

KILN FIRING SERVICE - Danville Art League

Anyone can use our firing process if the requirements below are met and agreed to:

All pieces needing to be fired (outside of current class work) must have a FIRING FORM completed & located with pieces when left in the Pottery Studio to ensure proper firing temperature, identity, special care & ownership. Contact phone numbers are required.

Firing rates are very competitive & based on an individual piece's width x height. We have firing charts on site & available to anyone who wishes to pick one up. (See reverse side for chart.) The firing rates differ between bisque & glaze pieces as glaze firings require more space between pieces.

No salt glazes may be fired in the kiln to possibility of damage. Ash & other glazes with tendency to run MUST be noted to help us provide proper care during firing & prevent kiln damage.

Firing Fees must be paid when wares are left with completed Firing Form. At this time measurements will be given regarding size & fee.

The customer is responsible for providing the proper firing temperatures (Cone Values) of the wares to be fired. If you do not know this information, please bring the glaze container or information from the box of clay. Please provide clay & glaze specifications (e.g. Name Brand, cone temperatures, type glaze) with every piece.

Low fire glazes (Cone 05) may be applied to the entire bottom surface of the item as we can use stilts to prevent fusing to the kiln shelf.

Hi-Fire glazes (Cone 5-6) are not fired on a regular schedule & may take longer than lower temperature firings (typically 2 weeks). The very bottom of Cone 4-6 glaze items must be 100% 'glaze-free' & there must be at least ¼" margin at the bottom edge to prevent problems such as glaze melting & fusing to kiln shelves. Our shelves are coated to protect against minor drips & runs. The customer is responsible for cost of replacement kiln shelves should an item become fused to the shelf.

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Artisans will be required to remove pieces or correct glaze issues prior to being fired. This includes, but is not limited to thickness, clumps, flaking & glazed bottoms. All pots will be examined to ensure clay & glazes are thoroughly dry before firing. Pots may not have sealed cavities. Clay thickness may not exceed 1" thick at any point of the pot or sculpture structures. (Some sculpting techniques may not meet requirement & be given individual consideration.) NOTE: Every attempt will be made to place a note under a piece with an explanation of why it was ineligible for firing or contact the artisan by telephone.

Current classroom work has priority in firing schedules. Every attempt will be made to ensure all pieces will be fired within 2 weeks. DUE TO COST, we must have at least half a kiln loaded for a firing.

The Art League provides firing services to local hobby customers. We reserve the right to refuse quantities of wares that would overload our firing operations or cause severe disruptions to other customers. Cut off dates for firing, due to specific reasons (i.e. holiday, maintenance) will be posted on the Pottery studio/Kiln room doors & monthly emails.

DAL uses an EXCEL - 1099SF Kiln. The firing chamber capacity is 24" diameter & 26" height. Pieces which take up 75% or more of two horizontal kiln shelves are limited to one a month.

GUARENTEE: Danville Art League is not responsible for damage firing (cracking typically occurs due to improper pot or sculpture construction) & all care will be given to ensure successful firing of all products. Our instructors will treat your ceramic & pottery items as we would our own. We will fire your items to manufacturer's recommendations for the glazes and/or under glazes. Since all glazes react differently, to both application & temperature, we cannot predict how an item or glaze will respond or that you will get the results you anticipated.

Wares left over 60 days will automatically become the property of DAL to be used as needed. Customers are responsible for contacting Danville Art League at 442-9264 if they are unable to pick up their wares within 30 days.