

WAC Raku Firing Policy

Firing the Raku Kiln:

- An authorized user must be present to fire the Raku kiln at the WAC. Authorized users are determined by demonstrated previous experience or as determined by the director or studio technician. The list of authorized users is in the Raku notebook.
- The authorized user is responsible for collecting firing tickets for all pieces being fired.
- The Raku kiln may only be fired during regular WAC hours of operation or during special events (Artisan's Village)
- There must be at least one other person available to assist with removing pots and covering the reduction containers.
- Pieces that are not put in containers for reduction (horsehair for example) are to be put on a kiln shelf or nonflammable surface.
- The authorized user insures that safety policies are followed while firing and reducing pieces.
- All persons involved in firing the Raku kiln must wear closed toe shoes and covering for their legs.
- Anyone assisting with firing the kiln must have signed a copy of the waiver kept in the Raku notebook on the shelf beside the desk. The waiver will be kept on file.
- The authorized user is responsible for clean-up of the area after firing the kiln.
- Residue from the reducing cans is to be dumped into the steel trash can in the Raku area and the lid placed back on.
- The shed is to be locked up following the use of the Raku kiln, unless it is open and in current use for firing the other kiln or pugging clay.

Number of Tickets Required to Fire:

- Raku pieces are priced by the standard ticket process.
- Ticket must accompany pieces to be fired in the Raku kiln.
- Patrons wishing to have work fired in the Raku kiln will place their work on the shelf in the Raku kiln area. Note, if they wish to be present when the work is fired, they should leave a note and arrange a time to be available with an authorized user.

Special firing requests:

- The authorized user has the responsibility to assure that alternative use of materials or methods is completed in safe manner.
- Use of materials other than newspaper for reduction is allowed as approved by the authorized user.