

The Handcraft Shop

Marblehead Mass

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Dear Prof. Binns-

I received your letter enclosing the batch weight of 420 about a week ago. I have ordered a supply of glazing materials and as soon as they arrive I shall try my luck at making glazes by hand. I have been unable to get any calcined kaolin so please send me as much as you can spare when you send the glazes. I would like to have the glazes as soon as you can conveniently send them for I am anxious to get as much good work done before Xmas as possible.

I have joined the Boston Arts and Crafts Society and hope to exhibit some things there as soon as I can get enough first class pieces to make a good showing. Please send all the glazes and all the calcined kaolin you can spare. There are a few other colors of which I would like the batch weights – 420 dark green & tan and black – also 406 dk. blue & Leopard. The bright glazes and the crackle glaze I mentioned in my last letter I would also like when you can send them. If you know of any other good base for a 04 matt besides 420 and 406, I would be glad to have that too.

Things are going quite well with me although glazing is at a standstill for the present. We have a large quantity of unglazed ware – some good and some bad – which I am in a hurry to get glazed and out of the way. I think we shall buy a small mill for grinding glazes. If I can't get them ground any other way I can get the work done at the Grueby Pottery but it would doubtless be rather expensive. Mr. Grueby has been very kind to me and is very willing to help me all he can in the way of materials etc. I have visited the Grueby works several times and have enjoyed it very much.

Hoping that I will hear from you soon both by mail and by express.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur E. Baggs