



## **Wheel Throwing or Handbuilding for Private Clay Workshops**

Thank you for your interest in scheduling a Private Clay Workshop at Mudflat! Mudflat offers workshops for groups to explore their creativity through clay.

### **How the Clay Workshop Works:**

A Mudflat teacher will demonstrate how to make a pot on the pottery wheel (wheelthrowing workshop) or how to use slabs and coils to make functional or sculptural work (handbuilding workshop). Participants will work at their own pottery wheel or table space, with instruction and assistance from the teacher. Each participant will select a glaze color so their best effort can be glazed and fired. After the workshop, the Mudflat teacher will dry and trim the pieces. Pieces are first bisque fired, then glaze is applied, then they are fired again. The whole process takes 4-5 weeks. We will wrap up and box all of the pieces for your group and notify the contact person when they are ready for pick-up, approximately one month after the workshop. Most pieces are food, dishwasher, and microwave safe.

### **Scheduling a Clay Workshop at Mudflat:**

Contact Gabrielle at [Gab@Mudflat.org](mailto:Gab@Mudflat.org) or call 617-628-0589 to schedule your workshop. We will ask you:

- **Do you want a Wheelthrowing or Handbuilding workshop?**
- **How many participants are in your group?** Maximum group size is 15 adults. We may be able to accommodate up to 20 people for a handbuilding workshop.
- **What days/dates/times work for your group?** We cannot offer workshops on weekday evenings due to previously scheduled classes. In general, the following days and time frames are available:
  - Mondays and Wednesdays 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
  - Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
  - Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
  - Fridays 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
  - Saturdays 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
  - Sundays 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

We require a minimum of two weeks' notice to schedule a workshop and find a teacher(s) for your group. If you need to adjust the number of participants in your group, please provide at

least one week's notice. If you are no longer able to attend the workshop, please contact us immediately at 617-628-0589.

**Workshop Fees and Payment:**

- 2 hour workshop: \$50.00 per person
- 3 hour workshop: \$75.00 per person

For groups with 5-9 participants, we will schedule one teacher and the minimum group size is five people. For groups with 10 - 15 participants, we will schedule two teachers and the minimum group size is 10 people.

Payment is due in full one week before your scheduled workshop. Payments can be processed over the phone by calling the office at 617-628-0589, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Invoices and receipts are available upon request.

**Food and Beverage Policy:**

Due to our limited kitchen space and the messy process of working with clay, we do not allow food or alcoholic beverages at these workshops. Participants may bring a bottle of water and a small snack. East Somerville has a lot of good restaurants within walking distance! We recommend Taco Loco, Rincón, Vinny's, Lotus Express, and Michette, just to name a few.

**The Messy Business of Clay:**

Clay can be a messy process! We recommend wearing comfortable clothes (t-shirts, jeans, shorts) and shoes that you don't mind getting dirty. Aprons are available if your team would like to use them.