



2012 RESIDENCY

Overview, Guidelines, and Application

APPLICATIONS DUE: MARCH 15 at pland.info@gmail.com

OVERVIEW AND GUIDELINES

PLAND is proud to announce our season of residency. After a year of living on and off the land, hosting residents and student groups, building, dreaming, networking, and learning, a lot has changed. We invite you to be part of these on-going changes by applying for a two-to-four-week residency at PLAND.

Who may apply:

If you are a worker, maker, thinker, or doer who brings self-awareness, experimental processes, and creativity to what you do – and PLAND sparks some ideas for you – then you are eligible to apply for a residency. You must be 21 years old.

What it means:

PLAND is a burgeoning program – an idea associated with a specific location and new forms of production. We believe that a place is made by living in it and we want you to help us make PLAND by being here, by living it. Through an active reinvestment in daily life and by collaborating with amazing people, we aim to not only cultivate PLAND but also to test new ways of being in the world. That said, we invite you to propose a project that will involve collaboration with us and with the place. While we don't expect you to be familiar with the Taos mesa in detail before you arrive, the most successful project will be site-responsive in that it considers localized geography, history, culture, language, architectural traditions or otherwise. We are interested in proposals that might problem-solve our bathing situation or result in solar power, but we're equally as interested in facilitating a collaboration with a local organization. For us, building community is as important as building shelter.

Prior to your arrival, we'll have on-going conversations about your residency at PLAND. We'll let you know when we score some second-hand windows, how we managed to buy the chain saw, who we met that reminded us of you... you'll basically become part of it all so that when you arrive you're ready, you're here, you're home.

What to expect:

PLAND has only just begun! In 2009, we purchased 1.25 acres of high desert at a land auction. The land is raw – no electricity or running water and the road is rough but short. Situated approximately 30 miles northwest of Taos, PLAND is a rural outpost on the edge of the ever-nearing grid. As we draft this call for proposals, the land sits under a new covering of snow. The post-and-beam structure we call the Main House is in an unfinished state – it has a sturdy roof, a half-loft and a few partial walls but no flooring, insulation, utilities or amenities; our garden is undergoing a slow process of soil reclamation; and we desperately need to create a bathing facility.

While the stars may beckon you to sleep outside, we provide a very simple camper trailer on the land. It sleeps four, has a propane stove, storage, and a sitting area. Thanks to 2011 residents,

Josh Hoeks and Ryan Rasmussen, we have an on-site water filtration system. We also have a gorgeous new outhouse this year!

Be aware that this is not the residency during which you will make paintings or write novels. For PLAND, residency is about living – living differently and intentionally. It's about residing in a place. We like to think of residency in the broadest of terms. We do not have studio spaces nor is this residency about working in isolation. Although humble, rugged, and not without its plentiful share of hardship, we offer you the opportunity to get in touch with the basics. Water, shelter, fire, weather, dinner, people, time, and space – all of these elements become the daily luxuries in which you're invited to indulge.

We provide:

- an extensive orientation to the site and the region
- a compelling context
- localized access to neighbors, materials, possibilities
- loads of local secrets like where to get a shower, where to find wild asparagus, how to battle the heat
- opportunities to collaborate with locals and with us
- outings into town for laundry, cuisine, nightlife, internet, etc.
- outings into the wilds for foraging, hot springs, recreation, etc.
- a growing library of manuals, almanacs, maps, novels, and children's books
- the tools we have on hand
- the materials we're able to gather
- shelter
- clean drinking water
- first-aid kit
- collaboratively cooked dinners
- conversation
- presentation of your work on our website
- a trickle of fascinated and fascinating visitors, all willing to help out
- funding dependent: a modest stipend for materials, travel, tequila, whatever

You provide:

- transportation to Taos
- food
- basic survival stuff (canteen, flashlight, work shoes, etc.)
- ideas and inspiration
- a good attitude
- flexibility regarding your proposal – everything might change once you arrive!
- a continuous two-to-four week commitment to being at PLAND, dependant on your project
- means of documenting your work
- a liability waiver stating that you come to PLAND at your own risk

Application process:

Applications available online February 1 – March 15, 2012 at www.itspland.org

By March 15, 2012:

1) Email completed application form, with additional pages and supporting materials as necessary, to:

pland.info@gmail.com

2) Send \$15 application fee/gesture of support:

via Fractured Atlas

Click on the Fractured Atlas icon on the Donate page at www.itspland.org

via postal mail:

PLAND c/o Nancy Zastudil
412 Luna Blvd. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

By April 15:

We will contact you to let you know if you should start packing.

Why an application fee?

Part of the experiment of PLAND is about resource sharing. While we could make excuses about administration costs, we prefer to think of the application fee as a statement of support. Your fees will go directly into the building of PLAND, both physically and conceptually and will signal that you believe in what we're doing. We'll put your money towards something we really need – like firewood or a cistern or a generator or a chain saw – and we'll list you as a supporter on our website.

Another part of the PLAND agenda is to forge alternative and hybrid economies, so know that we're open to some non-monetary methods of support. If you prefer an alternative, simply choose something that you think we'll need, and send it to our physical mailing address. **Be sure to specify your method of contribution in the email application form.**

Got questions?

We're sure you do! Just ask 'em at pland.info@gmail.com

Also check our website www.itspland.org

APPLICATION

DEADLINE: MARCH 15 at pland.info@gmail.com

General Information

Are you applying as a collective or collaborative group? Y / N

If yes, how many people are involved? _____

If applying as a collective or collaboration, a representative individual should complete the contact info below.

Applicant Contact Information

Name:

Mailing address:

Email:

Phone number:

Hello! First, tell us a little about yourself/yourselfs:

In approximately one page, please provide some information about you, your background, and experience. Feel free to include a CV, bio, brief personal narrative, or alternative materials that you believe to be the most accurate, revealing, and appropriate representation of who you are.

Great! Next, tell us why you want to come to PLAND:

In approximately one page, tell us why you want to come to PLAND, what you plan to do while in-residence, and how we will all mutually benefit from spending concentrated productive time together. Please describe how you imagine interacting with the Taos mesa, collaborating with the advancement of PLAND, and expressing your own innovative creativity. Let us know what skills and practices you would share with us, and what you hope to gain from a stay at PLAND.

Okay! Now, please address the following with honesty and brevity, though you may attach additional pages as necessary. Please note: By asking these questions we hope to get a sense of your experience and personality - there are no right or wrong answers.

1. Describe your experience with rugged living and/or camping.
2. What do you understand a communal living/working situation to be? Do you have direct experience with these sorts of collaborative processes?
3. Have you ever built anything?
4. Describe your experience with tools.
5. What is your definition of hard work? What does it look like?
6. Do you have any health issues – either physical or emotional – that would hinder you from living off-the-grid with limited access to indoor plumbing, medical care, and traditional shelter?

7. Describe your feelings about and approaches to resource sharing, i.e. time, food, money, transportation.

8. Do you know how to build a fire?

9. Are you afraid of the dark?

10. Under what types of supervision and guidance do you function best? Do you prefer to be self-directed and independent or do you prefer to have constant supervision?

11. How did you hear about PLAND?

12. What will you be contributing, an application fee or another gesture of support? How should we expect it to arrive, online or postal mail?

Finally! In order of preference, list your ideal blocks of residency time between June 9 and September 16. Please note that all residencies must begin on Saturdays and end on Sundays and typically last two to four weeks.

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