

studio schmal presents

Ground table - Ceramics and Textile workshop with Franziska Schüller & Johanna Schmal from 02.09. till 08.09.2024 in Erlau (Odenwald)

„The true secret of happiness lies in taking a genuine interest in all the details of daily life.“ – William Morris

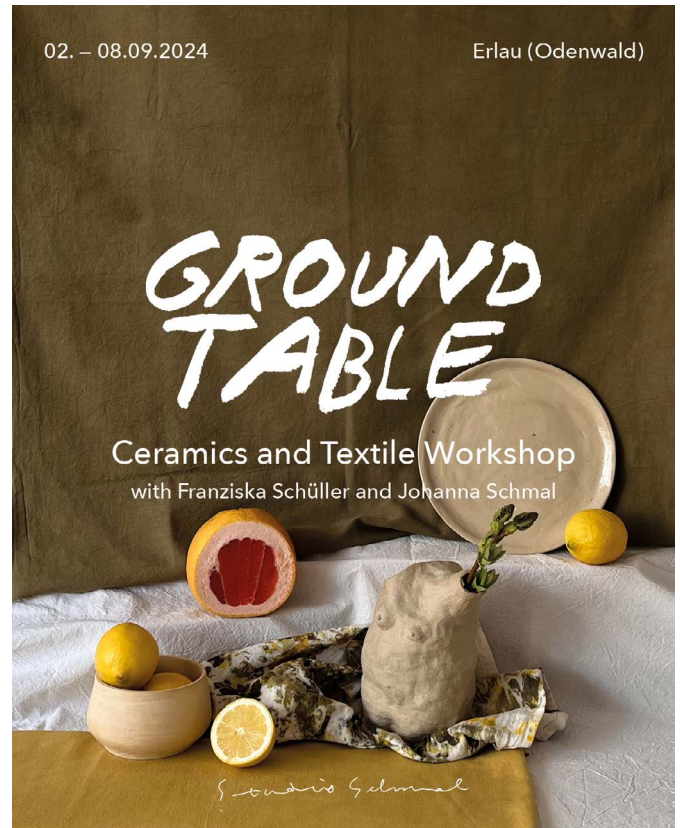
The course

In this course everything turns around the table, the centre of our homes, the place to meet, connect and nourish. We want to dedicate this week to give shape to the objects that inhabit our tables, handcrafted ceramics and textiles that bear their own soul and bring joy to our everyday lives. We dive into the beauty of working with the most natural materials - clay and plants coming directly from the grounds - unfolding their haptics and colors into applied little artworks. We will explore the crafting techniques of handbuilt ceramics, plant dyeing and hand-quilting with a focus on an intuitive and experimental design process.

While we create throughout the week our chef Mélanie Wehrli will perform her magic in the kitchen and together we will round up our table experience with a cooking night on Saturday taking home new recipes and edible inspiration.

Please note:

The ceramics will be taken home bisque fired. To finish them, the glaze firing needs to be organized afterwards. Everybody who lives near by, can bake their ceramics at Franziskas studio in Gross-Umstadt.



The teachers

The course will be guided by ceramist Franziska Schüller and artist Johanna Schmal. Before founding her pottery studio zis-sachenauston in 2020 Franziska studied art history and art-media-cultural education. After her graduation she developed workshops for aesthetic and cultural education with different institutions - since 2017 with a focus on the material clay. In her studio she creates pottery herself, parallel to courses for adults and children, always promoting her students individuality. Franziska sees pottery as a pure part of wabi-sabi in which self-reflection is stimulated through the process-based engagement with the natural and primary material.

Johanna graduated in architecture where she developed a subtle sense of atmosphere, materiality, haptics and context, that strongly shapes her artistic work. In 2015 she expanded this discipline with a specialization in illustration at EINA Barcelona, creating since then artwork that was exhibited in artspace and galleries in Germany, Portugal and Spain. She works across media in drawing, painting, collage and textile arts. This is where she explores traditional craftsmanship such as plant dyeing, quilting and embroidery with a view to a contemporary expression and a transformative and holistic process.

You can see more of Franziskas work here:
www.zis-sachenauston.de / [@zis_sachenauston](https://www.instagram.com/zis_sachenauston)

Our vision

During our workshops we want to give place to celebrate and promote creativity, awake this creative energy that is our essence as humans and that can lead us towards new paths with ourselves, each other and our planet. We believe in the power of community and cultural, social and creative exchange which is why we hold and host this workshop as an integrally artistic, mindful and familial experience with our kids being around.

Little by little we want to grow a creative community and are incredibly thankful for all the joy, inspiration, new people and ideas this project has brought to our lives over the last years. We are very much looking forward to inspiring collaborations, new guestteachers and transdisciplinary contents in 2024 and we hope you will enjoy! To stay tuned to all upcoming events subscribe to the newsletter at studio schmal's website and follow us on Instagram @studioschmal.

Thank you for sharing with all your friends, family and colleagues that might be interested!

The experience

Our aim is to offer a holistic experience with the workshop as its heart and the possibility to connect with nature, the group and yourself in this special location far away from the day to day routines as its body. We want you to nourish with creativity, with fresh air and natural surroundings, with good conversations and new networks, with fondly prepared food and plenty of space for movement or hanging out. You can expand your creative horizon and community while gifting yourself with self-care and most important of all having a good and unforgettable time.



The venue

The seven days lasting workshop will take place at a former farm Erlenhof-Erlau, a scenic location in the middle of UNESCO Geopark Bergstraße-Odenwald around 1h south of Frankfurt am Main. The stream valley near Fränkisch-Crumbach is surrounded by sunny hills and broad-leaved forests, offering nature at its fullest with plenty of possibilities for hiking, strolling around, sun baths and shadowy rests by the brook. Thanks to the beautifully equipped apartments we can not only work at these grounds but also stay over, benefitting from the possibilities of exchange as well as ease in the meantime.

Schedule

MON 02.09. (afternoon) - SUN 08.09.2024 (noon)

The first day is for arrival during the afternoon (16-18h), calm down, getting to know each other, setting up and have a common dinner at night. The course will start on Tuesday after breakfast and we will work the whole week until Saturday afternoon.

We will have the possibility to integrate walks as a daily routine and savor the surrounding nature. In the mornings we would like to offer extra yoga classes alternating with breath walks, if a minimum of 8 participants is reached.

On Sunday we are going to have a goodbye brunch with the presentation of the results and the course will end around noon (13h).

Accommodation and meals

The group will be accommodated for 6 nights in the comfortable apartments of Erlenhof with rooms for usually 2 persons. There are limited single bedrooms. Enjoying meals together is a great opportunity for chatting, exchange, getting to know each other and even make friends during the week and we therefore consider it to play an important role in the whole experience. We will take care of healthy vegetarian lunch, dinner and provide everything for self-served breakfast.



Participants and language

The course is open for anybody, it is not necessary to have previous knowledge in ceramics or textiles. Please note that a minimum of 15 participants is needed to realize the course.

The course language will be English (or German) depending on the common ground. We do also speak Spanish, but please note that we cannot provide various complete translations.

Transport

There are several possibilities to get to Erlau. The first option is coming by car, you could organize as a group with other participants and we can help connecting you with each other. Fränkisch-Crumbach can also be reached by public transport. There are trains running between Frankfurt / Darmstadt and Reinheim, from there you can take the bus to Fränkisch-Crumbach and walk the last 2km to Erlau valley. In this case we will organize a shuttle for your luggage.



Price

Course fee: 650 EUR

Accommodation: 290 EUR (single bedroom + 10 EUR per night, please note that there is a very limited number)

Full board catering: 310 EUR

Material: 60 EUR

Total 1.310 EUR (Student 1.190 EUR)

(Price includes 19% taxes and can be paid in 2 rates)

Registration and booking

Via email at hello@johannaschmal.com