

SHEENA RIDLEY SCULPTURE WORKSHOPS

FERRO CEMENT at

LANGKLOOF GALLERY and SCULPTURE GARDEN

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Dear sculpture students.

Ferro cement sculpture is a process involving welding of a steel armature, fine meshwork and layers of cement plaster with additives. It is a very durable medium and is a direct building-up process.

I offer a primary course for beginners, with no form of art training necessary; an intermediate course for students that have attended the first course, where we explore more advanced sculptural form; and then an advanced course thereafter: creating a life-size sculpture.

The workshops are held at my home studio in the Klein Karoo.

This is off the N9 (R62), 30kms before Uniondale or 80kms from George - I have comfortable accommodation on site, see accommodation further on in this document. Transport can be organised to and from George airport/bus terminals, and also from Oudtshoorn.

My sculpture workshops are limited in numbers of students at a time, so that I can guide you personally. The workshops are not serviced. You must clean up after yourselves.

Please let me know when you would like to attend, and we can work around that.

(Weekends are no problem to me either).

Ferro cement sculptures workshops: Primary Course (five days in duration)

This course is restricted to a maximum of only three students at a time.

Times 8am-3.30pm. Please note : This is strictly adhered to.

You will make a sculpture approximately 40 x 30 x 50 cm in volume and size: stretch the design as you like, but try to keep the form simple and within the parameters of cement which is rather solid- no fine appendages, very thin form is difficult.

These are the processes covered in this workshop:

Thinking in three dimensional forms.

Making of a clay maquette- not to be fired, merely to keep your idea visible to you.

Armature guidance. Cutting with an angle grinder and bending steel rods for your armature.

Welding up of your armature - arc welding.

Meshing and forming inner structure.

Plastering in layers, additives and strengtheners.

Finishing of your sculpture-colouring, form and textures

Time is made for reviewing and discussing and making of notes about the course

I work with you all of the way especially with the cutting and welding.

Please note :Your finished ferro cement sculpture will not be transportable for a minimum of three weeks, where after we can organize transport at your cost. The ferro-cement must cure for this time, and is too fragile for transporting earlier. Your sculpture must be collected within 2 months of completing your course.

Cost of workshop: R8500 This includes all materials and tools...**accommodation details next page-----**

Accommodation: I have comfortable separate accommodation available on site.

You can view the accommodation on

<https://www.airbnb.co.za/hosting/listings/editor/20489951/details/photo-tour>

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The Blue Room: a twin bed en-suite room with a fridge and tea and coffee making facilities. R500pp sharing per night, or R600 for a single student. This price includes dinner.

Melkstal Cottage: a self-catering cottage with a double bed en-suite bathroom, a fully equipped kitchen and seating area with a wood burning stove. **Please note** the kitchen and seating area are to be shared with other students R550pp sharing per night, or R700 for a single student. This price includes dinner.

There is a shared covered braai area.

Students prepare their own breakfast and lunch. Dinners are prepared together, either in the farmhouse, or the Melkstal Cottage, I supply the ingredients, focusing on wholesome, healthy meals.

Please let me know of any personal likes\ dislikes\ allergies before you arrive.

Please bring your own alcohol.

I do suggest that you arrive the night before, and I offer a prepared dinner at no cost.

Most students stay for the five nights including the night of the last day of the course. This is important, as the last day is finishing your sculpture and it takes you all day! It is an intense day and finishing your sculpture in haste is never satisfying.

Other details: Please note that these workshops are held at my home studio which is on a beautiful farm in the Klein Karoo. I have dogs, cats and chickens which are part of the family and love having visitors.

There is no smoking/vaping permitted in the house, studio or rooms. Please respect a bad chest and smoke/vape away from the property.

There are many beautiful drives and walks in the area, so be prepared to have fun, work hard and be adventurous!

How to book: email me at sheena@ridley.co.za Let me know which date you are interested in and I can hold a place for you. A forty percent deposit will be required to confirm your booking. If by chance you are unable to attend your selected dates, I hold your deposit and you may choose another date within a year of your initial booking.

I look forward to working with you and sharing my knowledge and experience with you!

P.S if we have no power due to load shedding, we will change our work times accordingly. We only need electricity for the welding and cutting of the armature so it does not have a major effect on our course.

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Studio, gallery, workshop and house



Students on workshops

