

"Thank you for helping the neighborhood."

– Anonymous

## One Saturday Morning...

Every Saturday beginning in 2007, Clay Pots has opened its doors offering coffee, tea, and other refreshments and snacks to the community. In 2009, the coffeehouse expanded its hours and since then is open three days a week.

The coffeehouse serves to fulfill the mission of Clay Pots — to foster spiritual and personal growth in the community. Everyday the coffeehouse is open, you can hear conversations that range from the latest happenings in the neighborhood to talking through a hard day. Patrons read through the paper, pick up a book from the library or simply relax with a coffee in hand.

One particular Saturday — April 5 to be exact, a large group came in and almost everyone in the group expressed their gratitude that their community provided a sanctuary, with open doors and no judgment.

Everyone may not leave a note of thanks, but the buzz that echoes each time coffeehouse is open, the sentiment is felt.

The supplies to run the coffeehouse are generously donated by board members, volunteers, and vendors such as Just Haiti— and often purchased out of Clay Pots' general operating budget. In particular, Clay Pots' board member Stan Dorr brings in pound cakes and cookies every week as a way to support the community gathering. Clay Pots is currently seeking support from a number of local and national corporations including Whole Foods and Zeke's Coffee. If you have any leads or suggestions to assist us in our outreach, or would like to make an in-kind donation, please [send us an email](#).

### Clay Pots... A Place to Grow

Has a mission to create a safe space for personal and spiritual growth in the community of southwest Baltimore.

This includes offering GED classes and other workforce initiatives, art and wellness classes, plus a coffee house. All programs are made possible through supporters like you. Thank you!

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"Coffee shop is great, many times I come in to enjoy a cup of hot coffee and read the paper, and it feels like a peaceful setting. Many appreciate this shop. THANKS!"

– Samantha

## Exploring Creativity...

On Wednesday, April 23, 2014 Cinder Hypki—artist, educator, and community development consultant led a workshop entitled The Art of Thriving. The communities of Southwest Baltimore were challenged to ignite their creativity and express the beauty and strength within. A large group gathered on the main floor of Clay Pots and put their artistic energy to work, hands-on with grout, shells, stones, colored tile, bright baubles, beads, glass, and more.

Everyone left with their very own mosaic after step-by-step instructions and demonstrations by Cinder, who shared the tools and skills needed to call forth each person's imagination. Cinder's current art exhibit, Talking Stones II: Listening to Silence, running at Clay Pots until June, was an inspirational backdrop for the evening's workshop.

If there are workshops or classes that you are interested in seeing at the center, send us an [email](#) and let us know. We would love to hear from you!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### PEACE GARDEN PARTY

**May 3**

5 p.m.—8 p.m.

Bring in spring at the unveiling of the Peace Garden.

### SPOKEN WORD WITH

**FREE**

**May 22**

7:30 p.m.—10 p.m.

Come share your poetry, words, and verbal artistry.

### SOWEBO FESTIVAL

**May 25**

12 p.m.—8 p.m.

Stop by the Clay Pots table to say hi, and bring others with you!

Interested in volunteering at the Clay Pots' table? Please send an email to [Adenike](#).