

MARY KIESAU COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP FUND: APPLICATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Natural history education, especially place-based education that gives people a direct connection with and knowledge of the places in which they live, is more important now than ever before. – Mary Kiesau

We are pleased to announce the Mary Kiesau Community Fellowship Fund. This fund supports the independent projects of artists, photographers, naturalists, and naturalist educators working to further their own creativity, professional development, and the community's connection to the land, art, and each other. The application period is open from January 31 to March 31, 2021.

Through generous donations to the fund from Mary's community of friends, family, and loved ones, we will offer 2 awards in the amount of \$1,000 each in 2021.

Artists, photographers, naturalists, and naturalist educators are invited to apply for the Fellowship. These funds are designed to support your "field" work and ultimately the creation of artistic works and knowledge that can be shared with your community.

Mary Kiesau was a woman of extraordinary energy and drive. This fellowship will fund projects that honor Mary's legacy and align with her values and artistic passions:

- Living in harmony and balance with the earth and its finite resources.
- Being observant, interested in, and connected with the natural world in order to gain a deep appreciation for the place one calls home.
- Helping to create a strong, resilient, and enlightened community that is composed of the Methow flora, fauna, and people.

Before applying, we recommend spending time reviewing Mary's work and values at her website mountainkindnaturalist.com.

There will be two stages of applicant review:

- 1) Application, Portfolio, Artist & Impact Statements review
- 2) Finalist in-person or virtual interview

Application Deadline: Midnight, March 31, 2021

Panel Review and Finalist Interviews: April 2021

Award Announcement: May 1, 2021 50% of award paid at this time.

Funding Period: May 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Final Report Due: February 1, 2022. Upon receipt of the final report, final 50% payment will be issued.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be 18 years or older, and not a student for the duration of the application period and project.
- Applicants should demonstrate a connection to the Methow Valley as a resident (full-time or part-time), visiting artist, or researcher doing field work in the Methow Valley or vicinity.
- Applicants must be generative, individual artists, photographers, and/or naturalists (Curators, organizers, producers, research groups, and artist teams are not eligible).
- Applicants must be a US resident.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

In 250 words or less, tell us about yourself as a person:

In 250 words or less, tell us about who you are as an artist, photographer, and/or naturalist:

In 500 words or less, describe what you plan to do for your fellowship project, how the outcomes will be achieved, and how this project will further your goals as an artist, photographer and/or naturalist:

How will support from the Mary Kiesau Community Fellowship Fund be applied to your project? (100 words or less):

WORK SAMPLE DESCRIPTION

Visual Artists/Photographers:

Upload ten (10) examples of artwork into your online application submitted as a single .PDF.

If you are submitting still images, a maximum of 10 individual pieces is allowed.

If you are submitting video, include the URL for Vimeo, YouTube, website, or other online platform. A maximum of 10 minutes will be reviewed. Indicate the time stamp where you would like the panel to start and stop viewing. (EX: Start 1:35, Stop 3:40)

If you are combining digital images and video, one image equals one minute of video and vice versa. For example: You have a 3-minute video you want to submit along with some still images – you would submit your video URL and 7 still images to meet the 10 piece submission maximum.

Naturalists:

In a single .PDF, include a work sample of up to ten pages. This may include writing projects, journal entries, drawings, photographs, maps, data, and any

other details that illustrate the way that you work. If you are submitting video, follow the guidelines for visual artists above. 1 min. of video = 1 page of the .PDF. If you are combining pages and video, the same rules apply as described above for visual artists. The .PDF should be formatted for viewing/printing 8.5" x 11".

If you are an artist/photographer AND a naturalist, follow the guidelines for the Naturalist work sample submittal.

Submit your final application documents in PDF form to MaryKiesauFellowship@gmail.com
Award announcements will be made May 1, 2021

Please review the submission requirements carefully and be sure to submit correctly.
Questions? Email us, MaryKiesauFellowship@gmail.com, we're here to help!