

# Makerspace Membership Update | Tuesday, March 24

Good Morning MACshop members, Studio Artists and Office Tenants,

Thank you for your patience whilst we respond to the latest announcements from Governor Polis which affect MAC operations. As long as the MAC remains closed to the public, MAC staff will not be working out of the Art Center. We will not be available to support the day-to-day workings of the Manitou Art Center. We are taking recommendations to stay-home seriously and hope that you do the same.

As such, The Manitou Art Center will not be accepting payment for **Membership Fees**, **Studio Artists** and **Office Rents** beginning on Tuesday, March 24:

- Please ensure you have paid your outstanding March invoice, if applicable.
- Email Maria if you would like your March invoice resent.
- If you subscribe to **Recurring Payments**, we will unlink credit cards that are saved in the WildApricot system today unless;
  - you notify us that you would like future membership payments to be applied as a donation to the MAC - we will provide you with a tax-deductible receipt and thank you letter.

**Obviously, the MAC continues to be responsible for operating expenses during this time, therefore, your donation will go some way to sustain the art center until we reopen.**

If you would like to bring home anything from your studios or workspaces so that you can work from home, we suggest that you do it in the next few days.

**Children are considered "super-spreaders" and should not be active in our community spaces until further notice.**

Here is the link to [MAConnected](#), a place to purchase MAC artists' work online, and our [online galleries/shows](#), including Wunderkind 2020. Contact Maria if you are interested in adding your work to MAConnected and please share widely on social media!

As most of you are aware, we will not be taking in new work for our 1st Amendment gallery until June 1.

Thank you for your patience and understanding,

*Natalie Johnson*

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Executive Director: Manitou Art Center

## 2-1-1 | Community Support Financial Aid & Hotline

### Artist Relief Fund - Support our service industry and gig economy workers

They are the backbone of our economy and the very folks that make Manitou Springs the unique, eclectic and engaging town that we all love. These people are hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and are currently unemployed or unable to sell, create, or perform for you. Please consider a contribution to this fund which will distribute \$500 to artists applicants.

#### Donations can be made through the:

[Manitou Springs Community Foundation](#)

[Pikes Peak Community Foundation Emergency Fund for Manitou Springs](#)

Or mailed to:

Manitou Springs Community Foundation 208 Pawnee Avenue Manitou Springs, CO 80829

**DONATE**

**APPLY**

In addition to support through the Manitou Springs COVID-19 Relief Fund, please consider working with other agencies for your needs.

**2-1-1** is a free, bilingual phone number that serves residents helping those in need navigate the complex and ever-growing maze of health and human service providers in their community. Callers needs may include the hours and locations of local food banks, where to get rental assistance, and how to find health services.

At present, trained information specialists staff the hotline from 8am to 8pm seven days a week utilizing a comprehensive database of thousands of resources including federal, state, and local government agencies, private non-profits, as well as faith and community-based organizations.

Please do not hesitate to use this community resource!