



780 Holmes Road Pittsfield, MA 01201

Call To Artists

For Summer, 2017, the Berkshire County Historical Society at Herman Melville's Arrowhead is celebrating Mount Greylock and the colonies of fairies observed by the author Herman Melville that inspired his story "The Piazza Tale" written at Arrowhead in 1856.

ENCHANTED BERKSHIRES: "WHERE FAIRIES DANCE" is a multi-level exhibit featuring a collection of unique, one-of-a-kind, artist created Fairy Houses which will be on display around the property from August 14 through October 15, from the historic shade garden to the grove to the barn and other structures around Arrowhead. We anticipate showing between 24 and 30 such artworks with a published guide to the works and a possibility of purchasing them (with permission of the artist).

Programs around this concept will be offered throughout the 2017 season (there is additional information on the next page).

Interested artists should read the Guidelines, fill in the application and return it by US mail prior to May 8. This will be an adjudicated exhibit as space is limited. We will be asking for either an admission ticket or a donation (to be determined) to see the exhibit.

We hope you will want to be a part of this exciting adventure in mysticism, history, literary channeling, and art. If you have any questions we will be happy to answer them. Just call 413-442-1793, ext. 14 and someone will be delighted to help you. We anticipate this, along with a Fairy House workshop for children and other ancillary programs, being a spectacular experience, one which might even be repeated in years to come.

The Staff and Volunteers at Arrowhead

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION CONSIDERATION:

Installation will begin on Monday, August 7

The exhibit will have a "soft" opening on Monday, August 14 and an official opening party at Arrowhead on Saturday, August 19.

The show will remain open through Sunday, October 15.

All houses must be durable and able to survive adverse weather (rain/wind/sunlight) for that time.

THIS IS AN ADJUDICATED EXHIBIT.

THERE IS NO FEE TO APPLY OR EXHIBIT; THERE ARE NO FINANCIAL COMPENSATIONS.

1. House should be no taller than 5 feet high and no smaller than 2 feet high *unless* it is to be displayed in an elevated placement;
2. It can be planted for stability or, if free standing, should be able to be tethered to a stable place, i.e. tree, post, etc.;
3. We encourage the use of provided natural materials or, if man-made rather than purchased – tolerant of the elements;
please, non-invasive (no living vines, etc.) natural materials;
no non-biodegradable plastics;
no materials found on Arrowhead property unless approved in advance;
4. If using moving parts or lights, a commitment from the artist to maintain on a regular basis (there is no electricity available so only battery operated items, please);
5. Please include a photo/drawing/sketch of your fairy house with the application;
6. If you are willing to sell your Fairy House, a portion of the sale price will go to the Historical Society. Please indicate your desired price and we will adjust accordingly;
7. We will be creating a map to the exhibit, so please give your work a name and, if you have one, include its story, in the application, that the Fairy House tells;
8. There will be 24 to 30 spaces for this exhibit if you have a preference within your design please include that information in the application.
9. We will be doing a series of programs around the fairies beginning on June 27 with a Fairy Tea and Talk at Arrowhead. If yours is ready to exhibit we can showcase it in advance of the actual show; if you have photos of the work done, or in progress, they may be included as well.
10. From July 4 through July 18 we will be showing the Captain Ahab Garden Gnome in the barn; photos of your work-in-progress may also be shown during that period.
11. In the month of July THE MASTHEADS PROJECT will be a focus at Arrowhead. Two author's workrooms will be on display and, with special arrangement with the architects and the city your fairy house may be attached to the uprights of those cabins toward the end of the project prior to the normal installation period.
12. September 16 will be our "Fairies and Foam" beerfest. Hold the date.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Design Application: "Enchanted Berkshires: Where Fairies Dance"

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name		First		M.I.		Date	
Street Address					Apartment/Unit #		
City			State		ZIP		
Phone #			E-mail Address				
2 nd Phone #			Sale Price, if for sale:				
Artist for Project	Fairy House project at Herman Melville's Arrowhead, from mid-July through Early September						
Are you a citizen of the United States?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If no, are you authorized to work in the U.S.?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>		
Have you ever worked for the Society?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If so, when?				
Have you ever been convicted of a felony?	YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	If yes, explain				

SPECIFICS OF DESIGN

Size: Height		Depth	
Width	Include photo/drawing/sketch of your design with this application		

List materials you will use for this project:

Are you using waterproof materials? Any additional information on your construction, below:

REFERENCES

Please include professional references.

Full Name		Relationship	
Company		Phone	
Address			
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PLEASE ATTACH YOUR ARTISTIC RESUME OR ADD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON YOUR WORK:

TELL YOUR STORY ABOUT YOUR FAIRY HOUSE:

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to your work being selected, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in my release. **PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN BY REGULAR MAIL NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017**

Signature

Date

THOUGHTS OR COMMENTS: PLEASE INCLUDE WITH APPLICATION. THESE MAY INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL ARTISTS YOU BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONTACT. ALL SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME.

THANK YOU