

CERAMIC STUDIO NEWSLETTER

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HOW TO READ THE TENTATIVE KILN SCHEDULE

The tentative kiln schedule is posted on the door of the glaze room, which is near the glazing tables.



KILN NAME
KILN STATUS

Each tab represents one of our three ceramic kilns. At the top, you'll see the name of the kiln, followed by its current status. Each tab is color-coded to match our Ceramic Studio Information poster.



- Easy-Fire #1 was UNLOADED
- Easy-Fire #1 was STARTED with a BISQUE load
- Easy-Load (Big Blue) was UNLOADED
- Easy-Load (Big Blue) is being loaded but is not yet started.
- Easy-Fire #2 FAIL, indicating that the scheduled firing was unsuccessful
- Easy-Fire #1 will be unloaded when the temperature falls below 100°F on Wednesday.

HOW TO READ THE KILN LOG

View past kiln logs and current kiln status at [NWTC.edu/OpenStudio](https://www.nwtc.edu/OpenStudio)

Load Date	Kiln	Program	Unload Date
11/1/2024	Easy-Fire #1	Slow BISQUE - Cone 05	11/4/2024
11/1/2024	Easy-Fire #2	Slow BISQUE - Cone 05 Kiln Failed / Repair / Error ...	
10/30/2024	Easy-Fire #1	Slow BISQUE - Cone 05	11/1/2024
10/30/2024	Easy-Load (Big Blue)	Custom GLAZE - Cone 5	11/4/2024
10/30/2024	Easy-Fire #2	Slow GLAZE - Cone 5	11/1/2024

- On November 1, **Easy-Fire #1** was loaded and started with a slow **BISQUE** program, firing to cone -05, and it was unloaded on November 4.
- On November 1, **Easy-Fire #2** was loaded and started with a **BISQUE** program, but "**Kiln Failed / Repair / Error Code**," indicating an issue. The empty "**Unload Date**" shows the kiln has not yet been unloaded.
- On October 30, **Easy-Load (Big Blue)** was loaded and started with a custom **GLAZE** program, firing to cone 5, and it was unloaded on November 4.
- On October 30, **Easy-Fire #2** was loaded and started with a slow **GLAZE** program, firing to cone 5, and it was unloaded on November 1.

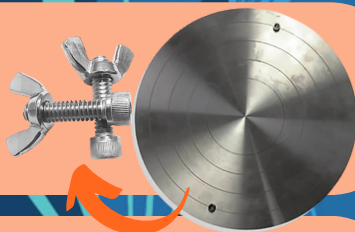
The online kiln logs also include "Pre-Heat" and "Hold Time" for each program for those curious about the kiln firing programs.

The "Slow" program is a preset option, while the "Custom GLAZE" program heats even more slowly, it is specifically designed for Easy-Load (Big Blue)

PLEASE NOTE: **WE CAN'T GUARANTEE YOUR WORK IS IN THE KILN THAT IS BEING FIRED.**

PLEASE REMOVE BAT PINS

from the wheel head when you are done!



Kathy Janquart

Two of Raku!



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KEY DATES

Here are some upcoming **KEY DATES** for the end of the year!
Pay close attention if you are trying to get artwork through the kilns before winter break.

CLAY STUDIO - MEMBERS & CURRENT STUDENTS:
Last day to place **BONE DRY** items on bisque shelf -
12/3/24 by 7:30pm

Last day to place items on glaze shelf - **12/11/24 by 7:30pm**

ALL STUDIOS:
2nd Quarter Memberships **ENDS on 12/13**
Members can only **pick-up items** the week of **12/16-12/20**

CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK - 12/21/24 UNTIL 1/5/25
OPEN STUDIO RESUMES 1/6/25!

CLAY CHALLENGE

We are putting our Quarterly Clay Challenge on hold. With the busy holiday season fast approaching, the ABC team believes it's wise to take a break.

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THE CLASSROOM MUST BE CLEARED 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF ANY CLASS.

This ensures a smooth transition and gives instructors time to prepare without distractions.

A current schedule for the ceramic classroom is posted in the walkway between the open studio and the classroom.