



**BRIDGE
& FALLS**

**CREATIVE
RESIDENCY**

2024

**DEADLINE TO APPLY:
MARCH 14, 2024 AT 11:59PM (CST)**

GUIDELINES & CRITERIA

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

A. The Bridge & Falls Residency supports professional artists, emerging artists, and creative minds who wish to undertake a six-day, self-guided residency in Nestor Falls, Ontario and Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

The award includes:¹

- A day-use studio (On the Water) which can be accessed from a stationary dock, and within walking distance of the shops, stores, and amenities in Sioux Narrows
- A day-use studio (On the Rock) near the Travel Centre in Nestor Falls, Ontario
- To connect with nature and the great outdoors by exploring nature trails, day-use areas, and public beaches
- A \$750 fee to support the cost of travel and meals

B. **NEW IN 2024: The Bridge & Falls Residency invites three makers to collaborate with each other, to re-imagine their artistic practice, by incorporating POP ART.** This collaborative experience is open to all artistic practitioners. The three who collaborate together, must have one lead applicant. This 6-day or 13-day residency is open from June 18 to June 30 OR July 16 to July 28. The three creators will share two day use studios as part of the residency: one in Sioux Narrows and one in Nestor Falls.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Afford professional and emerging artists the opportunity to develop their body of work.
- Provide an opportunity for artists/creative minds, who are residents of Canada, USA, Mexico, Central America, South America, Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, and continental Europe, to participate in a rural and remote residency in the communities of Sioux Narrows and Nestor Falls, Ontario.
- Encourage interactions between artists/ creative minds with the larger artistic and general community of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls in northwestern Ontario.
- Support artists/ creative minds who are interested in the environment, northwestern ecology and culture, natural exploration, etc. in accessing a unique geographic location.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Individuals may apply for projects related to work currently in progress and/ or for new work.

Selection is based on artistic merit, the potential impact of the residency on the applicant, and preparedness to undertake the residency. A panel of judges, representative of the communities of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls will consider all applications.

The deadline to submit an application is **11:59pm (CST) on March 14th.** Late applications will not be considered. Please email your completed application and supporting materials to dlysak@snnf.ca

The successful applicants will receive a notification by email, on or before March 31, 2024. In 2024, we are programming three (3) creative residencies and one (1) POP ART creative collaboration. In total, six artists/ makers will be supported.

¹ The BFCR supports professional and emerging creative minds through the provision of an award to successful applicants.

THE AREA: BOREAL FOREST REGION²



Ontario's boreal forest is the largest forest region in Ontario and Canada. With an area of 50 million hectares, the boreal forest contains two-thirds of Ontario's forest. It extends from the northern limits of the Great Lakes–St. Lawrence forest to the Hudson Bay Lowlands.

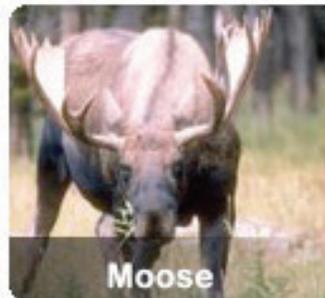
Coniferous (softwood) and mixed-wood forests dominate the Boreal region. The main conifer species are black and white spruce, jack pine, balsam fir, tamarack and eastern white cedar. The predominant deciduous (hardwood) species are poplar and white birch. The area is also home to many towering white and red pines.

This Natural area is at the edge of three major ecosystems: the boreal system, the eastern pine system, and the northern hardwood system. The result is an unusual and unique mixture of flora and fauna that represent qualities of all three systems. The result is a hotspot of bio-diversity within northwest Ontario.

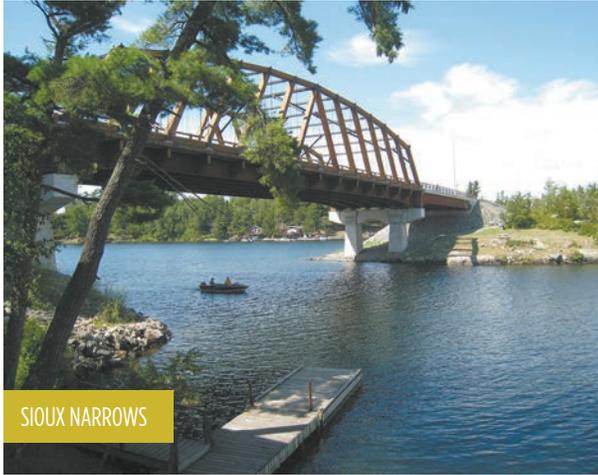
Boreal forests are heavily influenced by natural disturbances. Although large, intense fires often burn across the landscape, boreal species have adapted to this. As part of their life cycle, species like jack pine and black spruce require this kind of disturbance to regenerate. New forests quickly grow after these disturbances, creating the natural pattern of even-aged, single species forests found in the boreal region. The boreal forest contains hundreds of species of plants such as ferns, mosses, fungi, shrubs and herbs.

IT IS ALSO HOME TO A WIDE VARIETY OF WILDLIFE, INCLUDING:

- predators such as black bears, wolves and lynx
- large ungulates like moose and caribou
- a myriad of birds ranging from the great owl to the tiny winter wren
- many small mammals such as the pine marten, hare, red fox and porcupine
- many species of sport fish that have provided excellent opportunities for tourism over the years



² Source, Government of Ontario



TOWNSHIP OF SIOUX NARROWS-NESTOR FALLS

The communities of Sioux Narrows and Nestor Falls are in the heart of the Canadian Shield.³ The Canadian Shield is Canada's largest physiographic region extending from Alberta eastward to Newfoundland & Labrador and northward to Greenland, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. The Shield covers a total area of 4.8 million square kilometres, and almost two thirds of Ontario.

The Canadian Shield is composed of Precambrian rocks that are more than 570 million years old. Some of these rocks are even over 2 billion years old, making the rocks of the Canadian Shield the oldest rocks in North America. The rocks are igneous (including granites, diorites and basalts) and metamorphic (including schists and marbles). The Shield has helped shape Canada's cultural history — the navigable waterways carved into the area during glaciations dictated settlement across its expanse by both Native and European settlers.



Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls is a township in the Canadian province of Ontario, located in the Kenora District. It is located on the eastern shores of Lake of the Woods along Ontario Highway 71. The township was formed in 2001 by amalgamating the formerly incorporate Township of Sioux Narrows with portions of Unorganized Kenora District, including the community of Nestor Falls. The township had a population of 720 in the Canada 2011 Census.

Sioux Narrows is a small resort community located on the shores of Lake of the Woods where Highway 71 crosses the eponymous narrows to Regina Bay. There are about 300 permanent residents, and about double that in the summer time when cottagers from Ontario, Manitoba, and the United States come for vacation. Tourism is the primary industry, with many resorts in the nearby vicinity.

In the mid-18th century, an Ojibwa-Cree alliance is said to have defeated an invading party of Sioux at a narrows here on the lake. Sioux Narrows is named in recognition of that event. The Sioux Narrows Bridge, a historic structure on Highway 71, which was reconstructed in 2007, overlooks the site of the battle.

Nestor Falls, located along Highway 71 at Sabaskong Bay on Lake of the Woods, held the status of designated place in the Canada 2006 Census, and has a population of 290. The settlement was founded in the early 20th century by a certain Mr. Nestor who started logging operations and used the natural waterfall there to transport the logs to Lake of the Woods.

The communities of Sioux Narrows and Nestor Falls are home to many arts, cultural, recreational and sporting events throughout the year. There is a long history of activities that have contributed to the fabric of society in this region: most notably the Canada Day festivities and fireworks, Arts Festival in Sioux Narrows, Bassin' for Bucks Fishing Tournament, Crow Lake Classic Fishing Tourney, and Winter Carnivals in both Nestor Falls and Sioux Narrows. Whether you are taking in an outdoor performance underneath the Lazy Loon in Sioux Narrows or enjoying an evening concert at Bass Lake in Nestor Falls, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Sport fishing, fly-in outpost camps, world class lodges, and big game hunting are synonymous with the region. The introduction of the Bridge & Falls studio and residency program will enhance the arts and cultural happenings in Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls, marking it as a cultural beacon in Canada and beyond.

³ Source, Nature Conservancy of Canada

DAY USE STUDIOS

For the summer of 2024, two tiny studios will be in use. They are for day-use only. ON THE WATER and ON THE ROCK are both equipped with a workspace and modest furnishings. The tiny studios are not fitted with electrical or plumbing.

For that reason, the locations of the two studios are within walking distance of Township owned & operated facilities that do offer restroom facilities. The ON THE WATER tiny floating studio is near the government docks and the Northern Ontario Sportfishing Centre (NOSFC) in Sioux Narrows. The ON THE ROCK (8' x 20') studio is at the head of a trail, tucked in the woods, and just up the hill from the Travel Centre in Nestor Falls, ON.

All artists can use the libraries in both communities. If your residency is in Nestor Falls, you are welcome to recharge and connect to wi-fi at the Travel Centre. And, if your residency is in Sioux Narrows, you can plug in and power up at the Northern Ontario Sportfishing Centre.

ON THE WATER

ON THE WATER is a tiny studio on a floating platform. The floating studio is intended to connect the user to water, one of the four elements of nature and is designed/ constructed to allow the user to freely relate to the outdoors. It is ideally situated close to shops, stoves, and amenities in the small community of Sioux Narrows.

ON THE ROCK

The artist residency site is perched on top of an undulating bedrock surface at the head of a prominent walking trail for the community of Nestor Falls. How the building touches the site is very important, the intention, to follow the changing elevation of the rock, making delicate connections that seem to float above the surface. Natural light floods the interior of the space, and the warmth of the cedar projects through the polycarbonate wall system.

The ON THE ROCK studio is just south of Nestor Falls where you will find shops, a grocery store, and the amenities of a rural, community in northwestern Ontario.



RESIDENCIES

Residencies are multi-disciplinary and we will consider applications that fall within the artistic and creative spheres of: Literary Arts, Visual Arts, Photography & Multi-Media, Community Arts, Performing Arts, Journalism, Aboriginal Arts and from Emerging Artists.

The residencies are self-guided and we encourage artists to wholly embrace the time & space, while they are here, in northwestern Ontario to connect to the natural surroundings and to dive into their residency - maximizing the opportunity afforded to them to fully realize their goals and objectives.

Artists will need to have a valid drivers' license and access to a personal vehicle while participating in the Bridge & Falls Creative Residency.

Artists are asked to indicate their interest in applying for one of the residencies listed below:

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCY: AIR #1

Tuesday, June 4 to Sunday, June 9

Studio: ON THE WATER

Location: Sioux Narrows, ON

Please indicate which discipline you are interested in:

- Community Arts
- Literary Arts
- Visual Arts
- Photography & Media Arts
- Journalism & Photojournalism
- Performing Arts
- Art & Architecture
- Aboriginal Arts

PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AIR #1

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCY: AIR#3

Tuesday, August 20-25, 2025

Studio: ON THE WATER OR ON THE ROCK

Location: Sioux Narrows, ON or Nestor Falls, ON

Please indicate which discipline you are interested in:

- Community Arts
- Literary Arts
- Visual Arts
- Photography & Media Arts
- Journalism & Photojournalism
- Performing Arts
- Art & Architecture
- Aboriginal Arts

PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AIR #3 IN SIOUX NARROWS OR NESTOR FALLS

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCY: AIR #2

Tuesday, July 2 to Sunday, July 9

Studio: ON THE ROCK

Location: Nestor Falls, ON

Please indicate which discipline you are interested in:

- Community Arts
- Literary Arts
- Visual Arts
- Photography & Media Arts
- Journalism & Photojournalism
- Performing Arts
- Art & Architecture
- Aboriginal Arts

PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AIR #2

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCY: AIR#4

Tuesday, June 18 to June 30 OR Tuesday, July 16-28

6-day residency OR 13-day residency

Studio: ON THE WATER OR ON THE ROCK

Location: Nestor Falls, ON and Sioux Narrows, ON

Please indicate which discipline you are interested in:

- Community Arts
- Literary Arts
- Visual Arts
- Photography & Media Arts
- Journalism & Photojournalism
- Performing Arts
- Art & Architecture
- Aboriginal Arts

PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AIR #4

GRANT RECIPIENTS

In accepting this residency, the artist fully understands and appreciates that the six-day residency is self-guided. The artist also has taken into consideration the uniqueness of the region – and that the communities of both Sioux Narrows and Nestor Falls are in rural and remote northwestern Ontario. The residency is intended to connect the artist to nature, to wildlife, and to the many aspects of rural living. In this way, we encourage all of the artists who accept the residency to research the region and to come prepared for the basic amenities of the day-use studios and the many aspects of outdoor living.

The POP ART residency is intended to be a collaborative endeavour. The three creators must be interested in exploring and/ or further developing work related to POP ART. The influences of this movement must be at the centre of your artistic approach.

All artists must make their own arrangements for accommodations. There are lodges, motels and resorts within the Township with amenities for the visiting artist to enjoy, while spending time away from their creative exploration and artistic practice.

The artist can expect and while in residence will be provided with the following:

- A welcome letter, including helpful hints, for the day of arrival;
- A welcome package on the day of arrival, to be picked up at the Northern Ontario Sportfishing Centre in Sioux Narrows or the Travel Centre in Nestor Falls;
- A member of the Bridge & Falls studio and residency program will meet and greet the participating artist, on the first day of the residency;
- Day-use work space is dependent on the residency: we have two studios which include: a) ON THE WATER and b) ON THE ROCK;
- Access to the libraries in both Sioux Narrows and Nestor Falls;
- Wireless internet at the Northern Ontario Sportfishing Centre (7 days a week, during regular business hours) and/or the Nestor Falls Library on Mondays & Thursdays during regular business hours.
- In conversation with the Cultural Officer, the artist (if willing) will determine the style of a community engagement, to take place at the end of their week-long residency. This community engagement piece allows residents, seasonal residents, and local community artists the opportunity to better understand and appreciate art and creativity in all of its forms.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Denise Lysak - Cultural Officer
Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls
Text: 807.456.9114
Email: dlysak@snnf.ca

CONTACT INFORMATION

APPLICANT

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Professional Name (if different from above)

SIN#

PRACTICING DISCIPLINE(S)

(If multidisciplinary: check all applicable boxes)

- Literary Arts
- Photography, Film & Multi-Media
- Visual Arts
- Community Arts
- Journalism & Photojournalism
- Performing Arts
- Art & Architecture
- Aboriginal Arts

CONTACT DETAILS

Primary Email (address for correspondence)

Email 2

Email 3

Website

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Fax

Address

City

Province

Postal Code

Country

We would like to add you to our Communications database. If you agree to this, you will receive email notices containing information about programming and activities in the Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls Arts Community.

YES I would like to receive email notices **NO** I do not wish to receive email notices

ARTISTIC STATEMENT

Name of Applicant

Artist Statement (one page maximum)

BUDGET

APPLICANT

Total Expenses and Total Revenues must balance. List all sources of revenue and indicate whether confirmed (c) or pending (p).

Name of Applicant

REVENUES	APPLICATION BUDGET	FINAL REPORT ACTUALS
Bridge & Falls Creative Residency (p)		
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Foundations		
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EXPENSES	APPLICATION BUDGET	FINAL REPORT ACTUALS
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SUPPORT MATERIAL

APPLICANT

List your support material in the order that you wish the panel/jury to read, listen to, or view the work. Refer also to the General Guidelines.

Name of Applicant

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Name of artist involved in the creation of the material

Brief description of how the support material relates to the application

A clear designation of the portion to be listened to, viewed or read if it is part of a larger work

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ITEM #2

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Date

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SUPPORT MATERIAL

ITEM #3

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Title Date

Name of artist involved in the creation of the material

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SUPPORT MATERIAL

Refer also to the General Guidelines.

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