

# 2018 Winter Plein Air at Menogyn

January 21-26, 2018

## Packing List & Additional Information

- There is no cell phone service or internet at Menogyn. Cellular service disappears about 15 minutes up the Gunflint Trail from Grand Marais.
- We will meet at the Grand Marais Art Colony at 3:00pm on Sunday, January 21 before driving caravan-style up the Gunflint Trail 37 miles to the parking lot at Menogyn.
- Menogyn lodge and cabins are located ½ mile across west Bearskin Lake from the parking lot. A snowmobile will haul our gear upon arrival and we'll walk together across the lake. (Snowmobile ride is available if needed.)
- If you arrive separately, you must haul your own gear in a sled or make arrangements for pick-up by calling the lodge at (218) 388-4497 before leaving Grand Marais.
- We must haul out everything we haul in, including garbage. Don't bring glass bottles or anything carbonated. Menogyn is a YMCA facility with a no-alcohol policy.
- It might be cold outside, but it's warm in the lodge and cabins.
- Vehicles parked in the Menogyn parking lot can get very cold during the week. Don't leave anything in your car that you don't want to freeze.
- Menogyn Lodge has two indoor toilets in bathrooms with plumbing. Cabins have close access to pit toilets. Use of the pit toilets is encouraged.
- Dog-sledding is an optional activity that is usually scheduled for one afternoon or morning. A \$60 fee is charged to help support the dogs.
- Snowshoes and skis are available for use.
- Thursday night is Sauna Night! Don't miss the wonders of a Finnish style dry sauna and frozen lake plunge.
- Friday night from 5:00pm to 8:00pm is our reception and exhibit at Johnson Heritage Post in Grand Marais. Consider booking an overnight at Harbor Inn, Ella's guest house, Art House B&B, or other overnight stay in Grand Marais before driving home Saturday.

### Plein Air Painting

- Plastic sled for daily painting outings (Menogyn has some but nice if you have one)
- Plein air umbrella or other sunlight diffuser
- Paint box/materials
- Paper towels/rags/garbage bags
- Extra screws, nuts, etc. for paint box repairs
- Duct tape

- Frames for Friday night reception & exhibit, if desired

### Sleeping:

- Sleeping bag or twin size bedding
- fitted twin sheet for bunkbeds
- Pillow(s)
- Therma-rest if you like extra padding (the mattresses are thin)
- Earplugs in case of snoring
- Lightweight pajamas

### **Lodge and Sauna:**

- Slippers or house shoes
- Beach towel (for sauna night), hand towel, & washcloth
- Swim suit
- Old pair of wool socks to wear in sauna and lake plunge

### **Outdoor Gear**

- Glove liners and over-mitts
- Wool socks
- Balaclava
- Sunglasses (snow-blindness is an issue on sunny days)
- Warm boots
- Hand- and foot-warmer packets
- Dress in layers: down and wool

### **Just for fun:**

- Musical instruments (guitar, ukulele, mandolin, etc), piano music, songbooks/lyrics

- Ice fishing gear
- Art magazines & art books

### **Key Meeting Times & Places**

- Sunday, Jan. 21 – Meet and Greet**  
3:00pm at Art Colony  
120 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Grand Marais
- Friday, January 26 – Reception**  
5:00pm to 8:00pm at Johnson  
Heritage Post, 115 Wisconsin St.,  
Grand Marais

### **Phone Numbers:**

- Allison Eklund: (651) 592-7858
- Grand Marais Art Colony:  
(218) 387-2737
- YMCA Camp Menogyn:  
(218) 388-4497