

2024 Mentored Woodworking Residency with Doug Stowe

The Eureka Springs School of the Arts is looking for practicing woodworkers seeking focused time to refine their skills, create work, and/or explore new avenues within their medium for a Mentored Residency under Master Woodcrafter, Doug Stowe.

This is an opportunity for selected residents to be inspired by the Ozark Mountains' incredible natural beauty and unique culture. ESSA is within 5 miles of the renowned artist community of Eureka Springs. The ESSA campus offers world class facilities and comfortable private lodging for our residents, tucked away from the distractions of the outside world.

Experience in woodworking is required, and seats will be awarded based on a review of all submitted application materials.

Dates: June 17 to June 29, 2024, with a required orientation on June 16, 2024

Residency Details

- Residency will span approximately two weeks in the summer of 2024, from June 17 to June 29
- Applications are due March 29, 2024, by 5 pm (CST). Notifications will be made by April 17, 2024.
- Up to 6 participants will be selected. Application requirements and basic criteria for selection include but may not be limited to:
 - Demonstrated experience in woodworking as illustrated by photos of recent personal work, description of past training or experience, and processes used.
 - Photos of recent personal work should include a detailed description of materials and processes used.
 - Description of participation in prior workshops or training, and membership in any pertinent associations or guilds.
 - A description of applicant's objectives for a 2-week residency.
 - Application materials may be supplemented with a follow-up interview or questionnaire.
- Residency fee is \$1,200 and includes lodging on the ESSA campus. (Lodging details are included below.) Selected residents are responsible for their own transportation and food costs.
- ESSA will provide on-campus lodging with a private room and bath, kitchenette with microwave, refrigerator/freezer, coffee maker, and wi-fi. The resident will also have shared access to the Commons House, which includes a full kitchen, gathering area, and deck.
- A limited number of full or partial scholarships will be offered. Applicants should indicate their desire to be considered for scholarship opportunities on the application form.

- Residents will have access to the ESSA Windgate Wood Studio (bench room, machine room, and lathe room) and access to all tools and equipment in the wood studio. Access will be during pre-set hours, and the buddy system will be required.
 - Studio spaces will be open from 8 am to 5 pm, M-F. Your mentor, assistant mentor, and/or studio coordinator will be available during open hours. At no time may anyone work in the studio independently – for safety purposes, a minimum of two people must be in the studio for any work to commence. Weekends will be “on your own” to explore the area, spend free time with fellow residents, rest, and reflect on your progress.
 - ESSA is happy to provide a listing of available equipment upon request.
- Residents will be required to attend a safety and equipment orientation training with the ESSA Studio Coordinator at the beginning of the residency before their work in the studio begins.
- Materials (in terms of wood and hardware) are not included and will be at the participant's cost. ESSA can assist participants in sourcing materials and/or can assist with arranging material deliveries to the campus before the residency. ESSA may have available a limited supply of materials for purchase on campus. ESSA will supply basic consumables such as glue, sandpaper in various grits, etc.
- ESSA will host a closing reception on the ESSA campus on Saturday, June 29th, 2024, for the mentorship group to exhibit their work and celebrate their accomplishments with the community. Residents will have an opportunity to offer a small selection of their work for sale at the closing reception, if they wish to do so. This may be either prior work or work they created during the residency. ESSA will run the sale and will retain 10% of the sale price for all items sold.
- Residents are asked to be a part of the ESSA campus during their stay by engaging with staff, instructors, students, and other visitors to campus.