



Builder in Residence (BIR) Announcement

Antique Boat Museum (ABM) is excited to announce the next cycle of its Builder in Residence (BIR) Program. The program invites one craftsman per year to work within the Museum Boatyard and attracts both emerging and established artisans looking for an opportunity to engage in a period of intense productivity. In addition to developing a body of work during their residency, the invited craftsman will contribute to the community of ABM. The BIR program is designed to enhance the educational experience of the builder, visitors, and staff alike.

The Antique Boat Museum's mission is to collect, preserve, interpret and celebrate boats and related artifacts to advance public understanding of the importance of boating to the cultural history of North America and the St. Lawrence River in particular.

Benefits of the residency include a generous stipend and housing. Access to the E.J. Noble Historic Stone Building, located at the heart of the waterfront campus is 24/7 (with exception of wedding rentals), includes traditional woodworking tools and dedicated bench space.

Selection criteria will include quality of current portfolio, potential for artistic and professional growth, technical skill, ABM mission alignment, and the ability to communicate with public in a museum environment.

Benefits

- \$5000.00 stipend to cover living
- \$5000.00 budget for materials
- 24/7 Shop Access
- Local housing
- Dedicated bench and studio space
- Shop support from the Museum Boatwright
- Use of museum livery boats
- Access to the museum's artifact collection for reference and inspiration
- A beautiful waterfront campus, in a peaceful rural setting

Expectations

- Commit as a full-time resident for awarded period (10-12 Weeks, aligned with the summer busy season)
- Be present in the studio 30-40 hours per week during open hours
- Be present in shop for any special events during residency
- Produce a significant body of work

- The body of work will become the property of Antique Boat Museum
- Exhibit body of work on campus or an off-campus venue at the end of residency
- Be available to guests of the museum for questions while working in shop
- Give a public, end of residency lecture on process and outcomes and write a piece for the museum's Gazette Annual publication

Application Requirements

- Complete contact information
- Include a builder statement
- Include details of trade, watercraft, theme, or technique that will be explored during residency
- Body of work anticipated at the end of the residency
- Include a description of how your work aligns with ABM's mission
- 10 Examples of your work: *We only accept digital submissions*
- Name and contact information of two references who we may contact during the selection process
- Email completed package to mgorman@abm.org by close of business of deadline

Deadlines

- **Applications will begin to be accepted February 1, 2024**
- **Deadline to apply is March 31, 2024**

Acceptance

- Applications will be reviewed by a rotating panel of ABM staff, board and qualified guests to ensure quality and variety in awarded residencies
- All applicants will be notified of acceptance status by April 19, 2024

Equal Opportunity

Antique Boat Museum is committed to a diverse workplace and strongly encourages applications from all qualified individuals, as such ABM is committed to a policy of equal employment opportunity for all applicants, employees, volunteers, and interns. ABM makes decisions based on the merits of each candidate. ABM prohibits discrimination based on an individual's race, color, religion (including all aspects of religious beliefs, observance or practice, including religious dress or grooming practices), sex (including gender, gender identity, gender expression, transgender, pregnancy and breastfeeding), sexual orientation (including heterosexuality, homosexuality, and bisexuality) national origin, ancestry, age, marital status or registered domestic partner status, uniformed service member or veteran status, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic characteristics or information, or any other basis protected by law.