

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

NEW HARMONY GENERAL INFORMATION

New Harmony is the site of two historically important communal societies and has had a reputation over the decades of being an artistic focal point in the Midwest. Historic and contemporary architecture stands side by side; drawing visitors, artists, writers, poets, theater companies and musicians and musical groups from around the world.

Getting to and from New Harmony is the artist's responsibility, and since New Harmony doesn't have a full-service grocery, trips to the local grocers will be needed to get your food. (See FAQs below, "Are Meals Provided?") This can be arranged when you get here. The community is very open and friendly, and the numerous galleries, shops and stores organize art strolls and other events throughout the year.

Your stay in New Harmony will be at the Robert L Blaffer Foundation "Gatehouse," **500 North St., P.O. Box 17, New Harmony, IN 47631**. The home is a combination of one of the oldest cabins with an addition of a contemporary wing. The house has 4-5 bedrooms (depending how it is used) and 2 bathrooms, one upstairs and one downstairs with shower and/or tub and normal sink facilities. Each Resident Artist will have his or her private room and will share the bathrooms, the kitchen, living and dining spaces. The home is located one very short block from the New Harmony Clay Project Ceramics Studio (**402 North St., New Harmony, IN 47631**). New Harmony is a walkable town, and we have two shared bicycles for your use to get around town.

We will do everything we can to make your stay and your studio time as productive as possible. If there is anything we can do in advance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Lenny & Mitzi



#1 IS THE STUDIO FURNISHED?

The building is designed by American abstract artist and architect, Richard Meier and houses the following equipment:

- 9 Pottery Wheels
- Two Vented Electric Kilns and a Test Kiln
- Three Gas Kilns including a Salt Kiln and Raku Kiln
- A Brent Slab Roller
- Two Clay Mixers (Soldner and BlueBird)
- Axner Deairing Pugmill
- 10-gallon Lehman Slip Mixer
- Compressor/spray guns and safety equipment
- Compact Washer/Dryer
- Microwave/ Mini Refrigerator/ Coffee Pot

NHCP studio is situated between an architectural monument, the Roofless Church, and the David Lenz house, which provides an example of a Harmonist single-family frame dwelling. The back doors of our facilities open up to the woods that line the Wabash River. Winding through the woods are hiking trails and prominent wildlife, such as bald eagles, coyotes, deer and raccoons to name a few.

#2 WHAT MATERIALS DO YOU HAVE IN THE STUDIO?

We currently have four studio clay bodies that are stocked in 100-200 lb. quantities for artists to use. Those are as follows:

- ^6-10 porcelain
- ^6-10 stoneware
- ^04-6 raku (great for sculpture)
- ^04-5 red earthenware

We also have a variety of ^6 studio glazes and ^10 salt glazes. If you have specific recipes in mind or require a relatively large amount of clay, those will be left for each artist to mix independently, but we will try to have the materials on hand. So, let us know in advance if you have any specific materials or tools you might need during your residency. These specific dry materials, in addition to commercial clay or glazes, need to be approved by the Director before they can be purchased. (Note: We do not purchase certain costly items, such as lusters or enamels.)

Our pantry currently includes an assortment of raw materials for residents' use. Email Mitzi Davis for a full inventory document listing all of our dry materials. Most ingredients include:

- Red Art, Pioneer Talc, Ball Clays, Silica
- Kaolins: EPK, Tile 6, Grolleg,
- Fireclays: Hawthorn, Gold Art
- Various Grades of Grog and Sand
- Feldspars and other Fluxes
- Frits: 3110, 3124, 3134, 3195, P25
- Oxides; Mason and Inclusion Stains

#3 DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR RENT OR UTILITIES?

No. The residency program was developed to give ceramic artists access to an immersive experience that could truly expand their creative ideas by eliminating any associated program fees, the typical concerns for work/life balance and the need for general sustaining income. This allows time for residents to fully commit to a serious focus on the development and execution of their ideas.

We provide studio space for up to three (3) artists at a time and reasonable materials commonly used when working with clay, a monthly stipend (\$400) on the first Friday after each completed month to help offset costs incurred by the artist and housing with a private room and shared bathroom for the duration of the residency period.

#4 CAN I LEAVE FOR PROLONGED PERIODS OF TIME TO TEACH, WORK OR PURSUE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES?

Residents are required to be full-time artists, engaging intently with their work at least 40 hours or more in the studio each week. Because of this, we ask that residents not be absent from their studios more than a few days at a time throughout their residency. Artists work independently, setting their own goals and studio hours for the residency. Our artists are truly committed to their studio research, and we want to create an environment of support, encouragement and creative energy. Since this is the core belief of our residency, we discourage lengthy absences that will only distract from the program and studio focus.

#5 CAN I HAVE A FULL TIME JOB WHILE BEING A RESIDENT?

No. We aim for a total-immersion experience. Therefore, we not only provide artists with an environment to execute their ideas, but the basic needs like reasonable tools and materials for creating their artwork, firings, housing, and a monthly stipend from which you can spend towards meals, transportation and other living expenses. In this regard, there is no reason to need employment during this time.

#6 WHAT IS HOUSING LIKE?

Our artist housing and studio space are kindly sponsored by the Robert Lee Blaffer Foundation. Our artists will be housed in the "Gatehouse" and enjoy their studio time in the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Ceramics studio, adjacent to Philip Johnson's Roofless Church.

THE BARRETT GATEHOUSE: Built in 1814 on Church Street, this is the oldest historic Harmonist residence in New Harmony. It was moved to its current location on the corner of North and Main, restored and enlarged in 1960. The Gatehouse has one downstairs and three upstairs bedrooms and two full baths (one on each floor).

#7 IS HOUSING AVAILABLE FOR MY FAMILY?

Because of the short duration of this residency, we encourage our residents to allow this time to isolate themselves with their work. For this reason, we do not allow partners, spouses and children to share your housing.

No overnight visitors are allowed, and other arrangements must be made. If you have questions specific to this please contact the Program Manager.

#8 IS THE HOUSING FURNISHED?

Housing of the NHCP is furnished with furniture, internet, bedding, towels, full kitchen (stove, oven, refrigerator), dinnerware and some kitchen cookware and utensils. There are no laundering facilities within the houses, but the studio has a washer/dryer that the residents can utilize for personal use. Otherwise, there are no laundromats in New Harmony, but there are some available in Mt. Vernon, IN and Evansville, IN.

#9 DO YOU ALLOW PETS?

No pets of any kind are allowed in the studio and historic house.

#10 ARE MEALS PROVIDED?

Residents are responsible for their meals. New Harmony has several restaurants within walking distance of the studio and housing. Below is a complete list of restaurants and suppliers within New Harmony. There are no grocery stores in New Harmony, but the closest market is in Mt. Vernon, IN (15 miles), Grayville, IL (15 miles), Evansville, IN (26 miles) or Carmi, IL (26 miles).

- [Dollar General](#): Bargain retail chain selling a range of household goods, groceries, beauty products & more.
- [Chris' Pharmacy](#): Essentials, prescriptions and snacks.
- [Marathon Station](#): Gas station/convenience store serving select grocery and breakfast items, sandwiches and snacks.
- [Old Mill Mart](#): Gas station/convenience store with in-store seating serving breakfast, fried chicken, deli counter selections and made to order pizza.
- [New Harmony Wine & Spirits](#): Take-out selection of wine, beer and liquor.
- [Main Cafe](#): Diner featuring home-style breakfast, lunch and desserts.
- [Black Lodge Coffee Roasters](#): Small batch coffee roastery and coffee shop offering pour-overs, presses, espresso, and Toddy cold brew iced coffee.
- [The Yellow Tavern](#): (21 and older) Restaurant and bar serving pizza, cheeseburgers, sandwiches and other tavern fare.
- [Sara's Harmony Way](#): Restaurant and coffee shop serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, along with tempting baked goods and coffee/tea. The next room over introduces you to Sara's wine bar and pub, where you can drink locally brewed beer and distinctive wines.
- [Red Geranium Restaurant](#): Fine dining restaurant serving seasonal American cuisine and Midwest favorites.
- [Mary Scott's Kitchen](#): Family friendly restaurant featuring a hodge podge of cajun, Mexican and southern fare. Always cooked fresh from scratch. Steaks cut to order.

For more information on New Harmony visit:

- [New Harmony Clay Project](#)
- [New Harmony Business Associates](#)
- [Visit New Harmony](#)
- [University of Southern Indiana](#)
- [Indiana State Museum](#)
- [Working Men's Institute](#)