

Clay Studio Collective



May 2025 Newsletter

Seeds of Kindness, Roots of Community

What began as a simple appreciation for spring blooms has blossomed into something much more—a heartfelt annual tradition. Following the wonderful success of our inaugural event in 2024, PLANT KINDNESS has grown into a cherished celebration of kindness, creativity, and community spirit. This year, our 2nd Annual Plant Kindness & Tea Social took place on Sunday, May 4th, and what a beautiful day it was! From the moment the doors opened, the energy was electric. A line formed outside the church, and by 11:30 a.m., nearly all of our handmade planters had found new homes. We were genuinely overwhelmed and deeply touched by the outpouring of support from our community.

All proceeds from this year's event will go toward an exciting next chapter for our studio—our much-needed Glaze Room Rescue. We are excited to announce that we raised **\$5000!** Your generosity is helping us continue to grow and improve our space for everyone who creates with us.

A heartfelt thank you to:

- Mud Shot Studio for capturing the day so beautifully
- Our attendees, plant and food sponsors
- The incredible members teachers and students of our studio who gave their time and talent to support this event

From organizing and planning to potting, baking, pouring tea, and lending a hand—your efforts made this event a success.

We truly could not have done it without you.

Here's to another amazing year—and to planting even more kindness in 2026!



CSC Communication Plan

The CSC Membership Committee has been brainstorming on ideas for new and better ways for Members to communicate. We want to be able to facilitate an easier way for members to communicate with each other, for CSC to send out messages and to hopefully provide more visibility to Members as to who is in the studio. The end goal is to be able to better share ideas, grow our sense of community with a platform that is easy to use. We are currently testing a couple of messaging platforms and hope to release them to members in the near future! We are always welcome to feedback and suggestions

MEMBERS MATTER!

Wax on. Wax off!

For now - please choose wax off. Until we can get proper ventilation and doors for the kiln room, please do not wax the bottoms of your pots. Wax should only be used for decoration. Thanks!

Don't Throw that Pot Out!

One man's trash is another man's treasure. Pots that don't quite turn out how you wanted is frustrating - however don't throw them out. Please pop them in the "Donation" pile. These pots will be perfect for testing glazes or other decorative techniques. Conversely, feel free to use any of the pots in the Donation pile if you need a test subject.



Mystery Glaze

The CSC is proud to share one of our creative ways to manage studio waste: recycling excess glaze! The glaze water you carefully separate into "white only" and "dark only" buckets is repurposed to create our unique mystery glazes. We're excited to announce that the latest mystery glazes are now ready for use. Our light mystery glaze reveals a stunning robin's egg blue, perfectly capturing its namesake's charm. The dark mystery glaze has emerged as a moody green-grey, reminiscent of a smoggy morning. We're currently seeking name suggestions for this intriguing shade-your ideas are welcome! We invite you to try these new glazes and thank you for helping us reduce waste and promote sustainability by recycling glaze materials in our studio. Your participation makes a real difference!



Summer Schedule

Yes it is almost summertime! Please see below for the new summer schedule for June, July and August.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9 am – 1 pm	Open Studio	Open Studio	Open Studio	Open Studio	Open Studio	Open Studio	Quiet Time Church Service 9 am – 10 am
1 pm – 6 pm							Classes
6 pm – 10 pm							

There are some exceptions. Each month during the summer, Krista Cameron Pottery hosts specialized classes and workshops for KCP students, CSC members and the public. Local guest artists are welcomed to our studio to teach specific pottery techniques. CSC members will not have access to the studio during these classes and workshops on the following dates/times:

- June 2nd – 5th, Glaze Precision and Decoration with Monica Viola, 1 pm – 5 pm
- July 5th – 6th, Textured Slabs: Collage & Colour with Chandler Swain, 10 am – 4 pm
- August 18th – 22nd, Pottery Bootcamp, 1 pm – 5 pm