

BirdsⁱⁿArt

— 2019 —

Opening Weekend Hospitality Information

Please read this information before opening, printing, and completing the Travel and Lodging, Weekend Activities, and Reception and Dinner forms.

Opening Weekend: I'll Be There!

- The weekend hospitality information is outlined in three forms that need to be reviewed by you or the person organizing your travel.
- Simply:
 - Print and complete all forms, and return by mail **OR**
 - E-mail the completed forms to schroede@lywam.org by July 8.

Whom can I invite to join me and what can they attend?

- You can invite a spouse or one guest. Your spouse/guest is the only person who can ride the bus with you, attend lunch and dinner with you on Friday, and take the Saturday bus trip to Hazelhurst in northern Wisconsin.
- Please make arrangements at home for your children and pets. We strongly recommend against bringing young ones to the opening weekend because the planned activities are not appropriate for children.
- **All artwork lenders automatically receive a Friday evening reception and dinner invitation; do not list them on the Reception and Dinner form.**
- If you do not attend, you may still request a maximum of four invitations to the Friday reception be sent to family, friends, and business associates.
- If any of your guests wish to attend the dinner following the opening reception, they must become a Woodson Art Museum Member at the Friend level, which requires a donation of \$350.00. Please reference membership information on the Reception and Dinner form.

Where can relatives, friends, and business associates stay over the weekend?

- The Museum makes reservations for artists and spouses/guests at the Hilton Garden Inn.
- Please urge your family, friends, and business associates to check out the Hilton Garden Inn (2101 N. Mountain Road, Wausau, WI 54401; 715.298.5775) or other hotel options in the Wausau area early; hotels fill up quickly due to Wausau's Artrageous Weekend activities.

What if I arrive prior to Thursday or stay beyond Sunday?

- If your travel plans bring you to Wausau earlier than Thursday or if you plan to remain after Sunday, Shari can assist you in making reservations for lodging at the Hilton Garden Inn. You and your spouse/guest will be the Museum's guests at the Hilton Garden Inn on Friday and Saturday nights only; you will be responsible for the cost of additional nights at the Hilton Garden Inn at a special rate of \$129.00 per night plus tax.

2019 Weekend Highlights

- Friday morning @ Hilton Garden Inn: themed round-table discussions you won't want to miss.
- Project Postcard: We invite all artists in the 2019 *Birds in Art* exhibition to donate 6x4 or 4x6 artworks to be sold during the Friday reception to raise funds for Woodson Art Museum acquisitions. (Email with more details will be sent to you in early June.)
- 2019 Master Artist Alan Woollett talks about his trajectory as an artist focused on the colored pencil medium on Saturday at 9:15 am at the Museum
- Artists in Action: An opportunity for Saturday morning visitors to watch artists create art under canopies in the Museum's sculpture garden. (Email with more details will be sent to you in early June.)
- Sunday: Join curator of collections Jane Weinke for a behind-the-scenes look at the Museum's drawing collection.
- We allow photography in the Museum's indoor galleries as well as in the sculpture garden.
- We encourage artists to bring sketchbooks, portfolios, or electronic devices to share artwork images during breakfasts, bus rides, at the hotel, and on Saturday at Hazelhurst. The Hilton Garden Inn has wireless internet access in every room and throughout the facility.

In early August, Shari will send artists – those who indicated they are attending – a preliminary weekend itinerary, including information about weather, dress, and other matters related to your visit to north central Wisconsin.

We hope you can join us in Wausau on September 5-8. It's a fantastic way to experience the excitement of *Birds in Art* with fellow artists, interact with colleagues you already know and make new friends, and meet Woodson Art Museum staff, our enthusiastic members, and a community that esteems the art and artists of *Birds in Art*.

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