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The Crucible's Community Newsletter: 11.12.2021

NEW: Free Intro classes for teachers, educators, and community leaders

Are you interested?

- The Crucible is hoping to offer free classes in January and February for educators and program managers whose youth and adults will be—or could possibly be—involved in our programs in 2022. Our goal is to have you take a class with us, then bring in the community members that your programs support.
- If you have wondered what taking a class in our studios might be like, and would like to indicate your interest in joining a free, three-hour introductory class in some of our disciplines, including jewelry, glass blowing, glass fusing, ceramics, leather, and foundry, please sign up [here](#).

Bike Shop: Open Hours and Community Repair

- **Open Hours:** Every Thursday from 4-8pm, our Bike Shop is open to our community for open hours. You are welcome to drop in for free instruction on maintaining your own bike. Open hours are perfect for tackling flats and tune-ups where the individual wishes to learn about and be involved in the process. No previous mechanics experience is necessary!
- **Bike Repair Drop-off:** We will have a limited number of slots per week for bike repair drop-offs on a first-come, first-serve basis. Drop-off repairs may take 1-2 weeks to complete.
- **December Bike Fix-a-Thon:** Our next Bike Fix-A-Thon is scheduled for Sunday, December 12, 2021. We are able to accept up to 30 bikes, first-come, first-served. Participants will leave their bikes at The Crucible during the time of service and will be available for pick up upon confirmation the week following.
- Learn more about Open Hours and Bike Shop Events [here](#).

Vendor scholarships for [GIFTY](#): Just a few spots left!

- The Crucible has scholarship funds available for accepted vendors who cannot afford to pay the full cost for a table to vend at GIFTY [December 3-5]. We have a few vendor scholarship spots left! We are also giving priority to vendors who live and/or make their products in the Bay Area, practice a craft found at The Crucible, or bring something unique to the craft show's offerings.



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- We are prioritizing support for low-income BIPOC artisans, West Oakland residents, people who identify as neurodivergent, disabled, and/or LGBTQIA*, and encourage everyone to apply who could benefit from financial support to participate. Upon acceptance to GIFTY, an email will be sent out with more information about how to apply for financial aid.
- Applications are now open and vendors will be accepted and notified on a rolling basis. Space is limited so we encourage you to apply early! [Learn more and apply to vend here.](#)

2022 Programs: How would you like to partner with us?

Our community programs team is deep into planning for 2022. Please reach out to our team if you are:

- A community youth programs manager that would like to bring your young folks ages 12-18 to The Crucible for some hands-on, after school or weekend programs in areas such as ceramics, glass blowing, leatherworking, woodworking, or welding.
- A teacher who can help us bring in students for the special girls-only programs we hope to run for girls ages 14-18 in blacksmithing, welding, glass blowing, and ceramics
- A facilitator who has local West Oakland families and adults in your network who might like to experience free demonstrations and hands-on short classes (intro to glass blowing, for example).
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