

# A Terracotta That Grows

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

During this workshop students will make their own terra cotta sculptural form to grow chia on top of. By learning and sharing tips and tricks in handbuilding, participants will be encouraged to create their own physical terra cotta form around the idea of their own mythology. During class we will unpack the sum of many things, including beliefs, visual culture and your surrounding environment that make us who we are. This will be paired with tactile explorations in working with large scale sculptures out of terracotta and strategizing how to create a form that can support chia and moss growth on its surface in sustainable ways. This class is for students with cross interests in clay, horticulture and experimentation. On the last day, as works are bisque firing (optional as a way to take work home safely), we will go on a field trip to the Smokies to identify wild plants in their native habitats. **Intermediate experience level is necessary.**

## **MATERIALS LIST**

- Clay tools: bring any you like to work with.
- *Necessary:* serrated rib tool, knife, needle tool, scoring tool, plastic rubber rib, spray bottle
- *Optional:* Pony roller
- Flash drive (to protect and save data to and from Library computers)
- Padlock for your studio locker, if desired (For rent in the Supply Store for the week)

***The Supply Store has a small selection of materials for all mediums. If you intend on purchasing items from the store once you arrive on campus, please reach out to our supply store to ensure we have those materials in stock. Call 865-436-5860 Ext. 25 or email [store@arrowmont.org](mailto:store@arrowmont.org)***

## **MATERIALS FEES: \$75.00-\$100.00**

**Materials fees** will be charged for materials used in the studio and/or provided by instructors for use in the studio by the entire class. In order to keep these fees as low as possible, fees are assessed on an individual class basis and may vary from class to class depending on the amount of materials used and the number of students in the class. Materials fees are paid on the last day of class.

**Please be advised that above course description and materials list is written and approved by the instructor**

If you have any additional questions about this class, below is the contact info for your instructor:

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