

MISSA 2026

CLAY LANTERNS – HEIDI SOMSEN MOLLER

July 18-19, 2026

MAIN SUPPLIES

- Ruler (12-inch clear plastic)
- X-acto knife with regular angled blade (does not need to be sharp)
- Fettling knife
- Needle tool
- Flexible metal rib for smoothing
- Serrated rib for scoring (or other favourite scoring tool)
- Pencil
- Kemper cleanup tool (wooden handle with small, pointed scoop on one end)
- Small throwing sponge

TOOLS/EQUIPMENT

- Wooden workboard (approximately 12 x 12 inches square) – for ease in moving your piece and preventing it sticking to a table

OPTIONAL ITEMS TO BRING:

- Sketchbook
- Other preferred small carving tools
- A lidded plastic box to take your unfired lantern home in (finished lanterns are about 12 x 6 x 6 and they will be able to lay on their side)

SPECIAL COMMENTS

• This process involves carving shapes and patterns into the leather hard clay. You will create your own design (I will provide inspiration and ideas), but depending on how intricate you cut, it may take a very steady hand and careful concentration. It is time-consuming but fun (for most), to get into the flow and perforate the clay over and over again, watching your design

emerge. If you do not like detail work, or do not have a steady hand, you may design something more simple and quick. In this case, there can be the potential for an additional small project.

All students are responsible for bringing supplies to class. Any material fees charged are in addition to these supplies.

Please bring packing materials to safely transport your work home.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT!

Students, please contact your instructor directly if you have any questions about the supplies listed: heidi.somsen@gmail.com

For all other enquiries, please contact the MISSA Office: ed@missa.ca