



Assistant Position 2010 Yellow Branch Pottery

Yellow Branch Pottery is located adjacent to Yellow Branch Farm near Fontana Lake in Graham County, NC just south of the Great Smoky National Park and near the Appalachian Trail. The county is rural, with lots of opportunity to experience outdoor activities like hiking, biking, birding, swimming and rafting. Robbinsville, the nearest town, is located 15 miles from us. Asheville is 90 miles to the east.

The assistant position runs through April 1 to October 31, 2010 with an extension a possibility. To apply, send application, resume and images of current work. If e-mailing digital images, please send SMALL files no larger than 350kb, approximately 4 x 6", 72dpi. We have a slow dial up service. If you can't figure out how to downsize your images, please put them on a cd and mail.

Applicants need to be self motivated, physically fit, hard working, willing to learn and take direction, and have the desire to experience making one's living as a studio potter, sustainable food production and gardening. Preference will be given to those who have previous clay experience. A personal visit is required prior to selection.

We enjoy our life, making and selling pots and cheese and growing our own food in this beautiful mountain setting. Consider joining us!

Please feel free to email or call with any questions.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Full participation during the 5 day work week. Sometimes food growing activities happen during our "time off"
- Assist in opening and closing the studio and gallery
- Assist customers
- Mix clay and glazes
- Pug clay
- Make pots under Karen's supervision
- Glaze pots
- Load and fire kilns
- Studio maintenance and housekeeping
- Mail order
- Assist in garden work at pottery, farmhouse, and vegetable garden (weeding, weed eating, mowing, planting, harvesting, design, etc.)
- Cut and wrap cheese to sell
- Regular care and cleaning of the staff house

Compensation

- \$900.00/month food stipend
- Training in production, glaze development, throwing, hand building, kiln repair, retail sales, gallery operation, business operation, etc.

- Time to develop one's own work after meeting obligations. Standard materials and firings provided.
- The opportunity to sell personal work that meets the gallery standard (40% commission to gallery),
- Housing, local phone service to Robbinsville, utilities and dial-up internet access. Cell phone service not available on farm. Calling card is necessary for long distance calls.

Studio Equipment

- 2 electric wheels
- 1 kick wheel with motor
- 1 pug mill
- 1 extruder
- 1 slab roller
- 2 electric kilns

Staff House:



The application begins on the next page. Thanks!

Application for 2010 Assistant

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Please use more space or pages in any category.

Name:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Education:

Work Experience:

Hobbies and Interests: Please list skills that you have that would be helpful to you in this position.

Do you have any health concerns or special needs? If yes, please list them.

References: List name, address, e-mail and phone number of three references. (Former employers or professional references). Please state relationship to you. **Feel free to contact references and have them email or mail their recommendation.**

List clay courses and workshops you have taken.

What is your experience with working on the wheel? Hand building? Mixing glazes, applying glazes, etc.

List techniques and firing methods with which you have experience.

List the pottery forms that you have made and/or are currently working on.

What are your goals or ambitions with respect to making pots?

What is your motivation for working at Yellow Branch? What are your goals?

Is there anything else you'd like to add?