

Slab-Built Covered Boxes - Two-Day Workshop
Vince Pitelka, 2019

Anyone who is interested in hosting Vince on Friday and Saturday night at their home will receive free admission to the workshop.

Supplies for Participants to Bring

Clay will be available on-site. Joining slurry and vinegar will be provided. The following is a lengthy list of supplies for a two-day workshop, but these are things you will need in order to continue doing this work, and we will be able to make best use of the available time if you have all of these supplies. The Kemper tools are available from any good ceramics supplier like Laguna, Baily, Axner, etc. The Stanley Surform tools are available at most good hardware stores or home improvement centers, and can be found at amazon by searching "Stanley Surform." The canvas duck is available from any good fabric store or can be ordered online.

- Four pieces of 10-oz canvas duck of an appropriate size for the studio slab roller
- Standard clay tools (the basic Kemper 9-piece pottery tool kit contains a wood rib, stainless-steel scraper-rib, wood knife, fettling knife, needle tool, cutoff wire, small sponge, and two band-loop trimming tools).
- Kemper S-10 flexible stainless steel serrated rib – no substitutes – this is an essential tool
- Metal fork
- X-acto knife - pencil-thin model with 1" tapered blade – no substitutes
- Wood rolling pin with bearing-mounted handles (not one-piece rolling pin). If you are serious about this and want a superior rolling pin that will last a lifetime, go to amazon and search "maple rolling pin," and get one with a barrel at least 15" long.
- Stanley Surform Shaver (short curved blade) and Stanley Surform Pocket Plane (5" flat blade). Get both types - these are made to be woodworking tools, but are excellent for shaving clay. Available at amazon or from any hardware store or home improvement center.
- Spray bottle for vinegar water
- A selection of bisque stamps and/or other objects or materials with raised pattern or texture to impress into the clay. The instructor will bring a selection of MKM stamps and rollers you can use.
- Small towel or other utility rag
- Several plastic trash bags or dry-cleaner bags to cut open and cover clay slabs.
- Small snap-lid container for slurry
- Plastic storage bin with lid, approximately 12x18" by 12"-deep (or several smaller ones), to serve as a personal damp box. Please bring your supplies in a separate box so you don't have to dump them out on the floor to use this bin.
- Wood dowels - one length each of 1/4", 5/16", 3/8", 1/2", 5/8" and 3/4" - available from any hardware store or home improvement center - cut them all in half and bring both halves. If you know other people in the workshop, feel free to share one set of dowels.
- Suitable packing supplies to transport your projects home. Unless you plan to have Marjons fire your pieces to bisque.

Marjons has a very well equipped classroom including some of the items mentioned above. If you are not able to find all items above in time for the workshop There some rolling pins, canvas, banding wheels, spray bottles and slab roller.