Call for Artists
Elkhorn Slough Artist in Residence Program

About Elkhorn Slough
Elkhorn Slough is an ecological treasure at the heart of Monterey Bay. It provides much-needed habitat for hundreds of species of plants, animals and birds. The Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve and the Elkhorn Slough Foundation work with government, community agencies and other partners to protect this precious and scarce environment. To learn more visit our website at www.elkhornslough.org.

Mission and History of the Artist in Residence Program
The Elkhorn Slough Artist in Residence Program is hosted by the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (the Reserve) and the Elkhorn Slough Foundation (the Foundation) in order to inspire our community to have a greater connection with the ecological, historical, and cultural resources of the Elkhorn Slough and its watershed.

The landscape and wildlife of Elkhorn Slough have always inspired artists. In past years the Reserve and Foundation have hosted a number of different artists, creating everything from entire exhibits in local galleries to sculptural installations. The Artist in Residence Program provides an opportunity for painters, poets, photographers, writers, and other artists to explore possibilities and create meaningful work. For more information visit the Artist in Residence webpage at http://www.elkhornslough.org/artist-in-residence-program/.

Submission Process
- The Artist in Residence Call for Artists will be announced at the webpage noted above.
- To apply, artists should submit the following to community@elkhornslough.org by May 15, 2018.
  - EXAMPLES - please provide one of the following types of examples:
    - For print, sculpture, or craft artwork submit four images of the artist’s work. Images should be emailed in .jpg format and will be reviewed on an 8.5”x11” page.
    - For written artwork submit up to two pages of text in .pdf format.
    - For video artwork submit links to up to two videos hosted on a site like YouTube or Vimeo.
  - PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Please describe the type of project you would like to work on while you are at the Elkhorn Slough. Please do not exceed a half page of written text.
  - COMMUNITY EVENT: A brief proposal of a community event (workshop, lecture, etc) that the artist could lead in the Elkhorn Slough
Region as part of this Residency.
✓ PROPOSED VISIT: Please provide a first and second choice range of dates for the artist’s stay from August through November 2018. Artists typically stay for a week. Artists are not required to stay on site during the residency period.

Selection Process
● The artist submissions will be reviewed by a selection committee comprised of Reserve and Foundation staff, as well as representatives from local art institutions.
● Artist applications will be evaluated on:
  o Application completeness
  o Site availability for the proposed dates
  o Artistic excellence
  o Fit with the Elkhorn Slough Artist in Residence program mission
  o Connection to artistic community. We welcome artists who live and work in Monterey, San Benito, or Santa Cruz Counties as well as individuals from outside our community of national and international recognition.
● A staff person will be designated as a lead contact and will contact you to confirm reservations and handle all studio responsibilities.
● Artist will be notified of selection by early July 2018.

Benefits of being an Elkhorn Slough Artist in Residence
● The Elkhorn Slough Artist in Residence receives:
  ✓ Accommodations in the visiting researcher living space, which is located on the Elkhorn Slough Reserve and has basic amenities including bed, kitchen, shower, wifi, etc. Please note that the living space has limited counter space and cannot accommodate certain art making processes.
  ✓ Access to the Elkhorn Slough Reserve at your leisure, even during closed hours.
  ✓ Recognition as the Elkhorn Slough Artist in Residence online and in print.
● Artists may also potentially receive:
  ✓ Access to Elkhorn Slough Foundation properties.
  ✓ Time with research, education, or land management staff to support interpretive projects.

Artist in Residence Expectations
● We ask each Artist in Residence to support the Reserve and Foundation with the following:
  ✓ Donate a reproduction of a completed piece of work that was created (or started) during the artist’s stay that is appropriate for Reserve or Foundation’s unlimited use (e.g. a note card or print production). This work/image, and perhaps a series of images, may be turned into an item for sale in the Elkhorn
Slough Reserve bookstore.

✓ Lead a community art/writing/photography event. Events can be tailored to artists’ skills and experience. These activities may include but are not limited to a lecture, workshop or art demonstration.

✓ Respect the ongoing activities, nature, and wildlife of the Elkhorn Slough Reserve during your time at the Reserve.

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