

# Artfiberfest 2009 Details

## WELCOME

This will be our 5th anniversary of doing Artfiberfest but our first year of holding it at the fabulous Reed College in Portland, OR! The date is set for June 24-28, 2009 and we are super excited to offer fresh, new and unique workshops along with exciting after hours activities. The retreats we hold (Artfiberfest, Artfest and Journalfest) are the perfect place to recharge your batteries, form long lasting friendships with like-minded artists and leave bursting with creative energy.

Artfiberfest is a unique experience where artists come together to create, share, learn from each other and be nourished. We attract the best art teachers to come teach the latest crazes in the fiber arts along with fresh and original ideas and techniques. New friendships are formed and ideas are revealed, renewing your sense of self, your talents, your own creative vision, and a deeper understanding of yourself as an artist.

The workshops are full day, 6 hour sessions designed to provide not only several techniques learned throughout the day but time enough to actually work on what has been learned so that it can sink in. The teachers come from all over the United States and represent some of the best in their fields.

One of the highlights this year will be the fabulous dorms that were just finished building in the fall of 2008. They were designed with sustainability in mind and are LEED (Leadership in energy and environmental design) certified. The Dorms are each 3 stories with an elevator. The bottom floor has a study room, a living room, a dining room, a kitchen and has the look and feel of an ultra hip condo, not a college dorm.

The evening activities this year will include the popular Artists' Marketplace on Friday night, providing a rare opportunity to buy original artwork from many of the best fiber artists around the country. On Saturday night, we hold a Show-n-Tell where we invite all attendees to bring what they have made during the event to a large room where we can all see who made what and in which class. Many have said this was among their favorite evening events at Artfiberfest. Something new for 2009 will be a fun evening of 3 extra workshops where Pam Garrison, Charlotte Lyons and Reenie Hanlon will demo 3 fabulous projects that will inspire you. Wednesday evening kicks everything off with a meeting to explain all the happenings and introduces you to the teachers.

In addition, we offer a gallery so that the attendees can create works of art that can be for sale....or not for sale. We do this to allow the attendees an opportunity to make a few bucks to supplement their expenses. This is always an inspiring show that everyone loves. You can submit up to 3 pieces. No jury. More details will come in your confirmation packet.

## LOCATION

Reed College is in Portland, OR. just about 10 minutes from downtown. The campus is absolutely gorgeous and some of the trees they have, have been talked about in books and documentaries. There is a mix of old and new buildings and everything is within walking distance. They supply ample free parking. Portland is a quirky & eclectic city with funky shops and loads of independent spirit.

## REGISTRATION

Registration begins on Feb. 25, 2009. We do not accept any forms before that date. Email us ahead of time if you have a group that would like to be together on the same floor in the same dorm. All rooms are designated as private, however there are 2 single beds in some of the rooms. You may request to share a room but the pricing remains the same. The off campus option is for those folks living in the area or those who wish to find their own lodging.

## PRICING

Price includes everything (including meals in 2009):  
3 days of workshops  
4 nights of a private room in dorm  
3 extra mini workshops  
All meals from Wednesday dinner to Sunday breakfast  
Goody Bag  
\$730

Off campus - (with lunches only) - \$500

## MEALS

The Cafeteria is chic with lots of organic and natural options. They use local farmed goods and all their sauces and dressings are made from scratch. They always provide a great selection of entrees & sides, a fantastic salad bar and a selection of desserts along with a soda fountain, coffee, tea, etc.

## ARTISTS' MARKETPLACE

is only available to registered attendees. You will be given information on applying for a juried table with your confirmation packet you will receive after you have registered. The event, however, is open to the public. It will be held on Friday, June 26 at 7pm-8:30pm

## ARTFIBERFEST CHAT

There is a Yahoo group that you can join if you'd like to chat with others about the event and all things art related. This is a group that was independently set up and is not a part of Alternative Arts Productions activities. You can find travel-mates to share a shuttle or a rental car, hear about useful techniques that the teachers sometimes throw out, find out more what to expect, etc. Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com> and type in Artfiberfest to find the group & register.

## YOUR HOSTS FOR ARTFIBERFEST are Teesha & Tracy Moore

Artfest was a concept that consumed my every thought roughly 10 years ago. It was right after I went through a period of asking the universe "What am I here to do". When the visions started unfolding, I was excited and scared a little. But I knew that until I set the wheels in motion, my thoughts would not leave me alone. So I stepped through the first door and 10 years later, all the rest of the doors have been flung wide open for me. It is one way of knowing I am on the right path. The other way of knowing is the warmth and love that emanate from so many of the attendees year after year. I am realizing in this day and age, this is needed for so many reasons. Artfiberfest came along 5 years later and now Journalfest is the newest. I feel truly blessed to get to be at the helm of such an exciting adventure that has made a difference in people's lives. I was an artist with no training but a deep desire to help others be artists too. Thankfully I had a troupe of really great teachers and friends and family who were willing to stand behind me and all pulled together to make the retreats what they are today. We work hard to create a nurturing event where everyone feels accepted re-gardless of where they are in their creative journey and also to show each person just how much capacity they have for creat-ing.

Taking time out for yourself is one of the best things you can do in this busy, crazy world. Everyone needs time to just be in nature, play, be silent, gather ideas, commune with other artists, and get away from your everyday lives for a few days. It allows you to refresh and pinpoint directions you want to go in your life. The whole experience of Artfest from the drive up, the beautiful fort on the beach, the inspiring workshops, the caring teachers, the forts that form, and your fellow attendees makes it the perfect place for this to happen. Feel free to email us with any questions at [artgirl777@aol.com](mailto:artgirl777@aol.com)