

Artist-in-Residence Stehekin Application

National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

North Cascades National Park Complex
Lake Chelan National Recreation Area



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

Stehekin is a glacier-carved valley on the east slopes of the North Cascades. This narrow valley is home to Lake Chelan National Recreation Area, one part of North Cascades National Park Service Complex. Our 13 miles of road don't connect to the outside. Travel to Stehekin is by foot, floatplane or passenger ferry on 50 mile long Lake Chelan. The valley is home to a private community of about 80 year-round residents and a rich variety of plants and animals.

Stehekin is animated by a restless river and forests where fire is restoring the diverse balance of flora and fauna. The valley's rich history can be experienced at century old buildings in the Buckner Orchard, and at the one-room log school house built in 1921. It has been an inspiration to artists for centuries beginning with unknown painters who left pictographs on cliffs above Lake Chelan.

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

Details

Residencies can be from three to six weeks in length. There is flexibility about dates, but the spring residency is often from mid-April until the end of May and the fall residency sometime between September 15th and the end of October. Most of our artists have 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.

Artists present a minimum of two public programs. These can be workshops, talks, or other educational presentations. Artists have given plein aire painting workshops, musical concerts, digital photography forays, sumi painting classes, and bird walks. The best presentations use your creative process to help participants experience the world with a fresh awareness.

Our residency is a partnership. We give you a home in a place that will inspire you. You give two educational programs and a work of art from your residency.

Application



Angela Mele 2010

Name _____

Medium _____

Street Address _____

City, State, and Zip _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Email _____

Website _____

Checklist

Send **3 sets** of identical application materials

1. Biography/Resume

limit to 2 pages

Describe your background and list a few of your most important accomplishments.

2. Cover Letter

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

- Our **landscape** and the **geological forces** that continue to shape it
- The surrounding **wilderness**
- The varied and abundant populations of **plants and animals**
- Stehekin's **human history** and its stories
- The role of **natural processes** including fire and flood in our seasonal dramas



Chuck Kimmerle 2012

In your letter tell us

- How can your art interpret Stehekin?
- As our Artist-in-Residence, what public programs would you give?
- Do you have a specific project or proposal in mind for your time in Stehekin?

Our interest in your role as interpreter does not need to be a limit. For example, realism in painting or programmatic music in composition is not required. Creative artists from many outlooks can express the spirit of the valley.

3. Samples of Work

Visual artists include 10 images on a CD. Writers provide 3 samples of written work (not to exceed 10 pages). Musicians, storytellers, videographers, and performance artists send 5-10 minutes of your work on CD or DVD. Send applications by U. S. Postal Service.

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Due Dates

Spring Residency	Postmarked January 15th
Fall Residency	Postmarked June 15th

Questions?

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