

Mudflat Pottery School

Broadway Theatre Renovation



Who We Are

Mudflat Studio has offered the metropolitan Boston community a unique opportunity for clay work and play since 1971. We have been at our current location at 149 Broadway in East Somerville since 1985. As a nonprofit arts organization, Mudflat's mission is to promote and expand awareness and interest in the ceramic arts and to provide workspace for clay artists.

Mudflat earns income through class and studio tuitions and fees, which are used to support the operations of the organization. In addition, Mudflat receives grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and the Somerville Arts Council. We also receive support from foundations, corporations, and private individuals.

What is a nonprofit organization?

It's a corporation which is formed with the purpose of benefiting the public in some religious, scientific, educational or charitable way. No individuals benefit financially from the earnings of a nonprofit organization.

About Our Program

Mudflat's classes for adults run for 14 weeks and meet once per week. Students can also come to the studio during lab hours to work individually. The classes range from beginning levels for people who have never worked with clay, to advanced courses and seminars for experienced clay artists. We also have classes for kids and teens, and for parents and kids to take together. Mudflat offers private and group spaces for clay artists.



Mudflat has a long history of special programs and outreach as an ongoing commitment to the local community. Recent and current programs include classes for teenagers from Somerville's Full Circle High School and Next Wave Junior High School, a literacy grant with students at the Edgerly School, clay classes at two Somerville senior centers, preschool and kindergarten field trips from area centers and schools, and material and technical support for clay projects and classes at local elementary schools and centers. These programs receive financial support from the Somerville Arts Council, the Somerville School Department, the Somerville Council

on Aging, contributions from individuals and foundations and from Mudflat. Mudflat is a Business Partner with the Edgerly Education Center, Somerville Public Schools.

About the Project

After 20 years, Mudflat has outgrown its space at 149 Broadway. We're very pleased to have the opportunity to move to the Broadway Theatre to continue our excellent programming and maintain the community ties we've built over the years.

We are currently at work on the design and permitting for the renovation. We hope to begin work early in 2006, with the goal of moving in sometime by the end of the year. When completed, the building will provide about 16,000 sq. feet for Mudflat, as well as two leased retail spaces. The Mudflat space will include 3 classrooms, 2 glaze rooms, artist studio spaces, offices, and a kiln room. There will also be a seminar room, which we plan to make available to other community groups. In addition to the interior renovation, we plan to restore the front of the building, and make it a more welcoming building on Broadway.

