

NANTUCKET AIR

Artist in Residence Program at the Artists Association of Nantucket's Visual Arts Center

The Nantucket AIR program awards sponsored residencies for artists to become part of a dynamic year round Nantucket's art community. We invite our residents to reflect, restore and revitalize their art practice as they explore Nantucket's natural beauty and engage with our island artists. We offer a range of residencies to visual artists in terms of funding, duration, and season. Residents are encouraged to share their work through workshops, slide presentations, demonstrations, and exhibition. Artists selected for this program are at all stages in their careers in painting and drawing, printmaking, ceramics, digital arts, and crafts.

Program Goals

- To provide a restorative experience space for artists of all levels who are dedicated to taking their practice to the next level.
- To connect artists into a professional network of creative practitioners and thinkers.
- To encourage artists to explore their ideas and work within the context of Nantucket's natural beauty, diverse culture, and preserved history.
- To create opportunities for engagement and cross-cultural exchange with local artists and audiences.

Selection Criteria

Residents will be chosen based on the merit of work, readiness to engage with and benefit from the residency experience at Nantucket AIR, and the potential to develop creative practice that impacts our island community and beyond. Fully funded residencies will be awarded to artists who exemplify creative excellence according to the specific focuses.

Program Details:

LIVING AT THE ARTISTS ASSOCIATION OF NANTUCKET

Residents stay in a bright, spacious studio apartment, furnished with a dining area, living area, desk with Apple desktop, kitchen, and attached private bathroom. The VAC is located in the center of the island and is convenient to all services. Although we have great bike paths and public transportation, in the colder months residents may choose to ferry a car over, especially if traveling with extensive supplies.

Private Studio

We provide a studio with tables and chairs, easels, glass topped rolling carts, a large sink, and cleaning supplies. Our printmaking and ceramic studios are available for resident use, but personal use must not conflict with regular classes, so please make sure we can meet your studio needs.

Qualifications

- Residents must submit a cohesive body of work.
- Residents leading workshops must have teaching experience.
- Residents must follow our greener safety practices.

(Please read the studio rules to make sure your process and materials comply.)

Application checklist:

- Current CV/Resume
- Artist Statement and Artists Bio.
- 12 digital images of your work, including a list of images with title, media, dimensions, date, and your name.
- Cover letter with a brief description of your work and any specific circumstances that you would like us to consider. Please include a description (in 500 words or less) that tells us why you are applying, what your goals are for this residency, and how you believe you can contribute to our island arts community. Stipulate which residency you are applying for and when you would like to come.
- A brief proposal of your workshop and visual samples.
- Email and phone contacts for 3 references, and describe their relationship to you.
- OPTIONAL : your professional website.

NOTE: We accept residencies on a rolling basis, but encourage submission of applications between November and January.

NON-FUNDED RESIDENCIES

The Artists Association of Nantucket welcomes two week and one month residents to be part of our community in later fall, winter, and early spring. Teaching and other events may be proposed at the time of application, or upon award.

- 2 week residency is \$750
- 1 month residency is \$1500
- This includes the use of private studio.
- Printmakers and ceramists must adhere to regular class schedules, and leave studios clean and ready to be used not less than 1 hour before class begins.

FULLY FUNDED RESIDENCIES

THE HALE MASTERS OF FINE ART RESIDENCY funds artists who either have recently graduated from or are currently enrolled in an MFA graduate program. This is a month long residency designed for an artists whose work explores aesthetic beauty. The

Hale MFA Residency provides space and time for artists to focus solely on their work. There is no expectation to teach, exhibit, or present work. **Note:** This residency is not available from June through September.

FUNDED RESIDENCIES are inspired by Nantucket's abundance. Artists chosen receive \$500 toward travel and a \$2000 stipend for materials and living expenses.

- **Week 1:** Residents may choose to give either a slide presentation of their work or do a demonstration which is open to the public.
- **Week 2:** Residents teach a 3 day workshop and may open their studio for sales, taking a 65% cut of all work purchased, with 35% going to the Artists Association.
- These are 2 week residencies which take place between May and September.

STAR

The Star Residency is awarded to artists who exemplify mastery of their creative discipline. Inspired by island astronomer Maria Mitchell, special consideration will be given to applicants whose concentration belies a sense of light, discovery, science, guidance, mentorship or a collaboration with the Maria Mitchell Museum.

SEA

The Sea Residency is awarded to artists whose inspiration is drawn from underwater exploration, maritime art or travel, seascapes, or conservation of coastal life. Applicants may choose to collaborate with the Shipwreck or Whaling Museums.

SAND

The Sand Residency is awarded specifically to craftspeople whose work shows a high level of skill, design, and dedication. Both innovative artisans and classic crafters are encouraged to apply.

LAND

The Land Residency is awarded to artists who are influenced by a sense of place and a connection to the earth. This residency is for artists who use natural materials to create, or those whose work reflects the landscape in imagery, environmental awareness, or flora and fauna.

WIND

The Wind Residency is awarded to artists who investigate the boundaries of our world and looks for innovative direction whether through travel, science, or energy. This is a visionary award, and could be given to any genre or media.

STORY

The Story Residency is awarded to artists whose work incorporates a strong narrative element, whether in imagery, history, or a literary nature of actual illustration or book

making. Besides figurative and portrait art, abstraction that uses the written word, letters, or symbols will also be considered.

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