

# Pottery Studio

## SCHEDULE & GENERAL INFO



# Reminders

- If you'd like to take an unfinished project home or some clay, it must be signed out (ask staff about sign out sheet).
- If you want to use commercial glazes or underglazes in the studio, you must show the bottles to studio staff so they can confirm it is compatible with our firings.
- No sanding is allowed inside the studio.
- It can take projects 2 weeks per firing to get through (1 month total to be complete).
- Plan ahead! If you need something done by a certain date, it is your responsibility to start it early enough.
- It is everyone's responsibility to keep the studio clean. You must wash all of your tools and work areas until there is no clay left. Clay dust in high quantities is harmful to your health.
- If you've never glazed at Bowen, please ask a staff member for help.
- Projects made at other studios will not be fired at Bowen.
- Clay used in the Bowen Pottery Studio must be purchased here at Bowen between 9 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday either in person or over the phone.

# Courses

## Handbuilding for Children - Pottery

7 to 12 Years

Children will have fun getting their hands dirty while playing with clay. They will learn the basic hand-building skills, including coiling, pinching, slab-building and sculpting through project making and will be encouraged to use their creativity to make each piece their own. Project ideas include tiles, tiny houses, pinch pot monsters/animals, mobiles, dishes and more!

## Pottery Wheel Beginner

14+ Years

For those with little to no previous experience working with clay. Dip your hands into something new! Learn the basic techniques that will help you create pots, vases, bowls and pretty much anything that can be thrown on a pottery wheel. Clay, glazes and firings are included.

## Pottery Wheel - Intermediate

This class is for those who have mastered the basic skills in a beginner class and want to learn how to create more complex items. Clay, glazes and firings are included in the cost. Participants must have completed a beginner class first.

## Pottery Workshops

Register for one or all of our workshops held throughout the year where you create items in the first class and then glaze during the last class.

- Handbuilt Dishes
- Handbuilt Mug
- Handbuilt Butter Dish

# Activity Guide

View the online Activity Guide for more details on Pottery Studio instructional classes by scanning the QR Code.



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# Bowen Park Pottery Studio

The Bowen Park Pottery Studio has the tools, equipment and supplies available for the public to work independently. Children, when accompanied by an adult, are welcome (both must register). Teens who have taken a pottery class are welcome to work independently on projects. No instruction, but some guidance, is provided during the drop-in times. Clay may be purchased for \$35 (including tax) per 22 pound bag and includes all firing and glazing fees. It must be purchased during office hours Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4:30 pm in person or over the phone. Drop in cost is \$12 per session. Harbour City Seniors Members can access the starred \*drop in sessions for \$4 per session. Dress for mess; aprons are not provided.

## DROP-IN INFO

\$12 per session

## POTTERY SCHEDULE

**Sun, Mar 31 to Aug 31** (closed June 28 to July 7 and on all stat holidays)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	12-3 pm*	2:30-5:30 pm*	1-4 pm* 5-8 pm	12-3 pm* 4-7 pm		9:30 am-12:30 pm



\*These sessions are for Harbour City Seniors Members. If you are over the age of 60, you can join the Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors and take part in several programs for a nominal fee. For more information, please call 250-755-7501 or visit [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca).