

## Adult Clay Classes

Redmond Clay Studio designs classes for people to explore their innate artistic talents. Instructors will guide you through the necessary skills and concepts to successfully make pottery, sculpture, or whatever. There are many facets to the making, philosophy, and viewing of ceramic art. We have brought together the best teachers in the area to provide a broad spectrum of trainings and viewpoints. This gives our adult clay program a vitality that rivals university education in a fun and relaxed setting.

Adult class includes first 25 lb. bag of clay, glazes, and open studio practice time. Clay tool starter kit is available for \$16.



### Continuing Wheel

This class is for those of you who love wheel thrown pottery. Experienced students will be challenged to bring their pottery to the next level, learning the technical and philosophical sides of ceramics. First time students will learn the basics of throwing, trimming, decorating and glazing.

Advanced focus this quarter will be on surface treatments: creating a richer depth in your pots.

*Instr: Damian Grava*

Loc: Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center - Clay Studio  
 Age: 17+ yrs..... Fee: \$265R/\$300N  
 42112 Mon Sep 10-Nov 12 10am-1pm

This quarter will focus on incorporating lids and handles and spouts to your pots.

*Instr: Drew Nicklas*

Loc: Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center - Clay Studio  
 Age: 17+ yrs..... Fee: \$265R/\$300N  
 42113 Thu Sep 13-Nov 15 6-9pm

### Alterations of the Wheel

This course will be an exploration of alternative techniques and processes involved with throwing on the wheel. The class will include, but is not limited to: connecting and manipulating thrown forms, throwing with coils, throwing without the hands, and various investigational processes. All levels and abilities welcome. Beginners will learn all the basics, experienced folks will find new avenues to explore.

*Instr: Brian Benfer*

Loc: Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center - Clay Studio  
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 42115 Wed Sep 12-Nov 14 6-9pm

### Clay Sculpture

This is a sculpture clay class for beginning to advanced students. A relaxed class environment where students of all skill levels can delve into hand building which includes soft and hard slab, coil and pinch construction. We will carry the sculptures to completion with slips, glazes and cold finishes. Make a figure, make a building, make it abstract. The sky is the limit!

*Instr: George Rodriguez*

Loc: Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center - Clay Studio  
 Age: 17+ yrs..... Fee: \$265R/\$300N  
 42116 Wed Sep 12-Nov 14 10am-1pm



## Redmond Clay Studio

Redmond Clay Studio has classes for young artists to explore their creativity in clay, from ages 6 to 16. Participants will learn critical skills and techniques necessary to form pots, sculptures, or whatever is sparked by their imagination. Classes encourage creative discussions on the world around us and the expressions of our individual interpretations. All materials and firing fees are included in class fees.

### Adult/Child Clay Experience

Looking for a great way to have fun and enrich your day? Have a creative team experience with your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or whoever the relation may be. You and your younger person can create something together that you will both remember forever. Model and decorate animals, plates, rattles, bowls, and vases using objects from nature or your own home. Finish your pieces with colorful glazes, and we'll fire them to finished ceramic. Try it for the first five weeks, follow through with the second five if you had fun! Class price is for adult/child pair, all tools and materials included.

*Instr: Damian Grava*

Loc: Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center Clay Studio  
 Age: 4+ yrs + parent..... Fee: \$135R/\$162N  
 42238 Sat Sep 15-Oct 13 10-11:30am  
 42239 Sat Oct 20-Nov 17 10-11:30am

### HOW TO READ CLASS INFORMATION

**Adult Trail Ride** *Class name* *Description*

This program is designed for the recently experienced adult horsemen. The trail ride through the forest at Farrel-McWhirter is unique and invigorating.

Loc: Farrel-McWhirter Park Barn *Location*

Age: 18 + yrs..... Fee: \$35S/\$35R/\$42N

30569 *Class #* Fri *Class Days* Apr 23 *Date* 4:10-5:30pm *Class Time*

*Senior Fee* *Resident Fee* *Non-Resident Fee*

"I think your classes are terrific. Redmond Schoolhouse is a terrific space to hold classes in. In the future, I will sign my kids—and myself—for more. Thank you!" "Fun clay class"

## Teacher Profiles



**Damian Grava** was formally trained in ceramics at Keene State College in New Hampshire. Utilizing his degree in Geology as a foundation, Damian illustrates what he believes is a balance between life and art. For the past 10 years he has been a studio potter in Seattle, exhibiting his work in galleries, museums and shows locally

and nationally. He has been teaching pottery classes and workshops at clay studios for the last 7 years. Damian is the director of the Redmond Clay Studio.



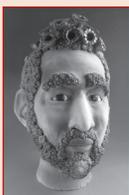
**Brian Benfer** - Born in Michigan and raised in Northeast Indiana, Brian received his B.A. from Humboldt State University and his M.F.A. in Visual Arts from Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University. He has worked in a variety of media including site-specific installations, sculpture, video, ceramics, paintings and performance art. He

has exhibited work in numerous venues across the U.S. and has served at numerous academic posts.



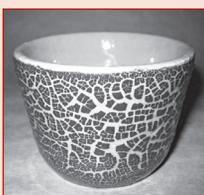
**Drew Nicklas** earned his MFA in ceramics at the University of Montana at Bozeman, he focused on the art of wood fired pottery. Drew built numerous kilns, including one at Smoke Farm here in Washington. He has been teaching pottery classes in the Greater Seattle area since he moved here three years ago. Drew's work is

exhibited in galleries and shows locally and nationally.



**George Rodriguez** received his MFA in ceramics from the University of Washington emphasizing on larger than life sculpture. George was recently the recipient of a Bonderman Travel Fellowship, allowing him to travel to 26 countries to take in culture and translate it into ceramic art. Currently George teaches ceramic sculpture classes locally and exhibits his work

in the Foster/White Gallery in Seattle.



**Elaine Falangus** received her Bachelor of Science degree with studies in physical science, social science, pottery, and nursing. She has been teaching pottery to children in the Lake Washington School District for over 20 years now. She chose the path of art teacher because of the balance, pride, and sense of

accomplishment it can instill in children.

## Kids & Youth Clay

Build a foundation of clay skills, or advance your techniques. Classes are project based and cumulative, where repeat students will become more capable in their achievements. Learn building and decorating techniques on wet and dry clay, including coiling, pinching, slab building, carving, scoring and slipping. Paint your pieces with colorful glazes once they are completed and we'll fire them to finished ceramic. Bring an open and creative mind, we'll provide the tools and materials.



### Kids Clay

Autumn theme: leaves, harvest vegetables, cornucopias, candy dishes. Do you have some ideas?

Instr: Elaine Falangus

Loc: Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center Clay Studio  
Age: 6-8 yrs ..... Fee: \$115R/\$138N  
42275 Tue Sep 25-Nov 13 4-5:30pm

### Youth Clay

Autumn theme: leaves, harvest vegetables, cornucopias, candy dishes. Do you have some ideas. The pottery wheel will be explored for some of this class.

Age: 9-14yrs ..... Fee: \$155R/\$186N  
42276 Tue Sep 25-Nov 13 6-8pm

### Teen Clay Wheel

Eager to experience the pottery wheel? Learn the basic concepts of turning pots, carving feet, slip decorating, and glazing. Throwing pots on the wheel is way more fun than it looks! Create something you can use every day to eat or drink from-yes, you can actually use this stuff. Non-wheel projects will be explored in this class as well.

Instr: Brian Benfer

Loc: Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center - Clay Studio  
Age: 13-16 yrs ..... Fee: \$160R/\$192N  
42254 Wed Sep 26-Nov 14 3:30-5:30pm