

CLAY STUDIO COLLECTIVE



February Newsletter

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Empty Bowls Fundraiser

It's leap year and that means an extra day to build, create and share in our joy of potting! This month we are excited to be part of Empty Bowls! We are bringing our members together to make bowls for the Empty Bowls Fundraiser, held by Loaves & Fishes, a not-for-profit in Brockville who works to alleviate hunger in our community. Sign up for either February 10th or 13th.

WISH LIST

We started a wish list which is posted on the bulletin board for items you would like to have in the studio and in the hopes that items may be donated. With limited funds, we need to plan any expenses carefully, so any support from our members is welcome.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Why can't we sweep the floor in the studio? Sweeping causes dust from clay which can cause Silicosis, a lung disease caused by breathing in tiny bits of silica from clay dust.

LOAVES & FISHES
EMPTY BOWLS
FUNDRAISING EVENT



RECYCLED PUGGED CLAY



Pugged clay is reclaimed wet clay that has been processed in a pugmill. A pugmill is a mixer that is used to recycle and mix wet clay producing ready

to use clay for throwing or sculpture. Wedging is recommended before throwing on the wheel. We are now offering plugged clay to members for \$30 per 8kg bag.

There are a few bags of recycled unpugged clay available (each bag has the weight and cost labelled). Unpugged clay will require additional drying and a lot of wedging.

Reglazing Policy

There is a cost to the Collective to reglaze pottery pieces: glaze, electricity, and kiln technician time. We are instituting a small fee per item, to cover this cost. Instructions will be posted near the "To be Glaze Fired" shelving unit in the kiln room, which will provide additional details on the sizing and cost per item.

New Glazes

The CSC team has been busy making up new glazes! These include Frog Pond, Clear, Temmoku, Floating Blue and Raspberry.

DETAILED CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

As promised in our last newsletter, we have prepared detailed cleaning instructions, which will be provided to each member. We will also be posting a Sign Up sheet for additional periodic tasks that are required to run the studio.

Teamwork makes the dream work!

CSC Library

Our library is still under construction however books are available to browse at the studio. We also have a number of pottery magazines that are available to all our members. These you don't need to return. We will have these on display to peruse and reuse. Special thanks to Diana Earle who provided the library bookcase, custom CSC labels and arranged for cataloging of every book.

Thank you Diana!

If you have other questions or topics you would like addressed or information to publish in our Newsletter, send us an email. This is YOUR studio and YOUR newsletter!

