The Bisque
710 Bay Street, Port Orchard
Studio Policies

1. The Golden Rule: Clean as You Go

- Dust is the enemy of every potter. To prevent silicosis and keep the air breathable, we follow a “Wet Clean Only" policy.
- No sweeping or dusting: Use a wet sponge or mop to clean your wheel, bat, and floor area.
- Wash your tools: Return all community tools to their proper bins, clean and dry.
- Empty your splash pan: Do not leave clay slurry to dry in the pans.

2. Respect the Work of Others

- Hands off: NEVER touch someone else's work, no matter what stage it is in.
- Shelf space: Stay within your assigned storage area. Do not "overflow" onto your neighbor's shelf.
- Label everything: Pieces without a name or member mark may be reclaimed or recycled after 30 days.

3. Kiln & Firing Safety

- The kilns are the heart of the studio. To protect them:

•Greenware only: Never place anything in the kiln room unless it is bone dry.

• Bottoms must be bare: All pieces must be wiped clean of glaze on the bottom (and 2mm up the side) to prevent sticking to kiln

• No "mystery" materials: Only clay and glazes purchased or approved by the studio may be fired. Unauthorized materials can melt and destroy the kiln bricks.

•Explosion prevention: Do not trap air inside hollow forms. Always poke a small vent hole.

4. Reclaiming & Waste

- Clay scraps: Place clean wet scraps in the designated "Wet Reclaim" buckets.
- Dry scraps go in designated “Dry Reclaim” buckets. Please ensure only small scraps (smaller than a dime) go into this bucket)
- No trash in the clay: Keep sponges, chamois’ and other tools or scraps out of clay.
- 3 step cleaning station: After emptying wet and/or dry clay into their designated reclaim buckets, rinse splash pans/ tools/ water bowls in the “Rinse” bucket. Only then you can clean in utility sink.
- Sink etiquette: Use the clay trap/wash station only AFTER emptying all clay and slurry into reclaim buckets and rinsing in the wash bucket. Never pour thick slurry or large chunks of clay down the standard drains.

5. Glazes + Glazing

- Glazes are very fun, very exciting and VERY expensive. Please respect them.
- Keep lids on glazes when not in use. Leave 5 gallon bucket lids loosely on top. Do not snap shut.
- Do not leave glazing cup on work benches.
- Mix glazes with the mixing brushes/ whisks ONLY.
- Keep 5 gallon buckets on their wheels.
- DO NOT cross contaminate glazes. Please keep glazing cups with their designated glaze bucket. Rinse whisk/brush before mixing up a new glaze.
- Mix glazes before glazing, every time.
- Be aware of glazing combinations. Some may run aggressively if paired together and ruin your piece and the kiln shelf.
- Clean up any splashes or spills.

5. Community Conduct

- All members enter through the side alley door. Use assigned code to enter, then lock door after entering.
- Shared space: Be mindful of volume. If listening to music/youtube/etc please keep to headphones.
- Place any personal belongings in a storage locker to avoid crowding in the work space.
- Last one out: If you are the last to leave, ensure all wheels, lights, and heat/AC are turned off.
- Guest policy: Members may not bring guests to use equipment without prior approval or a guest pass.