

Clay Studio Collective



VIRTUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT



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AUGUST 22 - 28, 2024

Discount Code: CSCFundraiser

Discounts applicable to regular priced glazes and tools only. Discounts exclude kilns, equipment, and clay. Discounts only valid on one order and cannot be applied to past orders. Discounts only applicable on new orders between August 22nd - August 28th, 2024. Apply discount code upon checkout to receive discounted price.



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- Step 1: Access Amaranth website at <https://amaranthstoneware.ca/>
- Step 2: Choose any regular priced glazes or tools
- Step 3: At check out, enter in the discount code: CSCFundraiser

* You can start shopping today! Fill up your basket and check out any time between Aug 22nd - 28th!

**Good for you!
Good for us!**

KILN WASH AND COOKIES

Kiln wash is a barrier to prevent unexpected glaze runs or drips from ruining pottery kiln shelves, and your work. You brush it directly onto your shelves; it looks similar to a glaze when being applied. The CSC requires a cookie under all pieces being fired in the glaze kiln and cookies need kiln wash as well. If you don't use a kiln wash, any glaze that comes into contact with the kiln shelf or cookie gets absorbed and becomes permanently fused to it. If a piece is fused to a bare shelf, something will have to break in order to remove it. Usually this means the pot has to be broken to save the shelf. (An unfortunate necessity, but kiln shelves are expensive!). Kiln wash should prevent "plucking" as well. Plucking is when some glazes, due to their high silica content, become so fluxed (melted) during the firing that they stick to an unprotected kiln shelf or cookie and small bits or splinters of clay fuse to the shelf, breaking free from the piece itself. These splinters are very sharp. The CSC has had one injury already from handling cookies with splinters. Therefore any cookies that are damaged will be disposed. The CSC is recommending that kiln wash be used on cookies during every glaze firing. Kiln wash will be available on the shelf just inside the kiln room. Make sure it is stirred and then brush a thin coat onto each cookie for every glaze firing.

REMINDERS

- Never leave water in the sinks and tubs
- Check for clay splatter in your work area
- We are experiencing high humidity in the studio therefore taking some pieces longer to dry
- Questions, concerns, discoveries, ideas, send an email to claystudiocollective@gmail.com

CHOOSE YOUR FAVOURITE WHITE!

Two new whites are available - **Paul's White** and **NFO**. Let us know which you prefer!



Our Facility Committee is up and running and busy with

- * glaze data sheets
- * clay recycle
- * clay traps cleaning
- * making test tiles of all glazes

UPDATE ON THE FACILITY COMMITTEE



MUGS FOR MUTTS

Mugs for Mutts is a fundraising event being hosted by Sue Steele at the Riverbank Pottery Studio on October 18th, 2024. Anyone interested in donating a mug(s), please drop them at the studio, 22 King St. E. before October 15th. Include a slip of paper inside the mug with your name, address and phone number and an income tax receipt will be forwarded to you.



Daily Motivation
"Small steps everyday"

