

# 2020 Winter Plein Air at Menogyn

January 26-31, 2020

Exhibit at Johnson Heritage Post Art Gallery: January 31–February 23, 2020

## Information & Packing List

- There is no cell phone service or internet at Menogyn. Cellular service disappears about 15 minutes up the Gunflint Trail from Grand Marais. We sleep in bunk rooms with 4-6 people. Pretend you're 12 years old again and going to camp.
- We will meet at **Johnson Heritage Post Art Gallery**, 115 W. Wisconsin St. in Grand Marais, at **3:00pm on Sunday, January 26**, then drive caravan-style up the Gunflint Trail 37 miles to the parking lot at Menogyn.
- YMCA Camp Menogyn's dining hall 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 camp staff at (218) 388-4497 before leaving Grand Marais.
- Menogyn has a **new, group cabin** with several bunk-rooms that will accommodate all or most of us. The camp is not handicap accessible, but reasonable accommodation can probably be made if some people require a bunk room on the same level as indoor toilets in the dining hall. Talk to the organizer about any special needs so we can ask the camp director. (Allison Eklund, 651-592-7858, [allison@outdoorpaintersofminnesota.org](mailto:allison@outdoorpaintersofminnesota.org))
- We must haul out everything we haul in, including garbage. Don't bring glass bottles or anything carbonated.
- It might be cold outside, but it's warm in the dining hall 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, especially if it might explode, like cans of anything carbonated.**
- Menogyn's dining hall has two indoor toilets in bathrooms with plumbing. Cabins have close access to pit toilets. Use of the pit toilets is encouraged.
- Three meals a day are scheduled family-style in the Dining Hall. Otherwise, our time is generally unstructured. We paint outside in the morning and afternoon, and sometimes at night. We paint or nap in the dining hall too. We've traditionally had one all-day painting expedition, sometimes with snowmobile support by staff to haul our art supplies and sack lunches.
- Dog-sledding is an optional activity that is usually scheduled for one afternoon or morning. A \$60 fee is charged to help feed the dogs and support the program.
- Snowshoes and skis are available for use.
- Thursday night is Sauna Night! Don't miss the Finnish style dry sauna and frozen lake plunge.
- We leave camp Friday after breakfast and drive back to Grand Marais. Friday night from 5:00pm to 8:00pm is our reception and exhibit at Johnson Heritage Post in

Grand Marais. **Consider booking an overnight Friday in Grand Marais before driving home Saturday.**

### Packing List

#### **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 and fitted twin sheet for bunkbeds
- Pillow(s)
- Earplugs
- Lightweight pajamas

#### **Lodge and Sauna:**

- Slippers or house shoes
- Bath 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
- Art magazines & art books

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

- Sunday, Jan. 26 – Meet at Johnson Heritage Post (JHP)**  
3:00pm 115 Wisconsin St., Grand Marais
- Friday, January 31 – Opening Exhibit Reception**  
5:00pm to 8:00pm at JHP, 115 Wisconsin St., Grand Marais

#### **Phone Numbers:**

- Allison Eklund: (651) 592-7858
- Johnson Heritage Post:  
(218) 387-2314
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