



The Arts Centre
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

Ceramics Instructors



Nancy Alexander

From Nancy's early days starting out with the Penticton Potters Guild, she has developed and refined her throwing and glazing techniques by taking courses, participating in workshops and of course, years and years of practice.

As an educator Nancy brings many years of experience and skills for encouraging learning. She has been an invited artist-in-residence in schools and at the Hotel Grand Pacific. Nancy has organized and participated in numerous shows and exhibitions, including the Saanich West Artists Studio Tour.



Ron Douglas

Ron studied ceramics at the Kootenay School of Art in the seventies and established his first pottery studio in 1972 in Edmonton Alberta, where he owned and operated Handworks Gallery. In Victoria, Ron Douglas operates the Creekside Pottery Studio in the scenic Oak Bay area. In his studio Ron produces a wide range of work that is high fired, crafted stoneware as well as earthenware pottery decorated with a colourful Majolica (Italian) style. The work ranges from one of a kind decorative sculpture to functional pottery for everyday use.

He has been a production potter and instructor of studio ceramics for over three decades; ten of those years have been with the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre. Ron believes in the innate creativity of the individual. His passion and dedication to the craft are evident in his art work and teachings.



Michael Giles

Michael made his first pot in 1975, igniting a lifelong passion for pottery. He studied with ceramicists Wayne Ngan, Simon Henson and Walter Dexter and been influenced by the traditions of Chinese and Japanese pottery. He employs several techniques, sometimes combining wheel-thrown and hand-built elements into a single pot. For Michael, the joy of ceramics comes not from producing a "perfect" pot but from true engagement in the act of creating the work. This passion for the process comes through in his teaching.

Michael began teaching at Cedar Hill in 2001. He describes the Arts Centre's new ceramics studio is a "potter's dream," and a wonderful place to teach.



Suzanne Page

For many years Suzanne Page has taught all levels and ages of pottery classes with Saanich Recreation. She has taught beginner and intermediate pottery for adults, kid's classes, glazing and design, sculpture and children's summer camp. Suzanne began her ceramics studies in Alberta in 1978 and continues to explore her unique pottery and sculptural pursuits. Suzanne exhibits her unique sculptural forms locally and internationally along with her thrown pottery and Raku often incorporating themes from her Mistawasis Cree heritage.



Mary Loria

Mary Loria has been a practicing potter for over 20 years. After completing a BA in art history, she studied ceramics at Emily Carr University. Mary has been teaching children and adults since 2009 including classes at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria and in private studios. She began teaching at the Arts Centre at Cedar Hill in 2016. You can also find Mary selling her work at outdoor markets around Victoria.