



Founded in 1947, the Grand Marais Art Colony has nurtured a vibrant artistic community on the North Shore of Lake Superior. We offer year-round classes for the novice to professional artist, high-quality studio access for independent art-making, and inclusive events and exhibits. The facilities include studios for 2-D visual arts, clay, glass, and printmaking. The Art Colony is a sanctuary for the creative spirit – providing artistic guidance, exploration, and space to grow.

Since our inception, we have nurtured thousands of students and artists, organized significant cultural events into our community, and shaped a vibrant arts economy that has generated overwhelming economic impact for Cook County.

If you appreciate the unique community nurtured by the Art Colony, we invite you to support the mission through a financial contribution. Any size contribution helps us keep the mission thriving. Your support is instrumental in our financial health and ability to grow into the future.

Birney Quick Memorial Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund was established in honor of Art Colony founder, Birney Quick. This fund honors his legacy and provides sustained support in perpetuity for the Art Colony. The Endowment Fund is professionally managed at the Minnesota Community Foundation. Long-term giving is an investment in the Art Colony's future.

Scholarship Fund for youth and low-income participants

The Art Colony is dedicated to providing artistic opportunities for all; therefore we offer a Scholarship Fund for youth and low-income participants. Help sustain art learning opportunities for all.

Eric Thomas Emerging Artist Award

This scholarship award is presented to a Cook County high school sophomore or junior who shows interest in cultivating art and creativity throughout their life. The selected student receives the opportunity to take an Art Colony class – all expenses paid including materials. Students must apply to be considered. This fund was established in honor of Eric Thomas, a local man who grew up taking Art

Colony classes and developed a deep appreciation for North Shore art and the local community.

Commemorative Gifts – Memorials and Honorariums

Commemorative gifts are a meaningful way to honor the memory of and/or recognize someone important while supporting services to artists, art education, and artistic access on the North Shore. When your commemorative gift is received, we will send an acknowledgement to the person you designate informing them of your gift (please indicate their name and address). You will also receive a receipt for your donation.

Planned Giving

Include the Art Colony in your estate and long-term giving plans and know that your generosity will ensure a secure future for the Art Colony.

In-Kind Donation

Consider an in-kind donation of art, materials, equipment, etc. that can be displayed/utilized at the Art Colony or sold as a fundraiser.

Annual Membership & Donations

Annual Membership and donations cover one third of the Art Colony's annual expenses. Additionally, membership supports the organization while providing you with unique benefits including:

- **Be in the Know.** Members receive our monthly e-newsletter, course catalogs, and invitations to events and exhibits.
- **Studio Access.** Members can rent studio space to work in or host an event. Members can also check out books from the Art Library.
- **Sales.** Members can exhibit in our Annual Member Show & Sale as well as receive notification of other art sale opportunities.
- **Receive an Art Colony Discount Card (DC).** The value increases with the level of your membership (see below). *The discount card value will be subtracted from your tax deductible amount.*

Additional Membership Levels Benefits

- \$25-\$49 Individual: Basic + \$5 DC
- \$50-\$74 Family/Household: Basic + \$10 DC
- \$75-\$99 Sustaining: Basic + \$15 DC
- \$100-\$249 Sponsor: Basic + Annual Report recognition + \$20 DC
- \$250-\$499 Patron: Basic & above + \$40 DC
- \$500 - \$999 Benefactor: Basic & above + 1 Gift Membership + \$75 DC
- \$1,000 + Partner: Basic & above + Name on GMAC Plaque + \$150 DC

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