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Explorations in Clay Pottery Workshop

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MORRIS (6/9/76) -- Explorations in clay and pottery are available to persons interested in either or both of two workshops offered this summer at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

A Workshop on Primitive Pottery is being offered June 21-23 at UMM and will provide experience with historically primitive methods of pottery production. Meeting from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily with breaks at noon and 5 p.m., the course will encompass hand building forming methods, surface decoration with clay slips, organic compounds and simple glazes and primitive firing methods from bonfires to rudimentary kilns.

Wheels will be available for those who already have experience using them, but will not be emphasized as a forming method.

A workshop on Raku Pottery is offered June 24-30. It will include intensive explorations of the raku process from its philosophic origins through the forming and firing of finished ware.

Lectures on clay body and glaze formulation compatible with the spirit and process of raku pottery will be given, as well as demonstrations of forming, glazing and firing.

The course, which meets from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily with breaks at noon and 5 p.m., is designed to introduce students to the raku aesthetic and process by providing an opportunity to make pieces and fire them with raku techniques. Sufficient information will be provided so students can continue their exploration on their own by setting up a relatively inexpensive studio and kiln.

Interested persons may elect to take both for a total of three graduate credits, or the primitive pottery workshop for one credit, or the workshop on raku pottery for two credits.

Tuition for the Primitive Pottery workshop is \$15.50 with a \$6.50 materials fee. Tuition for the raku workshop is \$31 with a \$10 materials fee. The materials fee for persons taking both workshops is \$15.

Dormitory space is available for persons desiring to stay on campus.

For further information call Continuing Education and Regional Programs at (612) 589-2482, or write to Continuing Education and Regional Programs, 226 Community Services, University of Minnesota, Morris, Morris, Minn. 56267.