

Artist-in-Residence Stehekin Application

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North Cascades
National Park Complex



NPS Mission

The National Park Service preserves unimpaired the natural and cultural resources and values of the National Park System for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of this and future generations.

Life in Stehekin

The Stehekin community is in a small, remote valley in Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, part of North Cascades National Park Complex. This narrow valley lies in rugged mountains east of the Cascade crest. You can't drive to Stehekin. Travel is by foot, float-plane or passenger boat. The Stehekin valley has 13 miles of interior road leading to North Cascades National Park, and three wilderness areas. It is home to a rich variety of wildlife and 95 year-round human residents. Stehekin's landscape is animated by a restless river and forests where fire is restoring the diversity of plant and animal communities. Stehekin's history can be experienced in century old buildings at the Buckner Orchard, and at the one-room log school house built in the 1920's. The Stehekin valley has been an inspiration to artists for centuries beginning with the unknown painters of pictographs on the rock wall above Lake Chelan.

Stehekin's isolation will not be comfortable for everyone. Services are limited: one small and very limited convenience store, a post office, a summer season bakery, one public phone, limited internet access, and no cell phone service. All groceries and supplies must be brought in or ordered from the town of Chelan or via mail order.

Details

Residencies can be from three to six weeks in length. Although there may be some flexibility in dates, the Spring residency is usually for the month of May and the Fall residency sometime between September 15th and the end of October. Most of our artists have had the exclusive use of a small house but we can't always guarantee this. You may be in shared housing with a private room. The residency is for artists alone: there are no accommodations for spouse, partner, family or pets.

Our artists present a minimum of two public programs. These can be workshops, talks, or other educational presentations. For example some of our artists have given digital photography classes, plein aire painting workshops, musical concerts, "painting as journaling" instruction, Sumi painting classes, and bird walks. The best presentations relate to you and your creative process.

Our residency is envisioned as a partnership. We provide a home in surroundings that will inspire you and space and opportunity for reflection. In return, artists will provide at least two educational programs, donate a work of art from their residency, and through their work express what is intrinsic to this place so as to pass on their inspiration to others.

Application

Name	_____
Artistic Medium	_____
Street Address	_____
City, State, and Zip	_____
Phone Number(s)	_____
Email	_____
Website	_____

Checklist

Please include the following:

1. Resume

Please list all relevant exhibitions, professional works, or performances.

2. Cover Letter

We want Artists-in-Residence to serve as interpreters of one or more of the factors that makes Stehekin unique:

- Landscape and the geological forces that continue to shape it
- Surrounding wilderness
- Varied and abundant populations of plants and animals
- Human history and its stories
- Role of natural processes including fire and flood in our seasonal dramas

Our interest in your role as **interpreter** does not need to limit you. For example realism in painting or programmatic music in composition is not required. Creative artists from many outlooks can act as conduits for expressing the spirit of the valley.

In your letter, please address:

- How can your art help interpret Stehekin?
- As our Artist-in-Residence, what public programs would you provide?
- Do you have a specific project or proposal in mind that you will work on in Stehekin?

3. Samples of Work

Visual artists please include 10 images on a CD. Writers please provide 3 samples of written work. Musicians, storytellers, videographers, and performance artists send 5-10 minutes of your work on CD or DVD.

Please mail information to:

Mark Scherer
North Cascades National Park
PO Box 7
Stehekin, WA 98852

Due Dates

Spring Residency	Feb 1
Fall Residency	July 1

Questions?

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