

Can Craft? Craft Can!

Inaugural Canadian Craft Biennial residency

Dates: September 5 to 15, 2017

The Art Gallery of Burlington (AGB), in collaboration with Craft Ontario (CC), is hosting a residency for up to six makers who work in craft disciplines as part of the inaugural Canadian Craft Biennial and Canada 150 celebration. The residency will take place at the AGB in Burlington, Ontario. The AGB is home of seven guilds—Potters, Woodcarvers and Sculptors, Photography, Fine Arts, Fibre Arts, Rug Hooking Craft, and Handweavers and Spinners. Each guild has their own fully equipped studio including ceramics with three different types of kilns (Raku, gas and electric), and a weaving studio with looms of many sizes. The residency aims to engage with the themes of the Biennale which include identity, materiality and the topical issues concerning Canada today.

The residency will provide a unique opportunity for the selected makers to exchange processes and ideas of their own medium and try new ones. A large open studio will provide each participant with a working table and materials, outdoor space will also be available, as well as access to the AGB studios and the possibility to work and exchange with guild members. We are looking for a range of makers both in terms of experience, and materials and processes used. A writers' residency will take place at the same time doubling the opportunities to exchange with curators, scholars and critics.

Residents will:

- Reside in shared accommodation with other members of the residency.
- Attend workshops in various mediums
- Engage with craft practitioners and theoreticians in a variety of settings
- Actively participate in discussion with co-residents (makers and writers) in both structured and informal environments.
- Attend the 2-day conference, part of the Can Craft? Craft Can! Biennale.

At the conclusion, residents will have the opportunity to discuss their experience as part of a round-table discussion that will be presented during the 2-day conference.

The residency will pay for travel to Burlington, Ontario, housing for the 10-days of the residency and will provide a per-diem allowance.

To apply, submit the following to Denis Longchamps, Artistic Director and Chief Curator, Art Gallery of Burlington, by email at denis@agb.life

- A CV (3 pages max.) outlining your education, and working and exhibition experience as you see it relating to this residency.
- A 300 word letter of intent outlining your hopes for the outcome of your attendance and how the residency fits into your broader career aspirations.
- Written documents should be in Word or PDF and PC compatible format.
- Up to 5 images of your most recent works (JPG, 1024 x 768 dpi) and a list of images.