

Hartman Visiting Artist Program

Hartman Reserve Nature Center

Overview

The Hartman Visiting Artist (HRVA) program was created in 2012 by the Friends of Hartman Reserve. Until 2019, it was known as the Hartman Artist-In-Residence Program. The program currently is facilitated by Black Hawk County Conservation staff at Hartman Reserve Nature Center.

The HRVA program offers an individual or ensemble the opportunity to pursue artistic disciplines while being surrounded by Hartman Reserve Nature Center's inspiring landscape and wildlife. Past artists have been painters, print-makers, a musician, performance artist, and last year, a painter who studied endangered and threatened species in Iowa. The program is open to professionals, novice artists, and high school and college students.

Recent scientific research shows that besides the recreational benefits, being outside reduces anxiety and blood pressure and enhances creativity. Those positive outcomes are part of our educational and recreational programming at Hartman, and the HRVA program is another means of helping people experience the great outdoors and see the value of nature.

Residency annual timeline

April 1 through May 13 – Applications accepted

May 16 through May 30 – Artist(s) selected

June 1 through September 30 – Tenure for visiting artist(s)

Objectives and requirements

The artist gains a \$3,000 cash award (1/2 at the start of the HRVA tenure, 1/2 at the end of the tenure), possible financial support for supplies, and lucrative opportunity to present at the two local arts centers and at Hartman Reserve. The program and the public presentations at respected venues are impressive additions to the artist's résumé.

Through this program, Hartman Reserve can offer another diverse program to the public that increases appreciation of nature. The public benefits from the selected artist presenting at least one public program, performance, blog, etc. The artist may donate an artwork that Hartman may present, display, or auction at a Hartman fundraiser, thereby supporting programming at Hartman Reserve. Occasionally the artist would be available to the public for additional public learning experiences during the program.

Please refer to the enclosed HRVA application to learn about requirements for an applicant's proposal. Most important is **how the residency is relevant to the mission of Hartman Reserve and the potential for personal growth for the artist.**

Each applicant in each HRVA program year is required to submit a \$25.00 fee along with an application. An application fee is a common practice for competitive, art-related events. Application fees are used to sustain program expenses such as advertising, awards, and public program supplies,