

Welcome



Raku - Playing with Fire

with Michael Thornton

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Welcome to your Ghost Ranch Raku Pottery Workshop.

I will be instructing the course, along with co-teacher Barbara Campbell.

This 5-day course will be a study of the Raku Pottery process. Using specially selected clay we will begin by creating pottery forms. Pottery will be fired once prior to glazing, then finished in a dramatic process of flame and smoke.

Since we will be spending significant time outdoors, participants should be prepared with appropriate clothing for the New Mexico summer weather. Please bring a hat, leather gloves, long cotton pants, long sleeved cotton shirt, sunscreen, and sturdy shoes.

In general, you can expect very warm days and cool nights. The elevation at Ghost Ranch is around 7000 ft. Participants coming from much lower elevations may want to be forewarned of the sun's intensity, as well as the atmosphere's lower oxygen concentration.

Ghost Ranch's Ceramics facility features a large, covered outdoor patio, where much of the workshop can be conducted in the open air.

All materials and tools will be provided, but you should feel free to bring your favorite pottery tools if you have any like: brushes, scraping ribs, sponges, etc.

No experience is required. All levels are welcome, so this course is perfectly fine for beginners.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to an engaging and rewarding experience together with Raku Pottery.

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