping that the new kiln can be moved into the kiln room and connected very soon once we raise the rest of the funds! Thanks for your continued support. ❤️

Membership Update and Renewal Time!

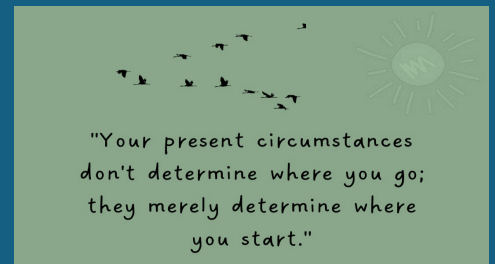
Our doors opened in early November last year, which means the end of April will be our 6-month anniversary. The Board of Directors have decided to continue to offer a 6-month membership option, at a rate of \$150 per month. Additional membership options include a yearly membership at \$150 per month and an hourly membership, \$150 for 10 hours.

All 6-month membership members, please send an email to claystudiocollective@gmail.com to indicate your membership renewal. Thank you!



Inspired Together

Join us for the first Members Only social event, where members, board and committee members will get a chance to meet each others. It will be an afternoon of scrapbooking using our extensive supply of Ceramic magazines. Add in music, laughter, beverages, inspiration and it's a party you don't want to miss! See you April 14th from 11am – 2pm at the Studio.



Plant Kindness

Pottery, Plant & Tea Social - On Sunday, May 5th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, we will host a fundraising event that will be held in the church reception room (beside the kitchen). Participants will be provided with refreshments and pastries and will choose from a selection of handcrafted pottery planters with a plant or flowers. Tickets will be available online and at the studio for \$35.



Additional details to follow in the coming weeks.

You can help! A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board. Providing baked goods, donating a piece of pottery (bowl, planter, large mug, etc.), assisting on potting plants day, and event day support are all opportunities where you can help!



MEET OUR MEMBERS

Our new column will introduce a member each month beginning with the CSC Board Members.

Meet Christina Lenihan, Membership Director!

Before I started pottery, I always imagined how wonderful it would be to learn and play in clay and create the most amazing pieces of art. Little did I realize how much fun and how much passion would go into creating even the littlest pieces. Over the past several years, I have learned so many new skills I had never imagined I could do when I was admiring other potters' work at art shows. I know I have had a good day on the wheel when I lose complete track of time and I am totally covered in clay. I enjoy seeing our studio members sharing ideas, techniques and forming new friendships. This has been a dream come true for so many of us to have a place where we can share our art no matter what point we are in our journey of clay art.

May your hands be full of clay and your hearts full of imagination! Clay On!



Updates

Empty Bowls: The tally is complete: over 100 bowls will be donated to the Empty Bowls fundraiser by Loaves & Fishes, in Brockville. The Empty Bowls event is happening on April 6th at the Memorial Centre Community Hall from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Bunny Workshops: All bunnies have been making their way through the studio and are finally reunited with their creators! It was a very well received, enjoyable event.

Trivia!

Why is there an Easter bunny and not an Easter Chicken? Bunnies don't lay eggs so why does a bunny bring eggs? The rabbit at Easter is supposed to represent life. The Easter bunny and eggs have no connection to Christianity. It all dates back to 13th Century Germany where the goddess of fertility, Eostra was worshiped. Since rabbits are very fertile and eggs represent fertility, the bunny and egg became the symbolic representations of Easter.

... and bunnies are cuter than chickens!

