

## Herbert Hoover NHS Now Accepting Applications for 2012 Artist-in-Residence Program

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WEST BRANCH, IOWA— Herbert Hoover National Historic Site seeks writers, composers, and visual and performing artists for the park's 2012 Artist-in-Residence Program. The Artist-in-Residence Program is open to all professional American artists whose work can be inspired by the history and beauty of Herbert Hoover National Historic Site. The park offers two residencies of two to eight weeks each from April through September. For more information about the Artist-in-Residence Program and how to apply, contact Kristin Gibbs at [\(319\) 643-7866](tel:319-643-7866) or

visit the park's website:

<http://www.nps.gov/heho/supportyourpark/artist-in-residence-program.htm>

. The application period closes on Friday, February 24, 2012.

The Artist-in-Residence Program at Herbert Hoover National Historic Site promotes creative means of communicating the park's national significance and its relevance to park visitors. Artists have been part of national parks since the 1870s when famed painters played a vital role in documenting the majestic landscapes of the West. It was through their works of art that many first saw these special places in America. Today artists are working in more than 40 units of the National Park Service through Artist-in-Residence Programs. Works from past Artists-in-Residence at Herbert Hoover NHS are on display in the park's visitor center.

The 2011 Artist-in-Residence Program at Herbert Hoover National Historic Site featured two writers, Dr. Gaynell Gavin and M.S. Coe. Each contributed a piece of writing inspired by their residencies this summer. Dr. Gavin's essay "Reflections of a Neophyte Prairie Topophilic" and Ms. Coe's short story "Summer Yardscape" are posted on the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/heho/supportyourpark/artist-in-residence-program.htm>

Herbert Hoover National Historic Site and the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum are in West Branch, Iowa at exit 254 off I-80. Both are open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time. For more information go online to [www.nps.gov/heho](http://www.nps.gov/heho) or call [\(319\) 643-2541](tel:319-643-2541).