

Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary Artist in Residence Program



The Artist in Residence Program of Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary, Alpena, Michigan, offers professional artists the opportunity to pursue the artistic discipline of freshwater themed art while being surrounded by a unique ecosystem. The 500-acre wildlife sanctuary includes a natural island with several different habitats that is open to foot traffic only. One artist per year is selected to participate. The sanctuary provides housing during the two to four week residency period. During the residency, the artist will be asked to share the artistic experience with the public by demonstration, talk, or other means and will depend on the artist's medium, interests, and experience. The artist is required, within a year, to donate to the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary a piece of work inspired by the sanctuary and surrounding bodies of water.

Accommodation:

The artist is housed in the heart of Alpena in a renovated vintage carriage house. There is no cost to the artist for housing, although the selected artist must supply personal gear, food, and art supplies. The location is near coffee shops, restaurants, churches, shopping and water!

The Selection Process:

A jury composed of the Wildlife Sanctuary Board members and professionals from various disciplines will select the finalists. The selection is based on artistic integrity, a statement of purpose, ability to reside in Alpena within the given time frame, willingness to donate a finished piece of work inspired from the freshwater surrounding Alpena, and ability to relate to and interpret the natural surroundings of the area. We ask all applicants to refer to the application procedure when preparing their application. Selections are made without regard to race, religion, marital status, sex, age, or natural origin.

Application Procedure:

If the application is electronic, please email to: beinsmark@yahoo.com.

If the application is to be mailed, please mail to:

Mark Beins
306 Princeton Avenue
Alpena, MI 49707

Deadline: Applications are due no later than the end of the business day on April 1, 2017. Entries postmarked or delivered after April 1st will not be considered. Notification will be made on or before May 1st.

An application must include the following:

- The artist's resume including exhibitions, shows, galleries, publications, etc.
- Statement of purpose – a statement from the applicant explaining what the artist hopes to achieve in the environment of the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary.

- A statement of ability and willingness to present one or more public programs during the residency (e.g. paint-in, discussion, workshop, etc.)
- A statement of willingness to donate to the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary a freshwater themed piece of work inspired from your stay in Alpena (contract supplied by the Sanctuary upon the artist's arrival)
- Samples of recent work: No more than six images on a CD (JPEG format) or mailed or e-mailed. Label works with name, medium, and image size.
- The artist's preferred two to four week residency periods between June 1st and September 30th.
- If materials are mailed, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope large enough to cover the return of all application materials.
- Two letters of reference.