



# ST. MARY'S ART CENTER



## ARTIST RESIDENCY PROGRAMS

### OUR MISSION:

*To build upon our art and cultural achievement by nurturing and supporting artists, strengthening existing cultural programs throughout the region and introducing new ventures that will enable us to emerge as a vibrant arts destination with strong links to our unique history.*

Established in 1964, St. Mary's Art Center, a non-profit organization, has deep roots within the artist community and the Comstock. Located in what was originally St. Mary Louise Hospital, the historical building and location offer a unique and rich artistic, community and personal experience in Virginia City and the Comstock. For 53 years, hundreds of artists have come to St. Mary's Art Center to give or take art workshops, classes and enjoy artist collaborations and retreats.

### OUR VISION:

Our vision is to offer a unique and enriching residency experience for individuals and groups of diverse artists, creating within our beautiful, historical building and adding to our legacy on the Comstock.

## INDIVIDUAL ARTIST RESIDENCY

The Individual Artist Residency offers artists the opportunity to stay, create and grow in a quiet, dedicated space. The individual program allows an artist or artisan to experience their residency in a more personal and independent environment.

### **Our Goals:**

1. Provide an inspiring space within an historical legacy for an artist to explore their ideas, work and contributions to the arts and world at large
2. Bring the artist and community together in mutually beneficial ways to communicate, experience, contemplate and perhaps create new and deeper connections to art, artists and St. Mary's Art Center

**Duration:** 3-6 Weeks (Artist's Choice)

**Timing:** Year Round, pending Calendar availability

### **Private Living Quarters (Located on 1<sup>st</sup> Floor):**

1. Private Bedroom
2. Art Studio/Gallery Space (Post Gallery)
3. Kitchen
4. Bathroom\*

\*All except for the bathroom are separated from the rest of the building for privacy.

### **Inclusions:**

1. Sleeping Quarters with Bed Linens
2. Private Studio/Gallery Space
3. Access to Dark Room
4. Print Room with Etching Press
5. 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Open Studio
6. Easels, Art Tables and Chairs Available
7. Access to Remainder of Building's Public Spaces (as available per calendar)
8. Private Kitchen
9. Kitchen Cookware, Dishware, Silverware, Coffee Maker, Oven, Microwave, Refrigerator w/Freezer & Various Cooking & Serving Utensils
10. Scheduled Access to Laundry Facility – Laundry Detergent and Fabric Softener Not Included

**Cost:** \$500/Week

## COMMUNAL ARTIST RESIDENCY

Our Communal Artist Residency Program celebrates the benefits of a communal, collaborative environment with multiple artists and artisans. Participants in this residency program have the unique opportunity to create and work amongst other artists and artisans, either collectively or independently. The shared energies of creating, engaging and connecting with other artists offers resources for feedback, new perspectives or simply company and socializing. Each Communal Artist Residency has a theme that artists must tie into their work and time at St. Mary's Art Center.

### **Our Goals:**

1. Foster new artistic relationships and connections through the sharing of shelter, creative spaces and fellow energies, inspiration and collaboration
2. Support the interaction of artists and the local community to deepen awareness, understanding of each other and continue our legacy of bringing arts to the Comstock and the Comstock to the hearts of artists
3. Provide an environment of artistic diversity to create a compelling and enriching artistic experience for the individual and the group as a whole

**Community Engagement:** An important part of the residency program is to share the arts with our community. This may occur in informal or formal ways and unique to the individual artist and as part of the communal group

**Collaboration:** The Communal Residency does not require collaborative projects with fellow artists, but it is encouraged as part of a unique opportunity to experience new ideas, mediums and disciplines

**Duration:** 3-8 Weeks (Artist's Choice & As Residency Calendar Permits)

**Timing:** Year Round, pending Calendar availability

**Living Quarters:** The Communal Artist or Artisan quarters include a private or shared bedroom and shared art studio/gallery space, kitchen and bathroom.

### **Inclusions:**

1. Single Bed or Double Bed Guest Room with Bed Linens
2. Shared Open 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Studio Space
3. Access to Dark Room
4. Print Room with Etching Press
5. Easels, Art Tables and Chairs Available
6. Galleries for Scheduled Exhibition Space (requires approval and coordination with Executive Director)
7. 2 Kitchens
8. Kitchen Cookware, Dishware, Silverware, Coffee Maker, Oven, Microwave, Refrigerator w/Freezer & Various Cooking & Serving Utensils
9. Access to Remainder of Building's Public Spaces (as available per calendar)
10. Scheduled Access to Laundry Facility – Laundry Detergent and Fabric Softener Not Included

**Cost: \$400/Week**

### **Considered Art Forms (Exceptions May Apply):**

This residency is open to artists practicing in a wide variety of media including, but not limited to, painting, drawing, photography, graphic design, mixed media, sculpture, installation, ceramics, functional arts, spoken word, poetry, fiction and nonfiction writing, dance, music, performance, new media, video, film, social practice, and interdisciplinary work.

### **Excluded Arts (Exceptions May Apply):**

1. Work requiring use of fire as method of creation or part of the work itself
2. Work that requires or produces smoke
3. Work or creative methods that would pose a risk or cause damage to the facility or resources

### **Exclusions:**

1. Individual Art & Materials other than those listed above
2. Cleaning Supplies for Artwork and Tools
3. Housekeeping Services are excluded with exception of providing linens, towels and standard kitchen and bathroom supplies
4. Food and Beverages
5. Transportation unless otherwise agreed with Executive Director

### **Application Process:**

Send the following to St. Mary's Art Center per instructions within this document:

1. Completed Artist and Artisan Application Form
  - a. Complete ALL fields on the application
  - b. Prioritize preferred timing of the residency
2. Support Materials (Artist CV/Resume, Artist Statement, Bio and 5 Digital Work Samples)
3. Application Fee (waived if a Member of St. Mary's Art Center)

### **Selection Process:**

1. A panel of 3 Advisors and the Executive Director will review applications once per quarter
2. Applicants will be reviewed for compatibility with the Residency Program(s) Goals and Requirements
3. For Communal Artist Residency Applicants, the Panel will consider best matches and compatibility for the group and theme(s)
4. Selected applicants will be placed on the appropriate Residency Program Reservation List
5. We will contact individual artists on the lists to confirm timing, interest and availability
6. Artists must submit executed contract package and deposit within 30 days

### **Questions?**

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