*ART 38A INTERMEDIATE HAND BUILDING Spring 2014*

ART-38A-52882 *ROOM*: ART 160 *DAYS:* T & Th *TIME:* 1:00 pm – 3:50 pm

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**RECOMMENDED TEXT:** Hands in Clay, (5th edition), Charlotte Speight and John Toki, ISBN: 0-07-251951-7

**REQUIRED TOOLS:** You will need one of each of the following (purchased separately or as a kit):

needle tool, clay cutting wire/string, wire loop trimming tool, wooden rib, serrated scoring rib, modeling knife, sponge, paint brush (round, soft, long bristled/bamboo calig. brush), water bucket *and* **notebook.**

**CLAY:** Clay may be purchased from the Reedley College bookstore for your convenience.

***Important:***All clay fired at Reedley College must be high fire, **cone 6 - 10** clay capable of handling 2,250ºF without melting. **Any student bringing low fire clay into the studio and causing a melt down in one of the kilns at Reedley College may face disciplinary action ranging from suspension to expulsion and/or failing the class for destruction of school property.** All projects to be fired must be well trimmed, have your name clearly marked on the project and have a dry foot (free of all glaze) or they will NOT be fired.

**ATTENDENCE/PARTICIPATION AND ABSENCES:** Student participation is defined as being present in class, listening to lectures or demos, and working on the studio activities needed to complete the required assignments. ***Consistent attendance is required.*** It is very important that you are in class on time. Roll will be taken at the beginning of each class session. If you are late and not counted on the roll sheet, it is your responsibility to inform the instructor. Students who miss more than **4 class sessions** prior to the 9th week or other excessive absences may be dropped.

**CLEAN UP:** It is each student’s responsibility to clean all areas (floor, tables, wheels, bats, tools, equipment, etc.) with which he/she has had contact. Also, everyone in the class must work together to keep the studio/classroom in a clean, healthy, safe condition. Failure to do your part will be considered lack of class participation and therefore, will be a factor in determining your grade. If clean up is not thorough or not everyone participates, other action will be taken.

**SAFETY ISSUES:** Shoes/sandals and shirts must be worn at all times. You are not allowed to work in the Ceramics classroom (ART 160) or the kiln area alone. There must be at least 1 other ceramics student, ceramics student worker, or an instructor present. Anytime you are working with dry clay and/or glaze materials (mixing clays, slips, stains or glazes) you and all others present in the area are required to wear a dust mask. You may NOT operate any mechanical and/or electrical equipment found in the classroom until you have had (documented) safety training on said equipment. You are required to inform the instructor of all health or safety hazards you might observe.

**CHEATING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!**  If you are caught copying from someone’s test, assignment, or in any other way cheating, you will be dropped from the class or failed. This includes claiming someone’s project as your own.

**DEADLINE FOR DROPPING CLASS:** Students may withdraw from this course without a letter grade through the *ninth week of the semester* *(Mar.14th)*. After that a letter grade will be assigned. The instructor may drop you at any time for excessive absence or for disruptive or destructive behavior. Consult the student handbook for campus policies.

**ACCOMMODATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILLITIES:** If you have special needs as addressed by Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), including alternate media requests, please notify the instructor immediately. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs.

**OPEN STUDIO:** There are times each week when the studio will be available for you to continue work on class projects. Take advantage of these times in order to complete the assignments and to gain more experience/practice. Open studio hours for this semester are: Tue. & Thur. 9 am to noon and Fridays 9 am to 3:00pm.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This class will be a focused study in the art and techniques of hand built ceramics. Instruction will include lectures, demonstrations, discussions, tests, and critiques. It is through much practice and personal experience with the medium that you will find both success and satisfaction in this class.

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**LEARNING OUTCOMES:** The learning outcomes for this class include the following:

1. Create a portfolio of artwork demonstrating an intermediate level of proficiency in course medium, addressing issues of form and content. So, with a focus on hand building, you will demonstrate an intermediate level of proficiency in ceramics with regard to form and content in the projects assigned and completed.
2. Demonstrate a comprehension of the visual vocabulary through the creation of artwork. That means you will demonstrate through your clay work and class discussions, a technical and aesthetic vocabulary.
3. Critique works of art. You will learn to critique your work and the works of others.

**COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:** The focus will be on the **quantity** & **quality** of the projects, the ideas in the work.

Always show care in form, surface and craftsmanship; give attention to the details.

**ASSIGNMENT #1;** Practice/warm-up assignment **(due at the end of the 4th class)**: .………..……… 100 points

Make a personal stamp for marking your work (with your name clearly visible).

Make 12 test tiles for testing glazes (marked with your stamp).

Hand build 10 small cups. You can use any method as long as they are well crafted and look good. Plan to make 5 or more at a time and allow time to refine and finish them properly.

It is recommended these be used to determine best firing/glaze surface treatment for your style of work.

**ASSIGNMENT #2;** Coilprojects **(due at mid-term):** …………………………………………….…… 200 points

Create a vertical form that is suitable for a decorative (slip painted) surface. (100 each)

Create a form that expresses a specific idea in an abstract way.

**ASSIGNMENT-#3;** Slab projects **(due before the final)**: …………………………...….………….…… 200 points

Create a functional and highly refined form with slab technique. (100 each)

Create an abstract, geometrical form using slab technique (16” minimum height)

**ASSIGNMENT #4; (due at the final)** Personal focus: ………………….……………...……………..… 200 points

Choose a project or a series of projects that you would like to complete this semester.

Your choice of a personal focus must be discussed and documented with the instructor before you begin.

This assignment must pursue development of a particular idea as well as demonstrate technical skill. You will be graded on the **QUANTITY**, and aesthetic **QAUALITY** of your personal focus.

**PARTICIPATION (including attendance, class work, and clean-up):**…………………….……..…... 200 points

**COMPLETED NOTEBOOK** with images/sketches & notes on every project completed during the semester. This notebook should also track each stage of the process to completion/firing/glaze results. ……................... 100 points

**EXTRA CREDIT** for additional work if primary projects have been completed……………..………… 50 pts (max)

**GRADING:** a total of 1000 points are possible from the assignments listed above.

Grading Scale: 100% to 90% =A; 89% to 80% =B; 79% to 70% =C; 69% to 60% =D; 59% or lower =F

**FINAL CRITIQUE**: Tues. 5/20/14 from 1 pm until 3:50 pm (optional preliminary final Thurs. 5/15/14)

***IMPORTANT NOTE:*** The final day to work with green clay is Friday, May 2nd!

**\***If you consider completing at least 1 project every 2 class sessions you would have at least 12 projects for the semester- not counting the first 10!

 …and the point is???

You can do more than the required assignments. The more work you produce, the better your work will be.

Look at excellent ceramics online/in books; and consider working out your design ideas in a small piece of clay before beginning each of the major projects above.

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PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

Week 1: intro/syllabus/role procedures/ media presentation;>< basics review- demo for assign. 1

Week 2: media presentation; continue assign.1

Week 3: complete assign. 1;>< critique of assign. 1/ media presentation/intro to assign 2

Week 4- 7: demos as needed & continued work on assign. 2

Week 8: glaze and fire assign. 1 & 2

Week 9: critique of assign. 1 & 2/MID-TERM EVALUATION;>< media presentation/demo/begin assign. 3

Week 10: media presentation; continue assign 3

Week 11: continue and finish assign. 3

 Week 12: media presentation/ begin work on personal focus /demo (as needed for personal focus)

Week 13: demo (as needed for personal focus); work on personal focus

Week 14: demo (as needed for personal focus); work on personal focus

Week 15: FINISH ALL PROJECTS- **last week to work in clay!!!**

Week 16: glaze, decorating and firings

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Week 18: Finals week (attend your scheduled final day/time for final test & critique)