

Neil Estrick

Pottery - Classes - Supplies

Gallery, LLC

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Ceramics Teacher Prep Course

A 10 hour course that covers everything you didn't learn in college about maintaining a safe, organized, budget-conscious ceramics program.

CEU/CPDU credits available

Total class time: 10 hours

Cost: \$150

Instructor: Neil Estrick

Course Topics:

Clay

Clay mines; types of clay; formulating clay bodies; mixing and preparing clays; selecting a clay body; purchasing, shipping and storing clays; troubleshooting clay issues.

Glazes

Glaze materials; formulating glazes; mixing glazes, commercial glazes vs. homemade; food safety; purchasing, shipping and storing glazes; troubleshooting glaze problems.

Kilns

Types of kilns; firing temperatures; proper firing methods; kiln maintenance; kiln repair; purchasing and shipping kilns.

Studio Safety

MSDS sheets; safety labeling; dry materials; wet materials; storage of raw materials; cleaning methods.

Studio Equipment, Tools, Misc.

Maintenance and repair of studio equipment; essential studio tools; etc.

How to schedule a class

This course does not have a set meeting day or time. Instead, it is made to fit into your schedule. Typically, teachers schedule the entire course for 1 day (10 hours) during the week, on a school inservice day. However, the course can be broken down into several shorter meetings in the evening or on Saturdays. The one-day method is easiest for most people, since travel in the Chicago area is slow at best. The only requirement is that you have a group of at least 3 teachers.

Call (847) 223-1807 or email neilestrickgallery@sbcglobal.net to schedule a class.

Payment

Payment is due at the start of the class. Cash, check and credit cards are accepted. If your school is going to pay for the class, I must receive a purchase order before the scheduled meeting time.

Neil Estrick holds a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Ceramics, and has over 17 years experience working with clay. His work has been shown in numerous regional and national exhibitions. In addition to running his own gallery and studio, Neil worked for several years as a technician for a major ceramics supply company, and has taught ceramics to students from ages 3 to 80.

Located in Grayslake, IL, Neil Estrick Gallery, LLC represents several local and national artists, including potters and jewelers. The gallery also sells ceramics supplies and equipment, and offers classes in ceramics, oil painting, watercolor painting and Art Clay Silver™.