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Mission: Raven Hill provides a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history & the arts.

Photo Journal: Clay classes

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As part of the clay classes at Raven Hill, both for kids and adults, part of the fun is to learn the basic process from the very beginning, from digging local clay on Raven Hill property, to drying it, crushing it with hammerstones and screening it to purify it. Once the clay is pure and powder fine, it is reconstituted with water and ready for making pinch pots, the most basic of clay pottery. The dried pottery is then fired for hardening and ready for use. It's almost as if you were living thousands of years ago.



Crushing the raw clay



Powdering the clay using hammer stones



Screening the clay to purify



Pinch pots are made using the hand as a primitive pottery wheel



Once dry, the raw clay pots are fired