



CHALK HILL ARTIST RESIDENCY
SPACE FOR CREATIVE MINDS

WELCOME GUIDE 2023



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WELCOME

On behalf of Chalk Hill Artist Residency, we would like to welcome you to our residency program. We are thrilled to have you and we are excited to offer you the time and space to work on your creative pursuits at Warnecke Ranch & Vineyard. We look forward to your stay with us! Please reach out with any questions.

OUR MISSION

Chalk Hill Artist Residency provides time and space at Warnecke Ranch and Vineyard where artists are valued, thriving, and represent the diverse world in which we live.



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ADDRESS AND DIRECTIONS

Chalk Hill Artist Residency is located at Warnecke Ranch & Vineyard in Sonoma County, CA.

Address:

Chalk Hill Artist Residency
13427 Chalk Hill Road
Healdsburg, CA 95448

Directions:

From the South

Take 101 north
Right at Shiloh Rd exit
Head east on Shiloh
Turn left onto Faught Rd
Turn right onto Chalk Hill Rd. and go 5.5 miles
Turn left at 13427 Chalk Hill Road
Proceed down the purple plum tree-lined driveway
Take the first driveway on the left.
At the T in the road, turn left.
Second house on the right. House #12427B

From Healdsburg

Head north on Healdsburg Ave towards Alexander Valley
Slight right onto Alexander Valley Road
Slight right onto Highway 128 Right onto Chalk Hill Road
Turn right at 13427 Chalk Hill
Proceed down the purple plum tree-lined driveway.
Take the first driveway on the left .
At the T in the road, turn left.
Second house on the right. House #12427B

HEALTH ORDERS & GUIDANCE

Coronavirus – These policies are subject to change as conditions continue to evolve.

To ensure the well-being of our employees, artists, and partnerships, we are following the [World Health Organization](#), [CDC](#), [State of CA](#), and [County of Sonoma](#) guidelines.

Vaccination against Covid-19 is highly encouraged.

Stay home if you are sick and avoid close contact with others. Please notify Chalk Hill staff if you are in residency and are experiencing symptoms of Covid-19.

Covid testing may be requested upon arrival.

The residency house will be professionally cleaned before each artist in residence.

Open Studios and other group events may be postponed if advised by current health guidelines.

We reserve the right to cancel and postpone residencies at any time.

RESIDENCY HOUSE AND STUDIOS

The Residency House is located on the 240-acre Warnecke Ranch and Vineyard. The house is a three-bedroom, one-bathroom 1920s farmhouse. Upon your arrival, a tour will be arranged to discuss living accommodations, the quirks of country living, studio allocations, and access to the larger property.

The house is equipped with linens, dishes, and utensils, water, and heat. There is laundry on-site for \$1 a load. If you have special needs beyond our accommodations, please let us know, and we will try to meet your request.

The residency house has a collection of art books and art magazines. There is also a small lending library. As a gift to the residency and future artists, you may choose to donate a favorite art-related book to contribute to the library.

Internet access is not available in the residency house. We have a Wi-Fi network at the office, a short walk or drive down the driveway. The network is Warnecke Ranch, and the password is Warnecke. The office is open access at all times.

Studio spaces are available in re-purposed barns and covered outdoor areas. Winter residents may choose to work in studios with the understanding that inclement weather may bring cold temperatures and limited natural lighting. The studio is equipped with space heaters and overhead lighting.

We have available chairs, tables, easels, etc. for use in the studio. Safe disposal for oily rags is in a red bin in the studio.

RESIDENCY HOUSE AND STUDIOS (Cont.)

Please ask staff for assistance before re-arranging or removing furniture and other items at the residency house, or studio. Site-specific work, even if it is temporary or ephemeral, requires following strict guidelines.

If a site-specific artwork is the main focus of your residency, the project must be discussed with the program director before your arrival.

Conserve energy while living in the residency house. Remember to turn off lights, do not take long showers, and use the heating system efficiently. In the winter months, we encourage you to use the fireplace. Firewood is provided.

Please be aware that during a big winter rainstorm, there is a chance of a PG&E blackout. These power outages usually won't last more than a couple of hours. We have candles and LED lanterns that we will show you upon your arrival. There is also potential for PG&E power outages during the summer due to red flag warnings. You will be able to receive updates at [PG&E Outage Center](#).

The months of August - October are considered "fire season" in Sonoma County and California. This is a new reality that we are living with and learning to navigate. If necessary, more information is available at [Sonoma County Emergency Alert System](#) and [Sonoma County Emergency and Preparedness Information](#).

We encourage you to partake in the program's offerings and the unique site. Please consider doing any site-seeing or traveling before or after your residency. Also, please discuss with our staff if you are planning on leaving the residency for more than an overnight or if you will be making multiple day trips related to your project.

RESIDENCY HOUSE AND STUDIOS (Cont.)

Chalk Hill Artist Residency makes every effort to respect the artists-in-residence's privacy and keep the overall noise level to a minimum in the living and studio areas. However, as a working ranch and artist facility, maintenance work is required around the buildings and grounds, and workers need to move around the property in the course of their duties. Some noise and intrusions are unavoidable. The ranch is a family-operated working vineyard with rental homes.

Sometimes guests are brought to the residency house and studios while artists are in residence. We will do our best to let artists know in advance. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you are interested in hiking, lightweight shoes are great for any non-strenuous hike. They can be used on any trail, but hiking boots would be ideal on more challenging hikes. Waterproof hiking shoes and boots are necessary for hikes during spring and winter when trails are wet. A bathing suit and flip-flops or river shoes are also recommended to use at the river which runs through the property.

GROCERIES AND MATERIALS

You will need to provide all your own house supplies, groceries, and other materials.

Please include: groceries, kindling or fire starters, toilet paper, tin foil, paper towels, garbage bags, dish soap etc. while in residency. If you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to ask.

We strongly suggest you pick up groceries and supplies on your way to the residency. Grocery stores are in Windsor and Healdsburg. We recommend [Big John's Market](#), [Oliver's Market](#), [Shelton's Natural Foods Market](#), and the [local farmer's markets](#). Grocery and local CSA delivery is also available.

Art materials are your financial responsibility. We recommend [Riley Street Art Supply](#) in Santa Rosa.

TRANSPORTATION

You are responsible for your own transportation. Please make arrangements for your arrival and departure. We highly recommend a car for stays longer than two weeks for the purpose of grocery shopping. You may bring your own vehicle to the residency. Local rental car agencies are located in Santa Rosa and Healdsburg. Uber and Lyft are also available in the area.

RESIDENCY POLICIES

Guests are discouraged on a regular basis during your residency. However, if your creative project involves collaborating short-term with another artist, please inquire about making a special arrangement.

If you would like to invite a friend to be a visitor, please do so after inquiring. If you have family or friends in the area for brief visits- accommodations can be found in Windsor or Healdsburg.

No Smoking. There is no smoking in the house or studios.

No campfires. Fire hazards in this region require that you be exceptionally cautious.

Put food away to avoid attracting animals

Please park only in specified areas

Caution: Poison Oak. Leaves can be green or red. Be cautious not to come into contact with the plants if you are allergic. Clean the exposed skin with cold water, rubbing alcohol, and Tecnu.

Caution: Bobcats, Coyotes, snakes, & other wildlife are seen occasionally.

CLEANING GUIDE

Please be aware that residents are asked to share in day-to-day housekeeping. Everyone is responsible for preparing and cleaning up immediately after their own breakfast, lunch, and dinner, as well as washing their own linens periodically and before leaving.

In addition to keeping the residency house tidy on an ongoing basis, we ask that you thoroughly clean the whole house every two weeks, including shared spaces, kitchen and bathroom, and studio space: dust, sweep, vacuum, mop, and scrub.

If you are using the fireplace, please remove the ashes into the metal bins, and discard them out of sight in the metal bin. Do not put smoldering remains in the trash.

The house is professionally cleaned between each artists' stay.

Items in need of repair/replacement or any unusual circumstances should be reported to staff as soon as possible. Please notify Margo (707) 738-8140 of any problems or maintenance issues you may notice in the house.

Some cleaning supplies are available, but anything additional, you should supply for yourself during your stay. Let us know if there is anything we can help with.

You have our greatest and heartfelt gratitude for helping us maintain the Residency House in a way that allows many people to visit us and enjoy the ranch in comfort!

CLEANING CHECK-OFF LIST

Before you leave, please review this cleanup list and make sure you've accomplished everything so that the next visitor can enjoy the house as much as you have!

- Empty fridge of perishable food.
- Empty trash into outside containers. Replace garbage bags with new ones
- Take recycling to large containers next to Hazel's laundry room.
- Strip beds.
- Wash, dry, and fold the linens, towels, and bath mats at Hazel's laundry room and return clean laundry to Hazel's House. Don't forget to start your laundry loads early enough to finish that task before you leave.
- Put clean sheets on beds.
- Wash all dishes, dry them, and put them away.
- Wipe kitchen counters, sink, and stovetop.
- Wipe bathroom sink, toilet, and shower with Rust-off from under kitchen sink. Our water leaves stains, and this needs to be done every time, or else the shower turns orange.
- Borrow red Miele vacuum from Hazel's laundry room to vacuum kitchen, bathroom, living room, study/dining room, and both sleeping lofts.
- Shake kitchen rugs outside.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We encourage you to use your social media to document your stay.

You can find us on Instagram at:

<https://www.instagram.com/chalkhillartistresidency/>

@chalkhillartistresidency

Tag your Instagram photos with #chalkhillartistresidency

WARNECKE ARCHITECTURAL ARCHIVE

The [Architectural Archive](#) located at Warnecke Ranch in Sonoma County CA, contains significant, primary source materials by and about noted California architects, Carl I. Warnecke and his son, John Carl Warnecke. Architectural plans, drawings, sketches, photographs, personal papers, journals, project files, and correspondence make up one of the most extensive, remaining architectural archives still in one family and represent more than one hundred years (1911-2012) of architectural source materials. Tours are available.

PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES

An open studio day will be arranged once you arrive as an opportunity to give focus and momentum to your stay here. Our staff is available to discuss what opportunities are available for the open studio day regarding display areas or interactive projects.

As part of our mission to support artists living with disabilities, CHAR invites regional non-profit, supporting artists living with disabilities to the residency to share in a day of art-making. Please use this opportunity to learn from the amazing artists that participate in these programs.

Our community partnerships allow us to work closely with organizations that support artists with disabilities to participate in studio days at the residency. Studio days bring together our current artist in residence and our non-profit artists to spend an afternoon in the studio.

This creates a space where artists across a spectrum of abilities are able to create authentic human connection through art, celebrate individual ways of artistic expression, and foster creativity between one another. Since 2010, the studio program has proven to be nationally recognized and has been enthusiastically received by participants.

Our Sonoma County partnerships include:

[Becoming Independent](#) - BI realizes that creative expression is an integral part of the human experience. The BI Professional Art Program fulfills this commitment to exploring and developing personal creativity by providing artists with inspiration, instruction, encouragement, and opportunities for exhibitions and sales.

[The Wellness & Advocacy Center](#) - The Wellness and Advocacy Center is a program of the Sonoma County Department of Health Services, Mental Health Division. The center offers a wide range of services, including peer support and a Career & Computer Lab, through free membership.