

FULL-WEEK Art Retreat

with Shane McDonald Studios
at Wildacres Retreat Center

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Wildacres

Wildacres Conference Center in Little Switzerland, North Carolina is funded by an endowment that helps reduce costs and supports the humanities by providing a beautiful scenic space for creativity amongst nature. Wildacres.org

Wildacres Session: September 14-20, 2026

Join Shane McDonald & Guest Artists for a week-long immersion in creativity, self-exploration, and relaxation situated just 45 minutes from Asheville and nestled outside of Marion, NC. This week-long itinerary incorporates loosely-guided mini-workshops in plein air painting, portrait/figure drawing or painting, and printmaking. All meals and lodging are included in the retreat fee. Rooms are double rooms with hotel-style amenities. The kitchen staff is accommodating to dietary restrictions. Mindful movement and low-impact yoga classes are also optional activities included in the retreat.

There are many hiking trails nearby. Listen to live music at the end of the week when Don Pedi's Dulcimer Group performs at Wildacres.

The retreat includes all costs of instruction, lodging, daily meals in the dining hall, and yoga classes. Some supplies will be included for printmaking, and enrollees will be provided a supply list for options in printmaking supplies and papers they'll need to bring. Painting and drawing supplies are not included, and recommendations will be available at ShaneMcDonaldStudios.com

Retreat Schedule

Monday, Sept. 14:

4 p.m. Check in
6:30 p.m. Dinner at dining hall
Welcome presentation after dinner

Tuesday, Sept. 15:

7 a.m. Yoga (about an hour)
8 a.m. Breakfast in dining hall
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. **CLASS**
Plein air painting along roads in lower valley
12:30 p.m. Lunch in dining hall
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **CLASS**
Printmaking workshop
6 p.m. Dinner in dining hall
Presentation, "What is Possible," after dinner (optional)

Wednesday, Sept. 16:

7 a.m. Yoga (about an hour)
8 a.m. Breakfast in dining hall
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. **CLASS**
Plein air painting along roads in lower valley
12:30 p.m. Lunch in dining hall
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **CLASS**
Printmaking workshop
6 p.m. Dinner in dining hall
7 p.m. Free time during golden hour (sunset at 7:45 p.m.)

Thursday, Sept. 17:

7 a.m. Yoga (about an hour)
8 a.m. Breakfast in dining hall
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. **CLASS**
Portrait painting
12:30 p.m. Lunch in dining hall
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **CLASS**
Printmaking workshop
6 p.m. Dinner in dining hall
7 p.m. Free time during golden hour (sunset at 7:45 p.m.)



Friday, Sept. 18:

7 a.m. Yoga (about an hour)
8 a.m. Breakfast in dining hall
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. **CLASS**
Portrait painting
12:30 p.m. Lunch in dining hall
1:30 p.m. Tentative Trip to Penland School of Crafts
6 p.m. Dinner in dining hall
Game night

Saturday, Sept. 19:

7 a.m. Yoga (about an hour)
8 a.m. Breakfast in dining hall
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. **CLASS**
Figure Drawing
12:30 p.m. Lunch in dining hall
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. **OPEN STUDIOS**
Guided finishing of projects
6 p.m. Dinner in dining hall
7 p.m. Fellowship with live music
Closing Discussions / Show-and-tell / Friendly Critiques

Sunday, Sept. 20:

8 a.m. Breakfast in dining hall and goodbyes



SPECIAL WORKSHOP (SEE REVERSE FOR MORE)

Friday, Aug. 21:

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Designing for Stencil and Relief Printmaking \$40

Registration

August 4 - 30, 2026

\$825 (\$400 registration deposit, balance of \$425 due August 30)

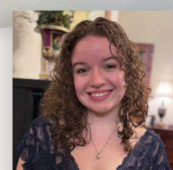
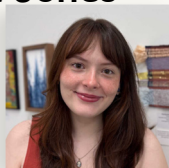
Fees can be paid online or in-person via Venmo, Zelle, cash or check.

Learn more by visiting



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Sara Jones



Olive Roberts

Designing for Stencil and Relief Printmaking

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Friday, August 21, 2026 - \$40 (3-hour workshop payable by cash, check, Zelle or online through sign-up)

Join printmakers Sara Jones and Olive Roberts for this 3 hour workshop where students will explore how to design for stencil and relief printmaking processes!

Learn how to design and hand-cut stencils for pochoir and screen printing. Carve a stamp for

a simple relief print using a soft rubber material and traditional linocut carving tools.

Students will leave with a completed relief print, stamp, and knowledge of how to further explore these processes in their own practice and at home.

Students should bring:

- 1 Sketchbook (any size - doesn't need to be new) for designing images to carve or cut into stencils
- #2 pencil
- 1-2 Sharpies or black markers of fine and wide points
- 3-5 sheets of index card paper or any thick paper that one could use for making cards

Optional designing tool:

- iPad with Procreate installed

Workshop location:



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Sign-up
pay online

This workshop was scheduled as a an opportunity to learn how to design for the printmaking opportunities at Wildacres Fine Art Retreat, September 14-20, 2026, *but is open to all interested.* More about the Retreat is also available at the QR code above.