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Legal First Name:	**Matt**
Legal Last Name:	**Buys**
Artist Name (if different):	**Matt Ekdal**
Preferred Language:	**English**

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Art Vendor Information

Contact Information

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The Art Vendor Advisory Committee will only screen two crafts per meeting. If you want to screen for additional crafts, you will need to complete a new application after you have been approved for two. How many crafts are you applying for? Example: Beaded jewelry and watercolor paintings on canvas are two crafts;

I am applying for two crafts

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ceramic pendants and ceramic bowls are one craft (Ceramic items)	
Please list your two craft items to be screened:	**Ceramics and Painting on recycled wood.**
Are you a current art vendor adding an additional craft?	**Yes**
A family unit is two (2) or more persons jointly engaged in the creation of an art or craft item. Is this an application for a Family Unit?	**No**
Artist Biography (Please provide a short biography about yourself and your craft):	**I grew up in a globally diverse environment, thanks to my father, a psychology professor who studied the psychological origins of religion. My childhood took me to Egypt, Peru, and Tanzania—experiences that continue to shape both my art and my perspective. From an early age, I found joy in painting and sketching, a passion I carried through college, where I majored in Philosophy and minored in Art. After graduation, I worked as an artist, selling sculptures, paintings, and publishing poetry while balancing blue-collar jobs. My partner of 30 years is a physician, and together we raised four children. As our family grew, I shifted my focus to parenting, coaching, volunteering on PTOs, and serving on a school board. Though art remained a part of my life, my creative practice took a backseat. When our youngest daughter left for college, I returned to painting full-time. Until recently, we lived in Asheville, North Carolina, where my work was exhibited in two galleries: The Red House in Black Mountain and 310 Stud**
1. Describe the items you plan to sell and how each type of item is made. Please be as detailed as possible. Example: I plan to sell digital photographic prints of artwork that I designed in Illustrator and printed on cardstock using a home printer.	**I plan to sell ceramic mugs I make down the street at Cass Ceramics and pick up recycled wood and paint oils on them.**
2. Where did you learn your craft? Did you take a class or learn on your own?	**I have taken many ceramic classes over the last forty years. Mostly on the wheel. As for painting, I really learned from my grandmother who taught me when I was child. But I also studied art in college.**
Please provide up to two (2) images of your craft in process. The images should include you demonstrating your process. See an example here	**IMG_1600 2.JPG**
Please provide up to two (2) images of your finalized craft. The images should show examples of what you plan to sell. See an example here	**IMG_1600.JPG**
Please provide an image of your workspace that includes the equipment and materials used in your craft. See an example here.	**IMG_1602.JPG**

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Additionally, artists may upload a video (up to five minutes) of their process. See an example video here.	*No answer given*
4. Is your craft considered an American Indian or Alaskan Native style, traditional or contemporary, arts and crafts? Do you identify as a member of the community that practices this cultural tradition? Are you compliant with The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990?	**No.**
5. What makes your work different from other artists and craftspeople making similar items?	**Sheila says there used to be artist that painted on driftwood and recycled plywood but currently there is not one and haven't seen anyone selling ceramics either.**
(Optional) Please provide an artist CV or Résumé:	*No answer given*
(Optional) Please provide any Letters of Recommendation from other markets or studios you may have:	*No answer given*
6. What artist or business name are you operating under?	**M ekdal SF Arts**
7. Do you have a website, Etsy, Instagram or any other publicly accessible online store or social media account?	**Yes**
If Yes, please provide links to your public sites:	**https://www.instagram.com/m.ekdal/**
(Optional) Please upload your logo or signage.	*No answer given*
(Optional) Please upload your image of display	*No answer given*
8. Does your artwork comply with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinance, including, if necessary, lawful authority to use logos or other images protected by Copyright or Trademark laws?	**Yes**
9. Are you using any sports or company logos such as SF Giants or other recognizable branding that is not your own?	**No**
10. How are you ensuring customers can tell a difference between your work and commercial or mass-produced items?	**I want to paint on recycled found wood because then it will be absolutely obvious it's not mass produced. I am excited about working within the confines of each found object which will be unique.**

11. What steps have you taken to ensure that you are not violating any copyright or other laws?	**I always paint my own images en pleine aire or from my mind.**
12. REQUIRED Please upload Please upload recent receipts for any tools and materials. Receipts must be for the same tools and materials used to create the items in the work samples you provide. Receipts must show that the materials were shipped to you/your address. See an example here.Optionally, you can upload images of your workspace. The image of your workspace must include the equipment and materials used in your craft. Receipts and/or images of your materials used in the production of your craft are required for approval. You will not receive a license until you have provided this information.	**blick.pdf**
13. If you are unable to provide a copy of your receipt, please provide the reason you are unable to do so	**I will paint on found discarded objects. Mostly acrylic but some oil for finishing touches. As for ceramics I take classes at Cass Ceramics right around the corner from my house. My stuff is primitive. I am not taking classes now. Starts next month**
14. Describe the safety procedures you use in your craft. What, if any, safety equipment do you use? How do you store and handle any toxic or hazardous material?	**Paint outside and do ceramics at studio**

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Salesperson:
70462
Cashier: 70462

Customer: MATT BUYS

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Discount Off List 11.11
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Discount Off List 9.23

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Tax 8.37

Total 90.03

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Thanks for booking

Hi Matt,
Your booking for "Wheel 1 - Monday Morning" is all set. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out.

Wheel 1 - Monday Morning

Dates:
January 5, 2026 - February 9, 2026

Location:
533 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA, USA

Price:
$300.00

View Full Schedule

Clients details

Name:
Matt Buys

[redacted]

Amount of participants:
1

Waiver forms are required to participate in classes at Cass Ceramics. Using the links below, I have completed the appropriate form. :
Checked

For Adults: Adult Waiver Form:
Checked

Thanks,
Cass Ceramics

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