



Micaceous Pottery
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Clarence Cruz

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Welcome to Ghost Ranch Festival of Arts Micaceous Pottery Workshop.

I like to give you a brief introduction of myself to my new community for the upcoming workshop. I am Tewa from Ohkay Owingeh and Assistant Professor at the University of New Mexico in the Art Department.

Participants will be working with harvested and processed mica clay from a local clay pit. In this class the students will learn hand-building and coiling techniques. As well as sanding, water washing, slipping, and polishing techniques. I encourage each participant to bring pottery tools if you have some, which would include the following: Rubber ribs, wooden ribs, steel flexible rib, steel rib with teeth, needle nose tool and sponges (one small round, one medium). Please include in your artist work kit, apron, leather gloves, cotton head scarf, work shoes that are non-rubber (leather preferably) or contain nylon. If you do not have pottery tools, I will bring extra tools and sponges.

Students will participate in outside firings, which will include an open pit firing and a reduction firing. An open pit firing gives you fire clouds on the surface of the pot and a reduction firing gives you black. I strongly encourage all participants to make use of open studio hours outside of regular class meets. I will be present for you in open studio hours.

***Word of Caution for our upcoming firings for the end of the workshop**

1. Please wear cotton clothing, long sleeve shirt and cotton jeans
2. Tie your hair back and wear a cotton scarf
3. Wear leather shoes and have leather gloves
4. If you wear contact lens, you should not wear them during the firing or plastic eye glass lens
5. IF YOU ARE ASTHMAIC YOU SHOULD NOT BE AROUND THE FIRE AND SMOKE

Look forward to meeting and working with you all and thanks for signing up for the Festival of Arts Workshop July 10 – 16 – 2022.

Sincerely,

Clarence Cruz (Khaayay)

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