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“Calling all Artists” for a New Artist in Residence Program at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve



Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is partnering with the community of Matfield Green, KS for a program to provide artists with studio space and housing during their residencies. The goal of this residency program is to spread awareness of the prairie as an ecosystem worth protecting by inviting artists from diverse communities to contribute their voices to a conversation about place. Artists will be chosen from localities in what has historically been typified as prairie, to participate in a series of 2-week long residency periods, culminating in a group exhibition in Fall

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The National Park Service cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage.

2016. Ideal applicants will have a strong body of work with a voice that reflects the artist's own community; a dedication to place.

New, emerging, and established artists are encouraged to apply. Applications and a complete list of guidelines are available online at www.TallgrassArt.wordpress.com or can be downloaded at <http://www.nps.gov/tapr/learn/news/newsreleases.htm>. Artists of all disciplines are encouraged to apply, but will be required to participate in a group exhibition at the end. If it might be unclear how your art discipline would function in a group exhibition (i.e. site-specific or performance), please clarify this in your statement of purpose on the application.

Participating artists will be required to offer one public presentation/workshop during their residency period, and will submit at least one work completed post-residency to the group exhibition. Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve may use images of artists' exhibition work, with credit, for non-commercial purposes. Following the application deadline of **November 16, 2015**, a selection committee will meet to review applicants. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by December 31, 2015, with residencies to take place during January 15 - September 15, 2016. A group exhibition will take place in Matfield Green, KS in Fall 2016.

In celebration of the National Park Service 2016 Centennial, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve invites you to discover the meaning of national parks, how your park inspires you - both in personal connections and memorable experiences. Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve is located two miles north of Strong City on Kansas State Highway 177 (the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway) and is a unique public/private partnership between the National Park Service and The Nature Conservancy. For more information, visit the preserve's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NPS.TallgrassPrairie>, website at www.nps.gov/tapr, email tapr_interpretation@nps.gov, or call the preserve at (620) 273-8494. To learn more about The Nature Conservancy in Kansas, visit the Conservancy's website at www.nature.org/Kansas or Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TNCKansas>.

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