

Smith Works Studios

Beginning Hand Building Workshop



Intro to Hand Building with Local Clay | Herrick H. Smith

Date 2019 | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Smith Works Studios • 24 Grove Ave. • St. Augustine, FL 32084

Local artist Herrick H. Smith leads a hands-on, step-by-step workshop on hand building methods and techniques using locally dug clay and local temper. The instructor will introduce students to local ceramic history, local clay, choice of temper, and design techniques for pit firing. Students will also learn how to train their “vernacular glance” and find or make decorative tools from the environmental elements that surround us every day. Included in the workshop is an informational packet that will be yours to keep!

After the hands-on portion of the workshop while our pieces are drying, we will have a BYO lunch-and-learn session including an overview of St. Augustine’s ceramic heritage with hands-on examples dating back 5000 years!

Fee: \$100 all inclusive. All tools, locally dug St. Johns County clay, and one bisque firing are included in the fee. Class size is limited to 4 students on a first-come first-serve basis.

This class is designed to be paired with a pit-firing workshop at Smith Works Studios and registration for this class will qualify for a discount on the pit-firing workshop.

Homework: This is a fast-paced class. Please arrive with sketches of some shapes you would like to build!

Suggested Items to bring:

- Sketchbook and pen
- Sketches of pottery ideas
- Pocket knife for carving
- Items to use as stamps
- Hand towel and/or apron
- Lunch for Lunch-and-Learn session

No Smoking or Vaping is allowed on the property.

To register: Fill out the class registration form and waiver available at SmithWorksStudios.com