

# Reminders

- If you'd like to take an unfinished project home or some clay, it must be signed out (ask staff about sign out sheet).
- If you want to use commercial glazes or underglazes in the studio, you must show the bottles to studio staff so they can confirm it is compatible with our firings.
- No sanding is allowed inside the studio.
- It can take projects 2 weeks per firing to get through (1 month total to be complete).
- Plan ahead! If you need something done by a certain date, it is your responsibility to start it early enough.
- It is everyone's responsibility to keep the studio clean. You must wash all of your tools and work areas until there is no clay left. Clay dust in high quantities is harmful to your health.
- If you've never glazed at Bowen, please ask a staff member for help.
- Projects made at other studios will not be fired at Bowen.
- Dress for mess (aprons not provided).

## CLAY PURCHASES:

- Clay used in the Bowen Pottery Studio must be purchased from one of the following City recreation facilities: Bowen Park Complex, Beban Social Centre, Oliver Woods Community Centre, Nanaimo Aquatic Centre or Nanaimo Ice Rink. Please note: all facilities have varying hours of operation.
- Clay can be purchased in-person or by telephone.
- To receive your clay in studio you will be asked to present your receipt.
- Cost of clay is \$35 (tax inc.) per 22lb bag; this includes all firing and glazing fees.
- Clay purchased from organizations other than the City of Nanaimo is not permitted.

# Courses

## Mudpies - 3 to 5 yrs

This parent participation class is designed to keep little hands busy while pinching, rolling and squeezing clay.

## Handbuilding for Children - 6 to 12 yrs

Through imagination and creativity, they will learn the basic hand-building skills - coiling, pinching, slab-building and sculpting. (Homeschool times available.)

## Intro to Pottery Wheel - 11 to 15 yrs

This introduction to pottery wheel offers an opportunity to learn basic throwing skills and the clay process start to finish.

## Handbuilding for Youth - 11 to 15 yrs

Come learn the basic clay hand-building skills - coiling, pinching, slab-building and sculpting. Project ideas include tiles, pinch pot animals, mobiles, mugs, dishes & more!

## Beginner Level 1 Pottery Wheel - 14 +

Learn the basic techniques that will help you create projects like pots, vases, and bowls.

## Beginner Level 2 Pottery Wheel - 14 +

This course is for those with some previous experience working with clay but not quite ready for the intermediate levels. Build upon the basic foundations to refine your skills.

## Intermediate Pottery Wheel - 14 +

Designed for those who have mastered the skills taught in a beginner class and want to learn how to create more complex projects.

## Sculpting with Clay

This course covers techniques and methods of sculpting with clay. This course is open to all skill levels.

## Handbuilt Pottery Workshops

Register for one or all of our workshops held throughout the year. The first session is about learning and creating while the second session is for glazing.

**POTTERY PARTIES!** We can host pottery parties or curate a class just for you! Email [parksandrecreation@nanaimo.ca](mailto:parksandrecreation@nanaimo.ca) for more information.

Fall 2025 & Winter 2026

# Pottery Studio

## SCHEDULE & GENERAL INFO



# Activity Guide

View the online Activity Guide for more details on Pottery Studio instructional classes by scanning the QR Code.



[recreation.nanaimo.ca](http://recreation.nanaimo.ca)  
250-756-5200



# Bowen Park Pottery Studio Schedule

**Tue, Sep 2 to Sat, Mar 28** (closed on all stat holidays)

The Bowen Park Pottery Studio has the tools, equipment and supplies available for the public to work independently. Children, when accompanied by an adult, are welcome (both must register). Youth who have taken a pottery class are welcome to work independently on projects. No instruction, but some guidance, is provided during the drop-in times. Clay must be purchased for \$35 (including tax) per 22 pound bage and includes all firing and glazing fees.

## DROP-IN INFO

**\$14 per session**

**\*\$7 per session (Harbour City Seniors Members)**

- Pre-registration can be done in advance at [recreation.nanaimo.ca](http://recreation.nanaimo.ca), by phoning 250-756-5200 or in person during office hours noted above
- See back page for information on purchasing clay
- We are only able to fire projects made within the Bowen Park Pottery Studio
- Pop-Up Demo Days - follow us online to join these special drop-in sessions



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1-4 pm	12-3 pm *	10:30 am-1:30 pm 2:30-5:30 pm*	1-4 pm * 5-8 pm	9:30 am-12:30 pm *		9:30 am-12:30 pm



*\*These sessions are for Harbour City Seniors Members. If you are over the age of 60, you can join the Nanaimo Harbour City Seniors and take part in several programs for a nominal fee. For more information, please call 250-755-7501 or visit [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca).*

## MEET YOUR Pottery Instructors



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