



Burlington Area Potters' Guild

Funding Request

Building a permanent home for creativity and community.

2026



Imagine What's Possible

Imagine a child discovering the joy of creating something with their own hands.

A retiree finding friendship and purpose through a shared passion.

Experienced artists mentoring beginners as creativity, confidence and community grow.

For more than 57 years, the Burlington Area Potters' Guild has brought people together through clay.

Today, we are creating a permanent home in Waterdown where creativity and community will flourish for generations.

With your partnership, we can build far more than a studio.

Together, we'll build community.

Creativity has the power to connect people across generations.

Our Story

For more than 57 years, the Burlington Area Potters' Guild has inspired creativity through affordable ceramics education, volunteer leadership, and community connection.

Today, we're creating a permanent Community Ceramics Studio in Waterdown where people of all ages can learn, create and belong.

Our members have invested thousands of volunteer hours and significant financial resources to bring this vision to life.



Our Impact

57

Years Serving the Community

130+

Active Members

275+

Participants Every Year

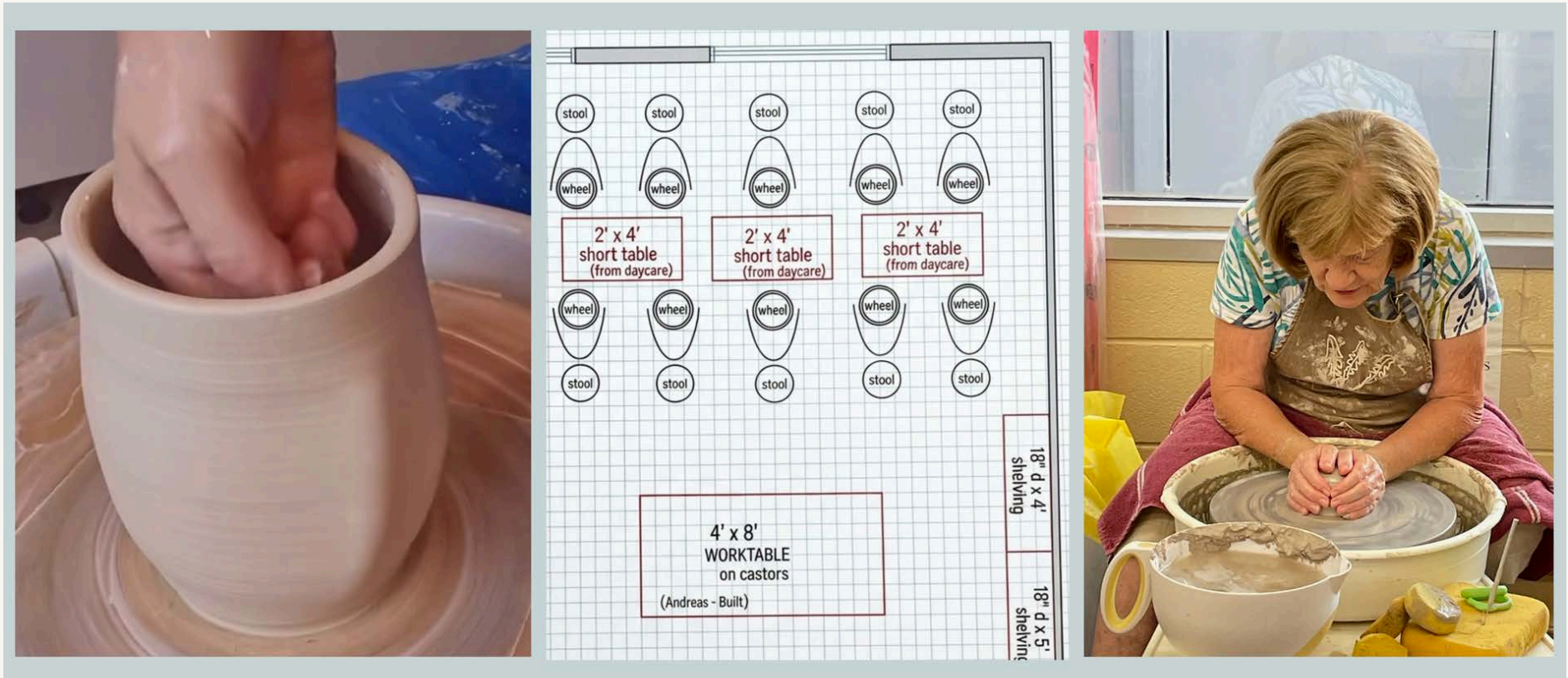
20+

Programs

1000+

Volunteer Hours

Proposed Community Ceramics Studio



Every great community deserves a place to create.

The Studio We Imagine

For the first time in our 57-year history, the Burlington Area Potters' Guild has the opportunity to create a permanent home dedicated to community ceramics.

Designed to be welcoming and purpose-built, the studio will expand classes, improve kiln capacity, and provide space where members and students learn side by side.

More than a building, it will be a place where creativity inspires friendships and community flourishes.

LEARN

Affordable classes for every skill level.

CREATE

Professional equipment and inspiring workspaces.

CONNECT

A welcoming community where everyone is encouraged to participate.



This is the community
you're helping to build.



How You Can Help Build the Studio

Every gift transforms an empty space into a vibrant community ceramics studio where creativity and community flourish.

Sponsor a Pottery Wheel \$1,500

Every pottery journey begins at the wheel. Your gift will support hundreds of students and members for decades to come.



Create Together

Worktable
\$700

Expand Creativity

Slab Roller
\$1,500

***Protect Student
Work***

Studio Shelving
\$150

Equip a New Artist

Bundle of Tools
\$100

The Heart of the Studio

Every ceramic piece has one final journey before it becomes art.



Every Piece Has a Journey

Every piece created in our studio must be fired before it becomes finished artwork.

Without sufficient kiln capacity, classes fill more quickly, students wait longer, and opportunities to learn become limited.

Expanding our kiln room means more classes, shorter wait times, and greater access to ceramics education.

Power the Studio

Electrical Infrastructure

\$1,000

Contributes to the electrical infrastructure that will support expanded kiln capacity.

Fuel Creativity

Kiln Ventilation

\$1,200

Creates a safe and efficient environment for expanded firing capacity.

Complete the Kiln

Kiln Furniture

\$500

Shelves, posts and firing accessories that allow hundreds of ceramic pieces to be fired every year.

"Opening a kiln never gets old. Every firing is full of anticipation, excitement and possibility." — Guild Member

Become a Community Builder

Every gift helps create a permanent home where creativity and community will flourish for generations. Whether you sponsor a tool or equip an entire classroom, your partnership leaves a lasting legacy.

Recognition	Friend \$250–\$499	Clay Builder \$500–\$999	Studio Partner \$1,000–\$2,499	Community Champion \$2,500–\$4,999	Legacy Builder \$5,000+
Website	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Donor Wall	—	✓	✓	✓	✓
Annual Report	—	—	✓	✓	✓
Opening Celebration	—	—	—	✓	✓
Campaign Recognition	—	—	—	—	✓

Charitable tax receipts are available for eligible donations through our registered charitable partner.

Together We're Building Something Special

Campaign Goal

\$100,000

Campaign Progress

\$22,250

22%

Campaign Roadmap

Already Complete

- ✓ Lease secured
- ✓ Studio design completed
- ✓ Community fundraising underway
- ✓ Equipment purchased or loaned

Next Milestones

- Electrical upgrades
- Kiln room completion
- Additional kilns
- Classroom furnishings

How can you help?

- Sponsor specific equipment
- Make a general campaign gift
- Become a corporate sponsor
- Leave a legacy gift
- Donate in honour or memory



"After my stroke, I joined the Burlington Area Potters' Guild hoping to learn pottery. What I found was much more than a class—I found friendship, encouragement, confidence and a true sense of belonging. Working with clay helped me rediscover purpose, but it was the people who helped me heal."

"What began as a pottery class became a lifeline."

— Terri Taylor, Member



Together, we're building more than a ceramics studio. We're creating a place where creativity, friendship and community will flourish for generations.

Join Us
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