

Call for Submissions

ARTS WEST ARTISTS RETREAT
June 18 – 23, 2017 / Clear Lake, Manitoba

This annual five-day event provides students with an opportunity to concentrate on developing their artistic skills and goals under the direction of experienced professional instructors. All courses are 6 hours/ day for 5 days.

Emerging artists interested in participating in this retreat, but are unable to attend due to financial constraints, are invited to apply for a Darren Gusdal Memorial Bursary. The successful candidate(s) will have their full registration of \$625.00 covered. This includes accommodation, standard meals, instruction and GST.

GUIDELINES

- must be 18 years or older, consider yourself to be an emerging artist and in need of financial assistance
- must submit 10 still images
 - jpg files only
 - maximum size of each jpg: 1024 x 768 pixels
 - RGB or greyscale colour mode files only
- include an accompanying image list stating title, year, medium and dimensions (eg. 01. *Winter on the River*, 2016, watercolour, 23x30")
- submit a short paragraph on why you want to attend the retreat and another paragraph describing your history as a practicing artist
- submissions must be emailed to thorneyboss@shaw.ca with *Darren Gusdal Memorial Bursary* as the subject
- deadline for submissions: April 15, 2017
- notification will take place by May 1, 2017

For more information on the retreat, please contact Esther Vermeer office@esthervermeer.com

For more information on the Darren Gusdal Memorial Bursary, please contact Diana Thorneycroft thorneyboss@shaw.ca

Members of the 2017 jury are Shirley Brown, Michael Boss and Diane Whitehouse.

Shirley Brown uses paint and multi-media to explore her interests in celebrity, power and unexpected disaster. She has exhibited her work across Canada and internationally. Shirley has been the recipient of awards from Manitoba Arts Council and Canada council. She has taught and/or facilitated classes and retreats across Canada. Shirley lives on a farm near Deloraine and works from her studio in the same location.

Michael Boss is an artist living in Winnipeg. His artwork ranges from drawing and painting to photography, sculpture, installation, performance and writing, and has participated in solo and group exhibitions across Canada, the United States, Australia, Germany and Ukraine. Michael's past employment includes Assistant Professor at Lakehead University, Head of Education at the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba and Head of Studio Programs at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

Diane Whitehouse is a Canadian painter, professor and a founding member of Mentoring Artists For Women's Art. She has based her practice in Winnipeg since 1977. Her large, semi-abstract paintings are in collections such as Alberta Government House, and the Winnipeg Art Gallery. In 2011, she won the *Making A Difference Award* at the Winnipeg Mayor's Luncheon for the Arts.