

Studio Membership Contract  
Sycamore Ridge Ceramics Studio

2695 South Smith Road  
Bloomington, IN

Founded in 2017, we are a private cooperative ceramics studio.

**FEES:**

The goal is to keep fees as low as possible for all members. Members will split equally the monthly operating costs of the studio. Monthly fees as of March 1, 2017, are \$70 per member except for the resident member, who will pay \$300 per month. Each member is required to commit to an annual membership.

Fees are to be paid on the first of each month. If you wish to pay the entire annual commitment (\$840) at one time, you may take a \$40 discount and pay \$800. If costs turn out to be lower than projected, membership fees will be reduced accordingly. A month's notice will be given by email if fees are to go up.

**COMMITMENT:**

- By signing this contract you are agreeing to maintain your membership for one year from the date of signing.
- You will agree to adhere to all the rules and maintain your personal and community space in the studio.

**BENEFITS:**

- Studio and equipment available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week
- Studio members have their own dedicated space to store work and tools.
- Glazing and firing (within reason) included with membership price. While all precautions will be taken to ensure that all work fires without damage, breakage does occasionally happen, particularly with green-ware.
- We are not a production pottery studio. Production potters who are looking for studio space will be directed elsewhere.
- Opportunities to sell work with 25 percent of sale paid to Sycamore Ridge.
- Studio equipment such as the wheels and slab roller are available for all studio members. While there are some tools available for everyone's use, the artist is responsible for his/her personal clay tools.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Clean and maintain common areas after each use. Wipe down wheel, wedging table, work table, and sink each time before you leave. Put tools, clay and glazes, etc. in their proper place.
- Recycle your own clay. Be sure excess clay is not washed down the drain or thrown out. Slip should be placed in the designated buckets.
- Increased costs will affect every member. Each member is responsible for trying to keep costs down, for example by keeping the heat and air conditioning settings at reasonable temperatures, by not sending clay solids down the plumbing pipes, etc.

- Always clean **WET**!!!! Sweeping will kick up dust which hangs in the air and damages your lungs. No sweeping unless you are gathering leather-hard shavings from the trimming wheel.
- Mark your work before placing it on the green-ware shelves.
- Respect the art and tools of other clay artists in the studio. The rule is: hands off if it isn't yours.
- The items in the common areas are for everyone's use and should always be cleaned and returned to their proper storage space so that they are available to everyone.
- Report problems to Jocelyn or David so that we can deal with them before they become larger issues. Sycamore Ridge Ceramics Studio wants to maintain a pleasant, comfortable, and safe environment for all members. We expect everyone to be respectful, kind, and conscientious at all times. We will do our best to establish and stick to firing schedules.
- Members help develop and adhere to studio policies.

**REVOCATION OF MEMBERSHIP:**

There may be an extremely rare instance where a studio member is in violation of the spirit in which we established Sycamore Ridge Ceramics Studio and may be asked to leave. In this case, all contractual obligations by the artist in question will be waived.

**NEW MEMBERS:**

Occasionally, space will become available for new members. A new member applicant will serve a three-month probationary period. A new member applicant must pay a nonrefundable fee for three months in advance (\$210), must provide samples of their work and fill out a written application, and will be voted on by the entire membership at the end of their probationary period. Membership votes must be unanimous.

**MEMBER COMMITMENT:**

I have read and understand the studio policies and this contract, and agree to adhere to all the above-mentioned stipulations. I also agree not to hold Sycamore Ridge Ceramics Studio liable for injuries that might occur while I am at the studio.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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