



Paint-Your-Own-Raku: See it fired...Take it home

For the children and the young at heart

Every year, the art teachers and numerous volunteers operate a Paint-Your-Own Raku booth in the middle of the Sanford Pottery Festival.

This is the opportunity to get up close and personal with the firing process that makes or breaks every piece of pottery.

Visitors can purchase an unglazed piece of pottery in a variety of shapes and prices.

Special glazes are available that they can use to paint their pottery piece.

Then, it is fired in special kilns beside the booth. This firing heats the piece to about 1900 degrees Fahrenheit. The glaze turns into molten lava. At that point, the piece is taken out of the kiln still glowing orange/red. It is dropped into sawdust. The sawdust bursts into flames and a metal container is quickly clamped over the pot. The smoke produced enters into the liquid glaze and helps to form a variety of iridescent, often rich, metallic effects.

Shortly thereafter, a warm piece of just-fired pottery is ready to clean up and take home or to give as a gift to teachers, parents, grandparents, or friends.

**Children 14 and under are ADMITTED FREE.
Because you love them and they will become
the pottery collectors of the future.**

