



Residency Program

Artist Residencies at the Refuge

The Refuge offers affordable short and long-term living and studio spaces for artists of all disciplines. A variety of living and studio spaces are available to meet the needs of individual artists. Each living space includes basic furnishings, a kitchen, bathroom, double bed, and private phone. All facilities are non-smoking. No pets. Visiting artists may come and stay for one month to nine months, November through July. Residencies for less time are considered based on demand for space; rent is by the month **only**.

Application deadline for regular residencies that take place between **November 2006** and **July 2007** is **June 15**. However, artists are encouraged to apply throughout the year as we sometimes have cancellations.

Fully-Funded Residencies

The Master of Fine Arts (MFA) Scholarship Residency in **August**.

The MFA Scholarship Program is with the San Francisco Art Institute and the MFA writer's program of the University of Montana and is open only to recent MFA graduates of these institutions. Participating schools set the deadlines.

The American Indian Artists Residency in **September**. Deadline for application is **April 15**; fill out specific American Indian Artists Residency application.

The Writer's Residency in **October** (with the Helena Festival of the Book). Deadline for application is **May 15**.

Residency Requirements

There are no specific residency requirements, but residents are asked to support the Refuge in one of many ways. Artists may wish to donate a piece to our permanent collection, support fund raising by a donation of time or work to be sold, or provide community outreach. The Refuge would like to use a photo or written copy of one piece created by each artist during their residency for promotional purposes. (Full credit will be given to the artist.) The Refuge hopes that each artist will credit the Refuge whenever exhibiting or performing work created during their residency.

Financial Support

The Refuge provides some fully funded residencies each year. In addition to the fully funded residencies, scholarships and financial assistance with rent are available on a limited basis. Artists are responsible for their own personal living expenses, supplies, long distance phone charges and any other expenses relating to the cost of production work while in residence. Transportation to and from the program and any shipping expenses are the responsibility of the artist.

Community Outreach

The Refuge makes every effort to enhance the artistic and creative expression of the community and provide opportunities for interaction with artists. The Refuge facilitates interactions with local

schools and/or helps organize workshops, slide shows, studio openings or performances at the artist's request.

How to Apply:

1. Complete the appropriate Residency Application.
2. Check your application for completeness.
3. Mail to the address below.
4. If you have questions, please contact us by phone or e-mail.

The Montana Artists Refuge does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, national origin, religion, age, or sexual orientation.

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Visit us at www.montanarefuge.org

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Residency Studio and Living Spaces

Studio and living spaces are located in two historic buildings in this former gold mining town situated in the midst of the Rocky Mountains.

The Hewitt building once housed a bank and later the Masonic Hall. Next door is the Dyott building, a former dry goods store. Rents include heat and private phone. The Refuge has a large and small, back and side yard for outdoor work or gatherings. Next door is a small public park created through a joint project of the Refuge and the Basin community. The Community Hall, which adjoins the park, is the site of Refuge fundraising events and is often available for use by artists for workshops or performances.

The **Hewitt Upstairs** apartment consists of one large bedroom with a south/west facing kitchen and, an attached all-purpose 20' X 30' studio space with natural light through large north and west exposure windows. This space was once the Masonic Hall and has a raised dais at one end. The monthly rent is \$550.00.

The **Hewitt Downstairs** apartment consists of a loft bedroom and a separate 20'X 20' all-purpose studio with large north-facing windows (and an old bank vault!). This studio space is conducive to sculpture (stone, wood) and clay work. The high-ceilinged living room (13 feet) could serve as a studio space for some types of work. The monthly rent is \$550.00, or \$350.00 for the apartment and \$200.00 for the studio.

The **Dyott** is a one-bedroom space suitable for a writer, musician/composer, watercolorist, photographer, videographer, etc. An artist using the Hewitt downstairs studio could also use this as their living space. It has a south-facing porch and a large south-facing window in the living room. Rent is \$350.00 per month.

The **Dyott Studio** apartment is a perfect space for a writer. It's high-ceiling creates a spaciousness despite it's smaller size, and a sleeping loft is accessed by a stairway. This apartment has a window facing west and two that face into the alley between the two Refuge buildings. Rent is \$300.

All apartments now have access to wireless broadband Internet. If you want to utilize this service, please make sure your computer has a wireless card.

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Information for Artists-in-Residence

Address/Mail

Basin is a small town (population 250) with a post office and wonderful postmistresses Darla or Gay: 406-225-4333. For Darla or Gay to get your mail to you while you are in residence, and forward it to you after you leave the Refuge, please choose one of the following options:

If your stay will be less than 6 months: Mail should be addressed to Your Name, General Delivery, Basin, MT, 59631. There is no charge for this service.

If your stay will be 6 months or more: It is best to get your own Post Office Box for \$14 per year, pro-rated when you leave.

In either situation, please do not use the Artists Refuge Post Office Box, as it is difficult to forward your mail when you leave. Thanks!

Phone

Each residence has a private phone for local access.

Hewitt Downstairs: 406.225.3324

Hewitt Upstairs: 406.225.9755

Dyott: 406.225.3318

Dyott Studio: 406.225.4222

You will find Helena and Butte phone books by your phone. Calls to Helena (and locations between Basin and Helena) are local calls. Calls to Butte are long distance.

Incoming long distance calls will come directly to you. Please do not accept collect calls.

Outgoing long distance calls must be made with a calling card or telephone credit card. Cell phone service is sketchy in Basin.

If you need a special kind of phone, please bring it with you. The apartments generally have answering machines. Please check with the Residency Coordinator.

Internet Services

The Refuge provides Wireless Broadband Internet. Please make sure you have a wireless card for your computer.

Transportation

It is difficult to get around without a car, and distances are great.

Avis, Budget, Enterprise and Hertz are available in both Helena and Butte. Alternatives in Helena include Rent-a-Wreck, 406.443.3635. Alternatives in Butte include Payless, 406.723.4366.

Deer, elk, and other wildlife can be a road hazard, particularly in the early morning and late evening hours. Be aware, and reduce your speed.

If your stay is short and you do not have a car, you can get by. Let the Residency Coordinator know, and folks in Basin will help you out. We recommend you offer \$8 to drivers for grocery, shopping or sightseeing trips.

No Smoking Policy

Facilities are all non-smoking, except in designated areas.

Pets

No pets allowed. Unfortunately, there will be no exceptions. We thank you in advance for abiding by this rule.

Furnishings

Basic furniture is provided. Each Apartment generally has a set of sheets and blankets and towels. These items have been donated to the Refuge. Please bring your own sheets and towels and pillows, and extra blankets if you prefer to use your own. Kitchens are stocked with dishes, utensils and pots and pans, coffee makers, microwaves and toasters. Feel free to bring your favorite coffee making device, your favorite mug, dish, or cooking device, as ours are second hand. If you have special needs, let us know, and bring what you can.

Groceries and Gas

Groceries and gas are not available in Basin. There is one grocery store with limited items, a gas station, and laundry facilities in Boulder, 9 miles away. Helena, the state capitol, is 40 miles north while Butte is 30 miles south.

Basin has two restaurants, and one Breakfast Espresso cafe. The Leaning Tower of Pizza makes homemade pizzas, soups and sandwiches, and the Café serves soups, hamburgers and (on Sundays) prime rib. The High Note Gallery and Espresso is open Fri – Sun from 9am – 12pm and serves great coffee and breakfasts. (The High Note may be closed during the winter months.)

Walks and Hikes

You will be able to walk out your door and take a hike in the woods. We recommend sturdy walking shoes or hiking boots and layers of clothing as it can become cool unexpectedly any time of the year. The altitude in Basin is approximately 5,500 feet above sea level. Snow can fall any month of the year.

Library Card

As a resident at the Refuge, you may obtain a library card at the public library in Boulder. Although the library is very small, it does have computers for public use, and, if you are here for an extended period, you may check books out through the interlibrary loan system. Call 225.3241 for hours.

Community Outreach

If you have any desire to visit our public schools, we highly encourage it! The following educators would love for you to call and arrange a visit.

Basin: Tammy Urich 225.3211. Supervising Teacher. Basin School Grades K-6.

Boulder: Linda Piccolo 225.3317 ext. 105. Jefferson High School Theater Instructor. Grades 9-12. Active, award winning theater program.

Raecille Dawson 225.3317 ext.127. Jefferson High School Art Teacher. Grades 9-12.

Helena: Louise Fischer 475.3259 (evenings). Wakina Sky after school program (M-F) for American Indian children.

Butte : Mike Kujawa 406.533.2228. Head of the Butte High School Art Department. Five art teachers rotate through a curriculum of drawing, painting, photography, pottery, metalsmithing, printmaking and sculpture. Art Club is Thursday nights from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Studio Openings, Readings, Performances

Artists often schedule events at the end of their stay. To schedule an event, please talk to the Administrative Coordinator a minimum of 3 weeks prior to your preferred date. You can keep your event small, and just invite a few local guests, or we can post flyers locally, or e-mail the entire Refuge mailing list in the Helena to Butte area.

- **Flyer/Poster:** The Refuge will cover the cost of printing flyers for posting events. Please submit your design to fit 8.5 x 11" white or colored paper, with black ink. The Residency Coordinator will help as much as time allows.
- **Publicity:** The Residency Coordinator will contact area newspapers and Public Radio Stations with Press Releases and email an announcement to the email list.
- **Food:** A food allowance of \$25 is available for each event, no matter how many artists collaborate. Board members, volunteers and friends of the Refuge will often bake or bring other treats. Feel free to ask. We have a large coffee pot available, and you may use any cups, napkins and coffee that we have available.
- **Contract:** If you are displaying and selling work a contract between the artist and Refuge must be signed before the event.



Residency Application

Please fill out the attached form and include it with the following materials:

Follow these instructions carefully and include all requested items. The Artists Refuge does not require an application fee, but asks applicants to help offset costs by providing a postage-page return envelope, a postage-paid acknowledgement postcard, and multiple copies of documents. If the application form is incomplete, unsigned, or if required materials are missing, we will not be able to consider your application.

These are the materials you need to submit as part of this application:

1. This application form.
2. Three copies of a current resume.
3. Artist Statement/Bio (for the MAR website and newsletter – please visit the Artists page on the website for examples of format and length).
4. Work sample (choose one based on type of residency):
 - Ten (10) slides of work (35 mm transparency in a 2"x2" mount), labeled with your name, the work's title, date executed, dimensions, and media. Include a separate description sheet listing each slide and title of work, date executed, dimensions, and media.
 - Typescripts. Three sets of not more than 15 pages of poems, excerpts from short stories, novels, plays, or film scripts, or three essays. Include your name, title of work, date executed, and publisher (if any).
 - Music. Two scores and an audio cassette or CD of one, labeled with your name, title, and date of execution.
5. A postage-paid envelope big enough to return the work samples.
6. A postage-paid postcard to acknowledge receipt of your application.

Residencies are open to all artists.

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If you have questions, please call (406) 225-3500.

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APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country/Postal Code: _____

Telephone (day and evening, if different): _____

E-mail address: _____

Artist's Discipline: _____

Applications are accepted for residencies from 1 - 9 months in length. **Indicate your first and second choices:**

Residency length: 1 month 2 months 3 months 6 months 9 months
 Other: _____

Year: 2007 2008 2009 2010

Month(s): November December January February March April May

June July

August (MFA Graduate Residency only); deadline set by participating MFA Program

September (American Indian Artist Residency only); deadline **April 15**

October (Writers Residency only); deadline **May 15**

Statement of Intent. What do you want to accomplish at the Refuge?

How is this residency important to your work?

What materials will you be using?

Financial Assistance. Scholarships and other financial aid are available for artists of exceptional promise and/or talent with verifiable financial need.

I would like to apply for:

- MFA Graduate Residency (August); deadline set by participating MFA Program
- American Indian Artist Residency (September); deadline **April 15**
- Writer's Residency (October); deadline **May 15**
- Other aid. Amount needed: \$_____ per month (not to exceed the cost of rent per month).

Statement of personal finances:

Explain why you would be a worthy recipient:

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

DATE: _____

PLEASE MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION AND MATERIALS TO:

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If you have questions, call: 406.225.3500 or email: mar@mt.net

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