

ARROWMONT

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

Medium: Ceramics

Instructor: HP Bloomer

Dates: June 28 – July 3, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this workshop, students are invited to explore the wonderfully rich surfaces created by the use of soda vapor in an atmospheric kiln. This firing method can produce soft, warm, and subtle surfaces or give extra life to sometimes static glazes. Students will learn the fundamentals of soda firing and explore specific approaches to glazing and surface treatment designed for atmospheric kilns. This fast-paced workshop will fire the Arrowmont soda kiln mid-week and will facilitate discussions on the relationship between form and surface in soda firing. Students will have the opportunity to make and glaze work before the kiln is loaded but are encouraged to bring some bisqueware with them.

WHAT TO BRING

- Basic throwing kit
- 6-10 bisqueware pieces ^10, no texture
- Sumi brushes of their choice
- Sketchbook/ laptop or digital device for drawing in Silhouette Studio
- Containers to take any leftover glaze home
- Flash drive (to protect and save data to and from Library computers)

Planning to purchase materials from the Supply Store for your workshop? Keep in mind that the Supply Store carries a limited selection and cannot guarantee that all materials listed by your instructor will be in stock. Please call **865-436-5860 Ext. 25** or email Celeste Rudd at **crudd@arrowmont.org** to reserve your selection prior to arrival.

MATERIALS FEES | **\$80.00-\$150.00**

Fees are assessed on an individual class basis and may vary from class to class depending on the amount of materials used and the number of students in the class, this keeps your out-of-pocket costs lower than a typical flat fee. Fees include all provided studio materials as assigned by the Instructor. Material fees are to be paid in the Supply Store no later than midday on the last day of workshop instruction.

Please be advised that the above course description and materials list has been written and approved by the instructor.

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