

Scandinavian Shrink Box Class (ART F032-F01)

A Shrink Box is a container made by hollowing out a green log and then allowing it to shrink around a fitted dry bottom and when properly done, can be watertight. These vessels are made in a myriad of shapes and sizes, are plain or highly decorated, have lids or locking lids or none at all. Shrink boxes may have spouts or handles or both and sometimes they are closed on both ends and open on the side.

Instructor: John Manthei

Three days (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) 9am – 4pm

Ten students maximum

Material Fee: \$45

Each student will receive as part of their materials fee a 2” sloyd knife and some simple sharpening supplies. Green willow, alder, aspen and birch in a wide variety of shapes and sizes, dry wood for bottoms and tops and decoration materials will be supplied.

Location: Kaufman/Manthei residence and studios

1600 Golden View Drive

Near the intersection of Ballaine and Goldstream Road

Phone: 455-4547 Cell: 808-345-8184

Minimum age: 16 without prior instructor approval. Those younger than 16 must contact the instructor for approval before registering. See phone numbers above.

Qualifications: Anyone who enjoys working with their hands and would get satisfaction out of making useful and beautiful containers by exploring a method that is over a thousand years old.

Schedule:

Friday AM:

- Discuss the principle behind a shrink box
- Brief discussion about shrink box history and its many uses and forms
- Show examples of what’s been done
- Each student will make their own hone and strop and sharpen their knife

Friday PM:

- Demonstration
- Each student will make a very simple cylindrical box approximately 3” in diameter by 3” tall as an introduction to process and technique
- Day will end with wrap-up discussion

Saturday AM & PM

- Discuss what to look for in material and select for next project
- Expand on what was learned on Friday and increase complexity and/or size
- Experiment with shaping, handles or lid considerations
- Wrap-up discussion and critique

Sunday AM & PM

- Spouts, lids, sculpting, decoration, color and unique shapes
- Wrap-up discussion and critique