IRON EVENTS

Production Pour: All guest furnaces have been planned. For questions about these please contact Ashley Hope Carlise at: ahcl@uwyo.edu. Production Pours will occur on Sat., Sept. 27 from 10 - 6 pm in the Visual Arts Building North Parking Lot and VA Sculpture yard. All participants are limited to no more than 5 molds and 100 lbs of iron. If you would like to propose a larger mold/piece pour please contact: ahcl@uwyo.edu. Deadline for notification is August 1st, because materials are not readily available in our area and must be ordered in time for the conference.

Performance Pour: We have several fun happenings for this year’s conference. Performance activities will occur Fri., Sept. 26 from 6:30 - 10 pm. Bring your lawn chair, and come for food, festivities, and fun (with a little fire added to the mix). Questions? Contact: Tom Fox - moonyfook@sbcglobal.net or Toby Flores - tflores@fhsu.edu

WORKSHOPS

Ceramic Shell Mold:
Registration will be limited to 15 people. Participants must arrive with a completed wax pattern that weighs a maximum of 7 lbs.
Questions? Contact: David Lobdell - dlobdell@hotmail.com
$50 (Wed, 1 - 5 pm; Thurs & Fri, 9 - 1 pm)

Match Plate:
Registration will be limited to 10 people. Participants must arrive with a completed pattern that is flat on one side and drafted on the other so that it can be cast in a 2-part mold. Maximum 12” square, no more than 4” high. The finished product from this workshop will be an aluminum or iron matchplate which can be used for future sand molds.
*Participants will not have time to produce iron castings from the matchplate itself during the conference.
Questions? Contact: Alison Ouellette-Kirby - alisonok@hotmail.com or Noah Kirby - kirbynoah@hotmail.com
$50 (Wed, 1 - 5 pm; Thurs & Fri, 9 - 1 pm)

Parted Mold (Resin-bonded sand):
Registration will be limited to 15 people. Participants must arrive with a completed pattern. The fee includes a maximum of 100 lbs of iron and 200 lbs of sand. Participants are restricted to one mold, which should require no more than two parts. Questions? Contact: Ted Uran - uran@cox.net
$50 (Wed, 1 - 5 pm; Thurs & Fri, 9 - 1 pm)

Demos: As part of your conference fees, we are holding three demos that should prove to be fun and educational:
- Pattern Creation
- Fiber Ladle Creation
- Computer+Foundry=Contemporary

PANELS

Graduate School Programs: Are you unsure about Graduate Schools in the region and beyond? Come listen to how each program sets itself apart and fosters student candidates within a graduate school setting.

Life after School: What comes next? Whether you are graduating from undergraduate or graduate programs, come and hear the newly graduated speak of viable options beyond higher education.

Public Art - Participants: Public art, particularly sculpture placed in the public, occupies our community space and gets noticed. In this panel we will explore connections to the public art sphere by way of artist, fabricator, and public art enabler.

Public Art - Processes: How do you create public art? Why do you create public art? Where do you create public art? Come join us for discussion through the lens and experiences of those within this region.

Questions? Contact: Jack Gron - jack.gron@tamucc.edu

EXHIBITIONS

A Professional and Student Juried Exhibition will be held in conjunction with the conference in Laramie. This work will exhibit from September 10 - October 10, 2014.

Work will need to arrive in Laramie by Friday, August 29.

We will have a CAFE entry process; information will be posted on our website: www.wciiar.org

Questions? Contact: David Jones - davjo@uwyo.edu OR Rian Kerrane - rian.kerrane@uccdenver.edu

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

John Grade will be this year’s conference Keynote Speaker. John is a Seattle-based artist and was a John Michael Kohler Artist in Residence in 2003 and again ten years later in 2013 when he helped reopen their iron foundry. Central to John Grade’s work over the past decade are issues of irrevocable change and natural disintegration. Grade’s sculptures are built from a combination of traditional materials like wood, cast metal, resin and clay paired with novel polymers like corn and potato based resins and binderless paper castings.

John Grade will have an exhibition of his latest installation Middie Fork at the University of Wyoming Art Museum from August 30 – November 15, 2014. Exhibition Reception will be held Thurs., Sept. 25 from 5 - 6 pm. Keynote address will be Thurs., Sept. 25 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

All conference activities will be held on the campus of the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming at the Visual Arts building on the northwest corner of 22nd and Willett Drive. Laramie is two hours north of Denver, Colorado. Laramie is home to the University of Wyoming and is nestled in the middle of the finest four-season outdoor recreation areas in the West. More information on local activities is available at www.visitlaramie.org. Laramie’s elevation is 7200 feet; weather is variable and can be cold and blustery at times in early fall, so traveling with layers and a coat is highly recommended.

LODGING:
Hilton Garden Inn • 2229 Grand Avenue • (307) 745-5500
Room Rate: $99 + wifi
Refer name: Western Cast Iron Art Conference
Cut off date for conference rate: On or before 9/3/2014
(closest hotel to Visual Arts Facility)
Gas Lite Motel • 960 N. 3rd • (307) 742-6616
UW Room Rate: $65.50 - 2 queens; $55.50 single. Reservations available mid-July. 2 miles away from conference location.

CAMPING INFO: Conference attendees can camp as close as 8 miles outside of Laramie in the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest.
For more detailed information about the forest, available camping, and fire restrictions call (307) 745-2300.
There are a number of other hotels with UW room rates, as well as camping options in and around Laramie. These details are on the wciiar.org website. Please make your own reservations.

TRANSPORTATION

You can fly directly to Laramie Airport or fly to Denver, Colorado and take GreenRide, a shuttle service that transports passengers from the Denver International Airport to the northern Colorado and Wyoming area (including Laramie). Please see their website at www.greenrideco.com to make your reservation.

Cab service from the Laramie airport is available through Here and There Shuttle • www.htshuttle.com or (307) 343-4492.