

The Pottery Phenomenon of Mata Ortiz



For the past thirty five years, Mata Ortiz, a town in Northern Chihuahua, Mexico, otherwise lacking in a marketable industry, has developed from one man examining, creating, and experimenting in the field of ceramics to a town of nearly 400 artists creating superbly hand built pottery.

Barrington High School's Fine Arts Department will host Spencer MacCallum, the American anthropologist who introduced Mata Ortiz pottery to the United States along with master potter Diego Vallas for a weekend of workshops, demonstrations, and lectures.

Events held at the high school will include a two day interactive workshop for high school students exploring the traditional process that potters from Mata Ortiz use to create their beautiful ceramics (workshop size will be limited), an evening lecture delivered by Spencer MacCallum; and an all-day demonstration for professional potters conducted by artist Diego Vallas. The lecture/demonstration will feature the unique Mata Ortiz hand building and decorating techniques followed by a pit firing. The lecture/demonstration will be open to the public. Class sizes will be limited due to space.

In addition to the residency and lecture, BHS will exhibit Mata Ortiz pottery in the Clair E. Smith art gallery.

Mata Ortiz Residency Schedule

Thursday, October 22 (8 am to 4 pm): BHS student workshop: form, sand and polish pots

Friday, October 23 (8 am to 4 pm): BHS student workshop: complete pots - decorate/paint

Friday, October 23 (7 to 9 pm): Spencer MacCallum present lecture: Mata Ortiz Pottery

Saturday, October 24 (8 am to 4 pm): Lecture Demonstration conducted by Diego Vallas.

Friday and Saturday events will be open to the public
Saturday's workshop will be geared to professional artists, space is limited.



Mata Ortiz Workshop
Saturday, October 24, 2009 – 8 am to 4 pm
Barrington High School Ceramics Studio
616 West Main Street, Barrington
847-842-3214

Artist Registration Form

Location: Barrington High School – Ceramics Studio
616 West Main Street
Barrington, IL 60010
Contact: Scott Ziegler – sziegler@barrington220.org or
Julie Salk (847) 842-3214 or jsalk@barrington220.org

Demonstration fee: \$30 includes lunch

Lecture Fee: \$5 suggested donation

Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Studio/School affiliation: _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____
Street, city, zip code, please

Amount enclosed: _____ *~ please make checks payable to BHS*

Emergency contact:

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please return registration & payment by September 15th to:
Barrington High School, Fine Arts Department
616 W. Main, Barrington, IL 60010

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Mata Ortiz Workshop at BHS
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Non-Barrington Student Registration Form

Location: Barrington High School – Ceramics Studio
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2 Day Workshop fee: \$30 includes materials and Friday night lecture

Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Studio/School affiliation: _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____
Street, city, zip code, please

_____ **No. of students attending, teacher is complimentary**

Amount enclosed: _____ ~ *please make checks payable to BHS*

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Questions? Call: 847-842-3214