

STAR ARTS NEWS

January 2023

Registration will Open January 15th!

A Few Things to Know About Registration:

Retreat Dates:

June 18th to June 25th

We are sharing the Island!

This year we are sharing the island with 4 other conferences (Natural History Week, Isle of Shoals Historical and Research Association (ISHRA), Young Adult Conference (YAC), and Earth Yoga).

Register Early!

Don't wait to register! Registering early will give you a better chance of getting the room you request, though there are no guarantees.

Sharing Rooms

In order to accommodate everyone and grow as a retreat, the Island is asking our retreaters to consider sharing a room. You may make a new friend and save money!

Cancellation Policy

Full Refund 4 weeks prior to the Retreat. After that, refund is at the discretion of the Star Island Registrar. There are a few exceptions. Read more here: <https://starisland.org/faq-category/important-info/#cancellation-policy>

Financial Aid

Since there will be no special discounts Star Island has increased its Financial Aid program. Star Arts works with the Island to provide scholarship to those that might need it. More information here: <https://starisland.org/programs/registration/#financial-grants>

Room Rates

There is an increase from last year. Star Island will be posting the rates on their website soon. (<https://starisland.org/programs/registration/#pricing>)

Covid Policy (Please note this is subject to change):

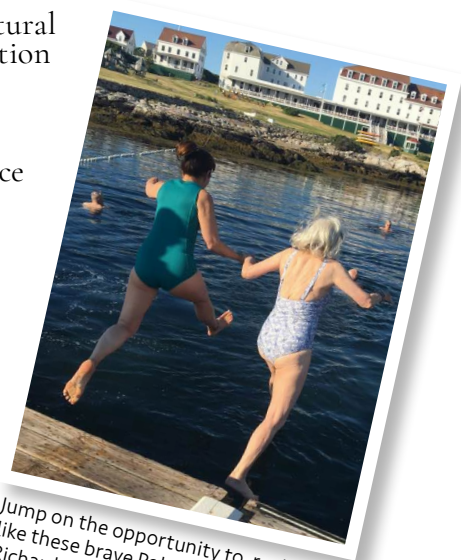
Vaccination Status: Everyone is expected to be fully vaccinated and up-to-date on boosters. (The Island at this time will not be collecting vaccination records.)

Testing:

Everyone coming to Star must do a Covid Test prior to arrival. Either a PCR within 3 days or an At-Home test within 24 hrs. If you test positive while on Star, you will be required to leave the island.

Masking:

Indoor masking is going to be strongly recommended.



Jump on the opportunity to register like these brave Polar Bears. (Photo by Richard Waring)



Most rooms are set up with at least 2 beds. (Photo by Anne Nowelski)

Featured Workshop Leader: Wendy Soliday

Visual Arts Workshop I: Drawing and Painting with Soft Pastels

Pastels are sticks of color pigment that can be used for drawing and painting. They are an extremely forgiving medium and thus great if you've always wanted to discover your inner artist. They can be packed in a small case with a pad of pastel paper and taken anywhere.

In this workshop, Wendy will lead you through a series of exercises and practices to inspire you, to help you see the world differently, and to learn basic drawing and painting skills. Wendy is a firm believer that anyone can learn to draw and paint; it does not take talent, it takes practice. While we will focus on using pastels, the skills you will learn can be translated to other mediums as well. If you are a beginner or an experienced artist, you will fine tune your understanding of values, color mixing, composition, and perspective while having fun and being challenged. We will work "en plein air" as much as possible so that the subject of our work will be the landscapes and seascapes of Star Island. Supplies will be provided for a small fee from the instructor or you may bring your own.

Learn more about supplies and Wendy Soliday here:
<https://stararts.org/visual-arts/>



An example of Wendy's work.

Other Workshops June 2023

Not all workshops are finalized, but here are a few to look forward to this summer at Star Arts:

- Movement: Burlesque with Joe Williams (Info coming soon!)
- Theater: Briny Chamber Theatre with Robin Fawcett (Info on the website: <https://stararts.org/theater/>)
- Writing: Memoir Writing with Tom Daley (Info coming soon!)

Volunteers Still Needed!

We have had 30 people agree to take on a lot of the volunteer jobs that make the Star Arts Retreat so successful each year. That being said, we still have some volunteer opportunities available for people (see list to the right).

If you are interested in any of the posted positions, please contact Barbara O'Brien at bobrien978@gmail.com or by calling 978.375.3680. Barbara will be happy to talk about what the job entails, time commitments and the value of being part of the team that brings the Star Arts Retreat to Star Island each June.

- Afternoon Activities Coordinator
- Talent Show
- Workshop Leaders' Collaboration Performance
- Music on the Porch
- Workshop Leader Liaisons:
 - Music
 - Dance
 - Visual Arts Nature
 - Theater
- Friends of Bill W.

You can find descriptions of some of these jobs in the December Newsletter (<https://stararts.org/news/>)

Deadline for Next Newsletter!

The Deadline for the next Newsletter will be February 1st!

If you would like to include pictures, art, poetry and/or news please submit items to:
stararts.registrar@gmail.com (Mary Ann Young and Anne Nowselski)

(Questions about Star Arts you can email us or call us at 781.520.3786)

