



# Studio 550 Art Center Membership Program

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## Studio Hours

12:00pm-9:00pm or by appointment, closed Sundays and Wednesdays

*The Studio closes for some major holidays (4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Weekend) & the week between Christmas and New Years. Check social for updates.*

## Welcome to Studio 550 Art Center

Studio 550 is a community art center that brings people together with the arts. All classes are open to the complete beginner, but there are opportunities available for more experienced makers as well. Established in 2013, it hosts two fully equipped clay studios, a glaze lab with 18+ shop glazes, a stained glass studio, a dance/movement studio, a 2-D arts studio, and a handmade gift shop.

## Who is a membership good for?

Membership program is best for:

- Studio 550 students who have taken 3-4 class sessions or more, and are self-directed
- People who have taken 2 semesters or more of college level ceramics
- Hobby potters who can work safely, keep their workspace clean & create without assistance

Membership is NOT GOOD FOR:

- Studio 550 Students who have been with us for less than 3 full sessions or
- Studio 550 students who are not comfortable with the clay process, who cannot successfully wedge, center, throw, clean thoroughly, or glaze without assistance
- Students who are still acquiring basic clay processes or need a lot of help step by step
- People who took clay in high school, but not since then

Membership can work for:

- Serious potters who already have a solid studio practice and produce a lot. We are somewhat limited on storage. Members in need of more storage capacity can rent rolling racks. There is a limited number of these available. Please ask for current pricing.



## Membership Options

### 5 or 10 Pass Members (benefits do NOT roll over month to month)

- Use of studio during any open hours, 18 house glazes, communal tools, electric wheels, slab roller, extruder, slips, etc. for the listed number of visits
- Devoted shelf space for storage of tools, clay, and works in progress (additional section of shelf space may be rented. Ask for current pricing)
- Free office hours each week to ask questions of a teacher, see posted hours
- Use of graduated backdrop for taking photos (must be scheduled 48hrs in advance via email to info@550arts.com, subject to studio availability)
- Private Lessons available. Ask about current pricing.
- Access to years of Ceramics Monthly, Studio Potter Magazines, and ceramics references books while in the studio (not a lending library)
- Studio 550 Clay Card: 11th bag of stoneware clay free (a punch card)
- 10% Discount on visiting artist clay workshops (held 1-2 times a year)
- 5% Discount on a single purchase during your birthday month
- Discounted registration to "Advanced workshops" taught by staff (3-4/year)
- Advance notice of workshops for pre-registration
- *Unlike the Unlimited Membership (see below), the pass membership does not include a glaze stipend, private lesson or long term agreement discount*
- **VALUE:** 10 passes for \$200 and \$120 for 5 passes, **Passes expire after 4 months**, best for those who think they will come in less than 4 times a month and tend to stay for long visits. It is important that this member plan well so work does not dry out in between visits.

### Unlimited Membership (benefits do NOT roll over month to month)

- Everything above PLUS:
- **Unlimited number of visits to the studio during open hours.**
- **Glaze stipend \$15 per month** (all items must still be tracked in glaze book, glaze rate is still 5 cents per cubic inch, with a discounted rate for large items)
- **One free private lesson each month**
- **VALUE:** \$100-135/mo
  - \$135 just one month, not renewing
  - \$115/mo paid monthly, auto-renewing, no contract (needs to be 3 continuous months minimum to qualify)
  - \$100/mo if paying for a year upfront in one payment: \$1200 (Get a year of access for the price of 10.5 months. Save \$180 off renewing.)
  - See note in agreement about Early Cancellation and Leave of Absence