



## Terradise Nature Center

### TERRADISE ENVIRONMENTAL ARTS RESIDENCY 2023

#### ONLINE APPLICATION – QUESTIONS PDF

DUE **FEBRUARY 1st, 2023 11:59PM** // POSTMARK DEADLINE

#### ACCESSIBILITY & ACCESS STATEMENT:

*This application is meant to be as **easy & accessible** as possible. We want to know about your work, your interest in our residency, & what you hope to accomplish. If something on this form is not accessible to you, is confusing, is technically difficult due to your level of technological access, or you need information provided in another language, please contact TEAR Coordinator Jess Lamar Reece Holler at [terradisenaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:terradisenaturecenter@gmail.com) with the subject line TEAR: Technical Assistance, or via text at **614.273.5907**, so we can help assist you further!*

**NEW THIS YEAR:** There are two ways to apply to the Terradise Environmental Arts Residency. For individuals with access to computers & the internet, you can apply conveniently via our fully online TEAR 2023 Application – our recommended option – at: **[terradise.org/arts-residency](https://terradise.org/arts-residency)**

For individuals without access to computers, internet, or who are not comfortable with digital submissions, we are making a paper copy application available, which can be mailed in. We are able to print limited numbers of these paper application packets. **Please reserve these paper copies for individuals who only have the choice to apply on paper: i.e., for individuals without reliable computer or internet access for whom the digital application would present a barrier to access.**

Because our online application offers a few more options for applicants – such as easy ways to record audio or video responses instead of written responses, & ease of uploading/linking required work samples: & the option of language translation into the language of your preference – & is more convenient for our selection committee, we do **strongly recommend** that applicants apply online whenever feasible.

**ONLINE APPLICATION: [terradise.org/arts-residency](https://terradise.org/arts-residency)**

## **ABOUT THE TEAR RESIDENCY**

The **Terradise Environmental Arts Residency (TEAR)** is a unique, one-of-a-kind environmental arts residency, available to artists in any genre, living, working in, or from Marion & Morrow County. (You have the opportunity to self-define your relationship to either of these counties in the application). TEAR is a non-residential residency: we do not provide facilities for you to live on-site at Terradise, allowing you to incorporate dedicated time for your residency into your regular work, life, & caregiving requirements, to help our residency experience be more accessible to all. The residency comes with a stipend of **\$1,000**, plus a **\$100 reimbursable materials fund** for art supplies broadly defined. We ask, in return, that you:

- **visit Terradise Nature Center** (grounds open to the public year-round, dawn to dusk) **at least three times** over the course of your residency month, unless a disability accommodation requires another arrangement (just let us know!)
- create **new artistic work** inspired by our incorporating Terradise Nature Center's property along the Whetstone (Olentangy) River, our history (including the substantial digitized archives of our founders, naturalists & artists Trella & Ray Romine), our mission – amplifying the shared natural and cultural histories of Marion & Morrow County, or our legacy
- co-host a **two-hour community arts event** at the end of your residency month with your fellow monthly artist, which could take the form of an open gallery event, a walk, a performance, a demonstration, a hands-on activity, or another format you will determine collaboratively with Terradise Nature Center & the other artist in your given month

TEAR is open to artists in any genre: & we especially encourage artists who have not had substantial paid professional arts opportunities, or who are marginalized in the larger arts field, to apply: including artists of color, disabled artists, queer & trans\* artists, youth, & elders. Likewise, we encourage applicants to think broadly in their definition of "artist." Our residencies are open to folk & cultural artists, craftspeople, traditional practitioners, & tradespeople, alongside more conventional "fine artists." We invite applications from foodways artists, dancers, theatre artists, poets, hip-hop producers, singer-songwriters, blacksmiths, woodworkers, memoirists, graphic designers, community organizers, oral historians, fly-fish tiers, herbalists, quilters, fashion designers, & chefs, alongside painters, drawing artists, collagists, & classical musicians. **All creative practitioners & endeavors are welcome.**

Applications can be submitted in the language of your choice, & we will make every effort to translate them. Our online application offers convenient instant translation via GoogleTranslate.

## **ABOUT THE TEAR RESIDENCY: ROOTS**

*As a part of our strategic plan, Terradise Nature Center is excited to expand our arts programming in the next five years by mobilizing our beautiful six-acre nature preserve outside of Caledonia as location and muse for local art-making.*

*In 2021, Terradise Nature Center began to build on our annual photography contest to honor the life-long arts & culture commitments of Trella & Ray Romine thru expanded on-site arts programming: including Terradise's efforts to preserve and present the photography, filmmaking, and poetry of Terradise founders Trella & Ray Romine, & the Ohio Arts Council & United Way of North-Central Ohio-funded Terradise Ambient: Environmental Soundscapes Along the Olentangy soundscape project.*

*In 2022, we launched the pilot season of the **Terradise Environmental Arts Residency** through the once-in-a-lifetime support of a **Community Projects Grant** from the **Ohio Arts Council's Arts Resiliency Initiative**: designed to kickstart COVID-19 recovery in Ohio communities through direct funds to artists.*

*Thanks to OAC's support, TEAR was able to provide **month-long grants** to **twelve community artists** from Marion & Morrow County between February & June 2022. The TEAR residency led to six dynamic artist-produced public arts events. Learn more about our 2022 TEAR program, resident artists, & event at [this link](#).*

*TEAR is currently (to our knowledge) the **only artist's residency in Marion or Morrow County**; & is the only paid artist's residency in the wider North-Central Ohio region explicitly designed to support North-Central Ohio artists & community members.*

*Moreover, our residency explicitly seeks to honor, support, & amplify the work of non-professional, working-class, of-color, immigrant, youth, elder, disabled, queer, & other historically-marginalized artists: including folk & traditional cultural artists working in genres that may not always or historically have been considered "fine" art. This spirit of inclusivity, alongside our commitment to mobilizing our breathtaking property & legacy to help local artists grow their work & expand their arts livelihoods, sets TEAR apart.*

*We are so excited to continue TEAR for a second season in 2023; & to connect a new cohort of North-Central Ohio artists to the magic, majesty, legacy, & powerful vision of our stretch of the Whetstone.*

*Come join us!*

*– the **Terradise Nature Center Board of Directors***

## ABOUT TERRADISE NATURE CENTER



**Visit Us Dawn to Dusk, 365 days/year::**

1536 Whetstone River Road North

Caledonia, Ohio 43314

[terradise.org](http://terradise.org)

**Terradise Nature Center** – located on the historic homestead of pioneering Marion County 20th-century naturalists, poets, & local historians Trella & Ray Romine along the Whetstone (Olentangy) River just outside of Caledonia, Ohio -- is one of Marion County's fastest-growing cultural heritage tourism & outdoor destinations. Envisioned as a way to open Trella & Ray's enchanting home "on a hill, in a woods, by a river" to all of Marion & Morrow County, & to share the Romines' tireless conservation, arts, & local history/heritage preservation work with the community, Terradise operates as a 501(c)(3) organization, & features rentals of the historic Romine Homestead (featuring the Romines' photography collection & naturalist library), open hikes & visits along Terradise's beautiful five acres directly along a historic fishing bend in the Olentangy River (locally known as the "Whetstone,"), & a suite of award-winning environmental education, community conservation, & outdoor environmental experiences. We serve the bi-county area of North-Central Ohio: Marion & Morrow Counties, along the Whetstone's flow.

Terradise Nature Center's mission is "to inform and engage our communities in their history, heritage and resources." We operate exclusively for educational & recreational purposes: to educate Marion & Morrow Counties (& surrounding communities) about both natural & cultural heritage and resources -- including the primary resource of our five beautiful acres of nature preserve -- and, in service to that purpose, to study, conserve (including through native plant propagation), & build programming to activate the natural surroundings of the Terradise Nature Preserve, the Olentangy River, and associated wetlands and forest, for the bi-county community.

Although Terradise Nature Center is a nature center, our mission mandates us to work towards the preservation of Marion County's natural and cultural heritage. This vision grows out of the work of Terradise's founders -- Marion County poet and conservationist Ray Romine, and Marion County photographer, filmmaker, local historian, conservationist, and florist Trella Romine, who together built what became the Romine Residence on our bend in the Whetstone (Olentangy) River in 1953. They named this piece of ground "Terradise": meaning "heaven on earth." From the 1950s through the early 2010's, Terradise became an important site for the rise of both the local history movement in Marion County, and the nascent prairie conservation and native plant restoration movement in North-Central Ohio. Despite these busy organizing lives, the Romines were also artists; and their commitment to the importance of the arts and environments is reflected in Terradise's dual mission.

**FOR MORE: [TERRADISE.ORG](http://TERRADISE.ORG)**

**... OR COME VISIT US ALONG THE WHETSTONE RIVER! DAWN TO DUSK, 365 DAYS A YEAR!**

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## **TEAR 2023 INFORMATION SESSIONS**

*This year, we will be offering **two online information sessions** to learn more about the TEAR Residency & to get tips on how to craft a strong application. Join us for either session via Zoom on:*

- **Tuesday, Dec. 13th – 7 to 8:30PM**
- **Sunday, Dec. 18th – Noon to 1:30PM**

*At this link:*

**MEETING ID: 398 406 1515**

**PASSWORD: TERRADISE!**

*Sessions will be recorded for applicants who cannot attend. If you do not have computer access & wish to join by phone, contact us at **tel. 614.273.5907** (text please) to request a dial-in #.*

## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & APPLICATION HELP**

*Additionally, TEAR Coordinator Jess Lamar Reece Holler is available for 1:1 help, guidance, & consultation with prospective artist applicants. We are happy, in 2023, to offer **technical assistance** to help make the TEAR application more accessible to Marion & Morrow County artists, including: application draft review, professional photography of artworks (by request), resumé review, application narrative workshop, or language translation services. Scheduled office hours will be held via Zoom on:*

- **Sunday, January 8th – 12-4PM (Zoom)**
- **Tuesday, January 17th – 5-8PM (Zoom)**

*At this link:*

**MEETING ID: 398 406 1515**

**PASSWORD: TERRADISE!**

*Please note that technical assistance is also available on a first-come, first-served basis to any applicant. Contact Jess at [terradisenaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:terradisenaturecenter@gmail.com), subject like TEAR: Technical Assistance to schedule your request!*

*– The Terradise Nature Center Board*

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)**

*Here is a running list of questions we've received about our Terradise Environmental Arts Residency program! We'll update the list on our website as questions come in! Keep the excellent questions coming, & thank you for your interest in our residency!*

**FOR PAPER APPLICANTS WITHOUT COMPUTER ACCESS WITH FURTHER QUESTIONS:** *you are encouraged to contact the TEAR program directly with questions, or for application help. We are happy to be able to offer extended technical assistance, draft application reviews, & support to make the application process more accessible to Marion & Morrow County artists for 2023. We will be offering two live Zoom information sessions about the TEAR 2023 residency & application in December 2022, & will be offering Zoom or phone office hours in January, or by request.*

### **QUESTION: “I don’t currently live in Marion or Morrow Counties; but I am from there or work there — can I still apply!”**

*If you are an Ohio artist ... the short answer is: YES! Our application intentionally defines relationship to county broadly; & gives you space to lay out your connection. While we expect all of our artists — to honor the spirit of the grant — to either be from (personally or ancestrally), live in, or work in Marion County, we are curious to hear you define your own relationship to either or both of the two counties we serve.*

**Update for TEAR 2023:** *For 2023, we have a bit more flexibility to potentially open our applications to artists residing in states other than Ohio with historic or ancestral ties to Marion or Morrow County. We are especially interested in seeing applicants from indigenous artists with historic ties to North-Central Ohio -- such as members of the Wyandotte tribes of Oklahoma & Kansas -- who hold deep & ongoing relationships with settler-stolen land along the Whetstone River. However, in most situations, we are not set up to provide housing for artists; as such, our priority will still be supporting Ohio artists local to the region who can travel to Terradise; but we encourage all interested artists who are from, living, or working in Marion County to apply. Make a case for yourself, & we'll be happy to hear it!*

*Our application question on "County" reads:*

*Note: You must be a resident of, work in, or be “from” Marion or Morrow Counties to qualify for this residency. We are purposely leaving “from” undefined, given the complex relations many Americans have to place, given realities of settler-colonialism & dispossession. If you feel ancestrally from or connected to Marion or Morrow Counties, even if you grew up elsewhere, we will encourage you to apply. You’ll have a chance to share more about your connection, below!*

**QUESTION: Is there an age limit for the residency? Can young people or artists under 18 apply?**

*The short answer — here at Terradise, we take inclusivity seriously: & that means inclusivity to the incredible artists across different age groups that make up our county! We really want to encourage both elders & young people to apply.*

**Any artist of any age is encouraged to apply**, as long as they can commit to the month-long residency, conceive of a mission & purpose for their residency, manage to get themselves to Terradise 3x during the residency, & develop & execute a one-hour public program or event.

*We have done outreach for this residency to art, music, & English teachers at Morrow & Marion County high schools, & want to especially encourage high-schoolers to apply; but we would also happily consider applications from middle-school & even possibly elementary-school applicants if they can commit to the terms of the residency & propose a feasible project. We honor the work & vision of young artists, & recognize the dearth of meaningful paid opportunities for young people to be held in practicing & developing their craft. We're proud to be not only the only artist residency in the region, but a deliberately inclusive residency seeking to provide structured support for new work creation for all people.*

*We are excited that young people in our Marion & Morrow County communities are already working as & thinking of themselves as artists! That said: for artists under 18, legal guardians will have to consent to the residency & allowing us to provide newsletter & social media coverage of your young person's residency. If this is an issue or concern for an artist who is not living with their family of origin, please reach out so we can learn more.*

*We're happy to talk by email to discuss specific cases! **You can contact us at [terradisenaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:terradisenaturecenter@gmail.com)***

**QUESTION: I have a disability & Terradise Nature Center grounds are not fully accessible to me, and/or I am dealing with COVID-19 or other long-term chronic illnesses & don't know exactly when or if I will be up for the site visits. Can I still apply?**

All Terradise Nature Center programs are committed to being accessible to all people. We realize that, by dint of being a nature center, our landscape features may not be fully accessible to all people. Currently, our main trail is not paved; & may present challenges for some wheelchair users & others with assistive mobility devices.

Please contact us with specific accommodation needs & requests, or use your application form to indicate any needs. We would be happy to work with you. While we would like as many artists as possible to visit our property as inspiration and/or material for their residency, we understand that for some artists, a site visit may not be accessible or possible. We would be happy to work with you to envision a more accessible remote residency on a case-by-case basis. We are also open to virtual or digital final program contributions if this makes the residency more accessible to you.

**Contact us at [terradisenaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:terradisenaturecenter@gmail.com) to discuss accessibility & so we can make an access plan!**

**QUESTION: We are an artist collective, band, or duo. Are multiple people able to apply as a single entity for one of the two slots available each month?**

Absolutely! We had several bands, groups, & duos successfully apply to the TEAR Residency in 2022, & we were delighted to host a singer-songwriter/musician duo, as well as another solo musician who brought in additional performers for the final public event. Collectives, bands, & duos are encouraged to apply. Please contact us if there is more we can do to help the application fields better accommodate your collective's situation.

**QUESTION: I'm not great at or comfortable with writing; or I'm most comfortable in another medium -- like audio, or video. Are there alternatives to the "essay" questions?**

We got you! New this year, applicants can choose to submit written responses **or** upload video or audio responses to our "core" application questions -- your artist's statement, residency vision, & residency purpose. We've programmed these fields to accept submissions of common audio & video files. We've also allowed JPG, GIF, & PNG submissions if you'd like to draw or design your response; but we do recommend you include some sort of narrative content (whether written, drawn, or spoken), just because these are the core questions we use to determine our TEAR resident artists!



And remember: these questions are not meant to be your work samples. You'll get the chance to upload (or link) & describe five curated work samples at the end of your application.

**QUESTION: I do not speak English, or English is not my first language. How can I learn more about the residency or access the application?**

We understand that Marion & Morrow Counties are made up of many different linguistic communities ... & that is a part of the beauty of our region! We highly encourage those who speak language besides English as a first or primary language to apply. Although our staff is not fluent in languages other than English, we will employ translation tool to try to communicate with you in your preferred language.

Our application is available, via a GoogleTranslate widget located on the page (location depends on your browser), in most major world languages. If you click to translate the application into another language, all the text will switch to that language.

We also have promotional flyers for the residency with core information available in Spanish, which will be made available at locations around Marion County, & can be delivered digitally by request! **Email us at [terradsenaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:terradsenaturecenter@gmail.com) with any language justice/access needs.**

**PREGUNTA: No hablo inglés o el inglés no es mi primer idioma. ¿Cómo puedo obtener más información sobre la residencia o acceder a la solicitud?**

Entendemos que los condados de Marion y Morrow están formados por muchas comunidades lingüísticas diferentes... ¡y eso es parte de la belleza de nuestra región! Recomendamos encarecidamente a aquellos que hablan un idioma además del inglés como idioma principal o principal que presenten su solicitud. Aunque nuestro personal no domina otros idiomas además del inglés, emplearemos una herramienta de traducción para tratar de comunicarnos con usted en su idioma preferido.

Nuestra aplicación está disponible, a través de un widget de GoogleTranslate ubicado en la página (la ubicación depende de su navegador), en la mayoría de los principales idiomas del mundo. Si hace clic para traducir la aplicación a otro idioma, todo el texto cambiará a ese idioma.

¡También tenemos folletos promocionales para la residencia con información básica disponible en español, que estarán disponibles en ubicaciones alrededor del condado de Marion y se pueden entregar digitalmente a pedido! Envíenos un correo electrónico a [terradsenaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:terradsenaturecenter@gmail.com) con cualquier necesidad de acceso/justicia lingüística.

**QUESTION: There's a lot to process in the application, & I want to take my time & get ready. Is there a way I can preview the questions ahead of time?**

Absolutely. This was our #1 request from the TEAR Residency application process in 2022. While our online application form won't let you skip past required questions to preview the next sections, we're making available a **PDF copy of the application** that includes all application fields & questions; you can use this to preview the application, & to prepare your responses. For paper // mail-in applicants, you can take a break & come back to your work whenever you want!

**QUESTION: Can I save my application & come back?**

(This question really just pertains to digital applicants.) Yup. Our form has been redesigned this year to allow you to save your application & come back. We always recommend that applicants prepare their responses outside of the application form -- in a Word processor or in GoogleDocs, etc. -- & then paste your responses in, to avoid any possibility of losing work.

**QUESTION: I (or someone I know) am not super comfortable with computers, or don't have internet access. Is it possible to apply for the Terradise Environmental Arts Residency via a paper application?**

Absolutely. We understand that online-only applications can present accessibility barriers to some community members. This year, we have an equivalent paper application available; we'll distribute this at post offices across Marion & Morrow County. Additional copies can be mailed to you upon request.

The paper application, likewise, will require work samples. We encourage paper applicants to contact us to discuss options. You could mail us, for example, a CD or a flash drive of materials, if you have computer access, & have an audio or multi-media practice. You can also include printed images of your work on any paper; or, for writers, copies of your work. We may have limited ability to preview and upload material from some physical file types (floppy disk, etc.), so we recommend applicants check with us before mailing in a paper application.

All printed applications must be postmarked by the application deadline of **February 1st, 2023**. Applications can be mailed to:

**Terradise Nature Center**

**Attention: Terradise Environmental Arts Residency (TEAR)**

1536 Whetstone River Road North

Caledonia, Ohio 43314

**QUESTION: What makes a good work sample?**

*There's no one right answer here -- part of what we want to see from applicants is the way that you curate & select samples that show off your unique arts practice!*

*That said, we recognize that different applicants may have had more or less familiarity with preparing work samples, depending on your level of access to arts spaces & training.*

*Generally, work samples should be **high-quality examples** of your best work in a genre or genres related to your proposed residency. The file type & what you submit will depend on your practice. If you're a woodworker, you might upload four videos of finished furniture, as well as a video showing your process; or three photos of work, two designs, & a video of your work foraging for wood in your family's forest. If you're a musician, you might send five links to YouTube videos of your work; or upload five files of your music. If you're a foodways artist, you might include five photos of dishes you commonly make in your family, or a flyer with the menu for your catering practice, or a handwritten recipe. The Terradise Environmental Arts Residency is very deliberately open to a wide range of arts genres & creative practices, so we are prepared to see a wide range of work samples.*

*If you are a multi-disciplinary artist (practicing multiple arts traditions or genres), depending on how you'd like to present your work & the focus of your residency, you might choose different kinds of samples. For example: if you're an outdoorsman who carves knives from native hardwood, but you also play in a bluegrass band, and tan leather & do blacksmithing, you may want to showcase a wide range of work samples showcasing all of those practices, if you are proposing a residency where you develop a range of pieces across your skill set. On the other hand, if you are a ceramicist and a hip-hop dancer, but you're proposing a residency where you choreograph a new dance number to be staged & set at Terradise Nature Center, then you may or may not want to include images of the mugs & bowls you make. It's all up to you!*

*We recognize that curating & selecting work samples -- as well as having access to professional recording or photography of your work -- is a privilege not everyone has. **Because of this, we are excited to be dedicating a portion of our Ohio Arts Council TEAR 2023 support funds this year to providing direct technical assistance to help applicants strengthen their applications.** We will have up to fifteen hours of technical assistance available. We have some scheduled "office hour" Zoom calls set up for January, & we can help you choose work to best represent your practice; & we're even willing to meet with you on-site at Terradise, upon request, to photograph or help you record your work. Because these technical support hours are limited, they will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis!*

*Please contact Terradise Environmental Arts Residency Coordinator Jess Lamar Reece Holler at **terradisenaturecenter@gmail.com** with the subject heading **TEAR 2023: Technical Assistance** to request technical assistance.*

## **APPLICATION DEADLINES & PROCEDURES**

*Applications are due by **11:59PM on February 1st, 2023.***

*Applications can be filled out **ONLINE** at the following link:*

***[terradyse.org/arts-residency](http://terradyse.org/arts-residency)***

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING PAPER APPLICATIONS**

*Paper applications can be mailed (must be postmarked by **02/01** to count) to:*

**TERRADISE NATURE CENTER**  
**Attention: Terradise Environmental Arts Residency**  
**1536 Whetstone River Road North**  
**Caledonia, Ohio 43314**

**FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:**

**JESS LAMAR REECE HOLLER**  
**Terradise Environmental Arts Residency Coordinator**  
**1536 Whetstone River Road North**  
**Caledonia, Ohio 43314**  
**[terradisenaturecenter@gmail.com](mailto:terradisenaturecenter@gmail.com)**  
**tel. 614.273.5907**

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