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WSW's 2019 Mother's Day Campaign: Support a Parent Residency

Rosendale, NY - Women's Studio Workshop (WSW) is excited to announce its 2019 Mother's Day Campaign. In lieu of a material Mother's Day gift, we are encouraging our audience to gift a charitable donation in honor of the inspiring women in their lives--their mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters, teachers, artists, or friends. All who donate receive a digital certificate of appreciation to share with the person they have chosen to honor. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 by Sunday May 12th to fund an additional Parent Residency Grant, an opportunity specifically for those who balance their work as artists and as caregivers.

Executive Director Lauren Walling says, "As a mother and an artist, I deeply understand the complexities of balancing art-making and family. I am more proud to offer this opportunity to other artists than any other, as I know the value this can provide."

WSW's Parent Grant is a four-week residency for artists with at least one dependent child. It includes a stipend for childcare and travel costs, 24-hour studio access, and free on-site housing for the artist, a co-parent or caregiver, and the dependent. This grant is one of our most sought-after, and our most competitive; in 2018 less than two percent of applicants were granted a residency. This overwhelming response signals the necessity of opportunities for parent artists.

"I have been disinvited to a couple of residencies because I have a child," says recent grant recipient Laura Nova, "Parent residencies acknowledge artists who are leading professional lives while raising a family. I have participated in two family residencies, and it allows for both my son and I to grow and experience a creative life. I am able to focus on projects that would never get done with my everyday juggle of art, mom, and work life."

Development and Marketing Associate Natalie Renganeschi and the entire WSW staff are thrilled to begin this campaign as an annual move towards supporting parent artists by providing the time, space, and resources at WSW to create their work. Those who wish to contribute or learn more can visit <https://wsworkshop.org/mothers-day-campaign-2019/>

Women's Studio Workshop (WSW) is a visual arts organization in Rosendale, New York. Since 1974, WSW has brought over 5,000 artists from across the globe to work in their printmaking, hand papermaking, letterpress printing, photography, book arts and ceramics studios. Over 6,000 Ulster County youth have participated in WSW's art-in-education program. WSW's artists' book grant program has published more than 200 artists' books, collected by special collections of major libraries and museums including The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Tate Modern, and The Library of Congress, among others.

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