



North Country Studio Workshops
PO Box 247, North Hampton, NH 03862

Thank you for registering for one of the thirteen North Country Studio Workshops to be held at Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont from Tuesday, January 24 to Sunday, January 29, 2023. If you have any questions regarding your workshop registration, please call Jeanne Haskell at 802-449-6279.

Tuesday schedule: On-site check in takes place from 10 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesday, January 24 in the Visual and Performing Arts Center (VAPA) at Bennington College. Please arrive on time. If you know you will not be able to arrive by 1 pm on Tuesday, please let us know ahead of time (info@ncsw.org or NCSW 802-449-6279) and we will arrange late check in. If you have problems en route, call our on-campus office phone (see below) or Victoria Su's cell phone (603-568-8967).

2:30 – 4:30 Workshops begin with introductory studio time

5pm – 9:30 pm The **opening reception** (wine & cheese!) in the Usdan Gallery provides an opportunity to see an exhibit showcasing the work of the instructors, to reunite with old friends, and to begin to make new ones. The Silent Auction will also be open for early bids.

Dinner will follow in the dining hall. Formal activities for the evening wrap up with **the opening program in Tishman Auditorium (location subject to change)**, where our faculty will introduce their work in a slide presentation. *Commuters are encouraged to join us for all evening activities.*

Important Procedures:

If you have materials or supplies for your workshop, you may drop them off at your studio in VAPA during registration. Please try to **move your luggage and personal belongings into your residence before 5 pm, so you don't miss any of the evening's events. After unloading, cars must be parked in the designated parking lots.**

Covid Policy:

Please read the Covid Policy included with this packet. It is important that you are fully informed about this policy and what is expected of everyone attending NCSW as we work diligently to **insure the health of the NCSW community** and Bennington college staff to the best of our ability. It is also very important to note that this policy follows the protocols set by Bennington College and is subject to change as the college assesses Covid levels locally and nationally. We will be sure to keep you updated of any changes to this policy in the coming months.

Lodging:

You will be staying in college residential housing with sparse furnishings. You will have a private room unless you have asked to room with someone else. Bathroom facilities will be shared. The college supplies sheets, towels, pillows, and blankets. Please check to make sure all these items are in your room when you drop off your luggage. Each house contains a kitchenette and common living area. We will attempt to honor the room arrangements you requested, but there are some limitations based on the rooms made available by the college.

Meals:

For those staying on campus, NCSW will provide meals beginning with **dinner** on Tuesday, January 24 and ending with lunch on Sunday, January 29 (**lunch is not provided on Tuesday, January 24**). Commuters have paid for all lunches and dinners and are strongly encouraged to remain through dinner and the evening activities whenever possible. When you register on Tuesday, you will receive a meal ticket indicating the meal plan you purchased on your workshop application. **You must have your meal pass with you at all meals.**

Special Needs:

If you have special visual, auditory, physical (including handicapped parking) or dietary needs, please contact Victoria Su (director@ncsw.org) by **December 1st** or as soon as possible.

- Transportation:** See the enclosed college map with driving directions to the college. Directions are also available on our website, www.ncsw.org. For car service from Albany to Bennington College, call Albany Airport Transportation (518-888-6449) or visit <http://albany-airport-transportation.com>. If you would like a list of others who are flying into Albany and might want to share the cost of the ride, contact director@ncsw.org. If you plan to stay in the area on Monday night, you can find a list of accommodations and restaurants at www.bennington.com.
- Car Pooling:** If you are traveling from within driving distance of Bennington and would like to carpool with someone from your area, please email Jeanne Haskell (registrar@ncsw.org). She can pass along the contact information for other students from your area who are also interested in carpooling. You will be responsible for making the arrangements.
- Weather and Other Essentials:** Be prepared for walking in the snow or on icy walkways. Layer with warm clothing for out of doors. See the enclosed "Personal Items" list for more suggestions.
- Financial Information:** You will be able to charge any of your extras at the workshop, such as materials fees or silent auction items. NCSW will accept credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, AMEX, Discover) and personal checks made out to NCSW. ATMs are available on campus.
- Materials Fees:** The Student Materials List includes an **estimated** fee for materials provided by NCSW. The final fee cannot be calculated until the end of the week. It will then be collected on Saturday.
- Materials & Shipping Supplies:** Enclosed is the Student Materials List of supplies you should **bring or send** to Bennington College for your workshop. Please check to be sure that the list is the correct one for the workshop in which you are enrolled. If you ship via USPS, UPS, or FedEx, please use the following address:
- Bennington College
Facilities / Shipping & Receiving
1 College Drive
Bennington, VT 05201
Attn: Angel Kwasniak, NCSW – "Your Name NCSW Student"
- Silent Auction:** The Silent Auction is one of the highlights of the workshops: an opportunity to bid on work by the instructors, as well as pieces by the talented craftspeople and artists in attendance! The funds raised from the auction support our future workshops and the scholarship fund. Information on the Silent Auction is enclosed; we encourage all participants to donate an item to the auction. **Participants are not allowed to sell their artwork** at NCSW other than through the Silent Auction.
- Tool & Book Sale:** Near the Silent Auction, there will be a table for the sale of donated tools, supplies, and books. If you have unwanted items to donate, for others to buy, please bring them for this table. Your old treasures will become new treasures for someone else. The buyers will pay a small price for each item. Proceeds will help support planning for future workshops.
- Audio Visual Materials:** We encourage you to bring digital images of your work to share with your class. Please make sure your flash drive is both PC and Mac compatible.
- Certification:** Certificates will be available at your request upon completion of your workshop. If interested, please notify your Studio Assistant at the beginning of your workshop.
- Telephones:** Please turn your **cell phone** off or set it to vibrating mode while you are in a workshop. If for some reason you must take a call, please leave the workshop to take care of your business. Note that cell phone reception is uneven on campus.
- The NCSW Office** Will be located in the Visual and Performing Arts Center (VAPA). **We will have a landline telephone and will send you that number before the workshops begin.** You can reach us

beginning at 12 noon on Monday, January 23. If we are not in the office, please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

WIFI: Wireless internet is available throughout campus.

Security: There are wall phones in every residence hall. Campus Security may be contacted in an emergency by dialing "0" from any campus phone. If immediate medical assistance is needed, dial 911.

We look forward to seeing you in January!

Sincerely,

Victoria Su, Executive Director
(603) 568-8967

Jessica Seaton, Administrative Assistant
(603) 767-3841

Jeanne Haskell, Registrar
(802) 449-6279

Enclosures: Current Covid Policy
Campus Map
Driving Directions to Bennington
Personal Items List
Student Materials List
Instructor Questionnaire with additional information about your workshop
Silent Auction information
Tools, Supplies & Books Sale information

Smoking is not allowed in studios or residences. Alcohol is not permitted in the studios.



COVID-19 Policy

For the health and safety of our community, NCSW will require that all participants (registered artists, faculty, staff, volunteers, and guests) follow the COVID-19 protocols set by [Bennington College](#). This includes requiring that all participants show proof of having been **fully vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus** per Bennington College's regularly updated policy or have a qualified medical or religious exemption prior to arrival to campus. Any updates to the COVID-19 policy including any additional vaccines, required testing, masking, or social distancing will be communicated with all participants, faculty, staff, and guests prior to the conference.

Proof of Vaccination

Participants will be asked to supply proof of vaccination per Bennington's covid policy prior to arrival to campus. Proof of vaccination can be done by uploading an image of your vaccine card or screenshot of your COVID-19 app to registrar@ncsw.org. Participants should also bring their vaccine card/app to the workshops for additional verification.

Currently, Bennington College requires guests to the college, including NCSW participants, to have the original vaccine doses plus one booster for those under 50 years old and two boosters for those 50 and over. **If a guest, including NCSW participants, does not have the required boosters, they will be required to mask while on the Bennington Campus and staff will remind participants of this requirement during their time at Bennington.**

Participants are encouraged to be up to date with the vaccine recommendations per the [CDC guidelines](#) for your age group and/or medical status.

Testing

It is recommended that all participants take a rapid antigen test (home test) or PCR test within 72 hours of arriving at Bennington.

All participants are **required** to take a rapid antigen test (home test) on the day they arrive and must bring a picture of their negative test dated from that day to registration.

Anyone who tests positive cannot attend the workshops and per CDC guidelines should isolate at home for 5 days or more. If returning home is not possible, a list of area hotels will be available. There should be no expectation of housing at Bennington College for those who test positive and need to isolate.

Participants should bring a supply of rapid home tests and a thermometer so they may monitor any symptoms or exposures they may have. NCSW will provide a list of local pharmacies where additional supplies can be purchased or PCR tests can be scheduled if needed.

Illness or Exposure

If at any time a participant learns of an exposure to COVID-19 they should test using a rapid home test. If positive, they should inform the staff of NCSW and leave campus to isolate themselves per CDC recommendations. PCR testing is recommended if a participant has a fever and feels ill but the initial home test is negative. If exposure is known or expected but the tests are negative, regardless of your vaccination status, according to the CDC you do not need to quarantine. You are required to wear a KN95 or N95 mask for 10 days. Day 1 is the day after the person you are a close contact of has tested positive. You will then need to test between 24 and 36 hours of your first test and on days six and seven. You will want to monitor for symptoms and isolate if the symptoms develop.

If at any time a participant has a fever or feels ill they should test using a rapid home test. If positive, they should inform the staff of NCSW and leave campus to isolate themselves for at least five days (ten if symptoms persist and/or they continue to test positive). If negative but still with a fever or feeling ill they must isolate to help safeguard the health of others and test again between 24 and 36 hours of the first test and isolate until fever free for 24 hours.

Masking

Masks are welcome and encouraged for anyone who wishes to wear one and may be required in some spaces such as the auditoriums and at the opening reception. **Masks are required** for anyone with a medical or religious exemption, anyone who does not meet the minimum boosters required for their age group, or anyone with a known or suspected exposure. This

guideline is subject to change based on the state of COVID-19 cases both nationally and locally at the time of the workshops.

All participants should bring a five-day supply of KN95 or N95 masks to NCSW to be used if desired or required.

Traveling

Participants are strongly encouraged to mask while traveling to NCSW via public transportation (bus, plane, train, rideshare) to help reduce your potential exposure to the virus. Participants may also wish to consider purchasing travel insurance.

Health Monitoring

All participants are required to take their temperature each morning of the conference before leaving the dorms.

COVID-19 Best Practices

- Be up to date on all vaccines including seasonal flu shots.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water.
- Use hand sanitizer when hand washing is not possible.
- Take your temperature every morning, test if you have a fever.
- Mask if you are feeling unwell, suspect or know of exposure, or feel more comfortable masked.
- Isolate if you have a fever regardless of testing status.
- Test anytime you are feeling unwell or have a known exposure.
- Keep track of those you have had close contact with so they may be informed should you develop Covid-19.
- Social distancing is encouraged whenever possible.
- Dining - To-Go options will be available for anyone who wishes to social distance while dining. To-Go food can be brought to the dorms or the student center. Meals are not to be eaten in the VAPA building.

NCSW will have a very small supply of rapid home tests, masks, and hand sanitizer. We will also have a thermometer available for use in our office. It is expected that all participants will also bring these items.

Information on local hospitals and clinics, pharmacies, and hotels will be provided.

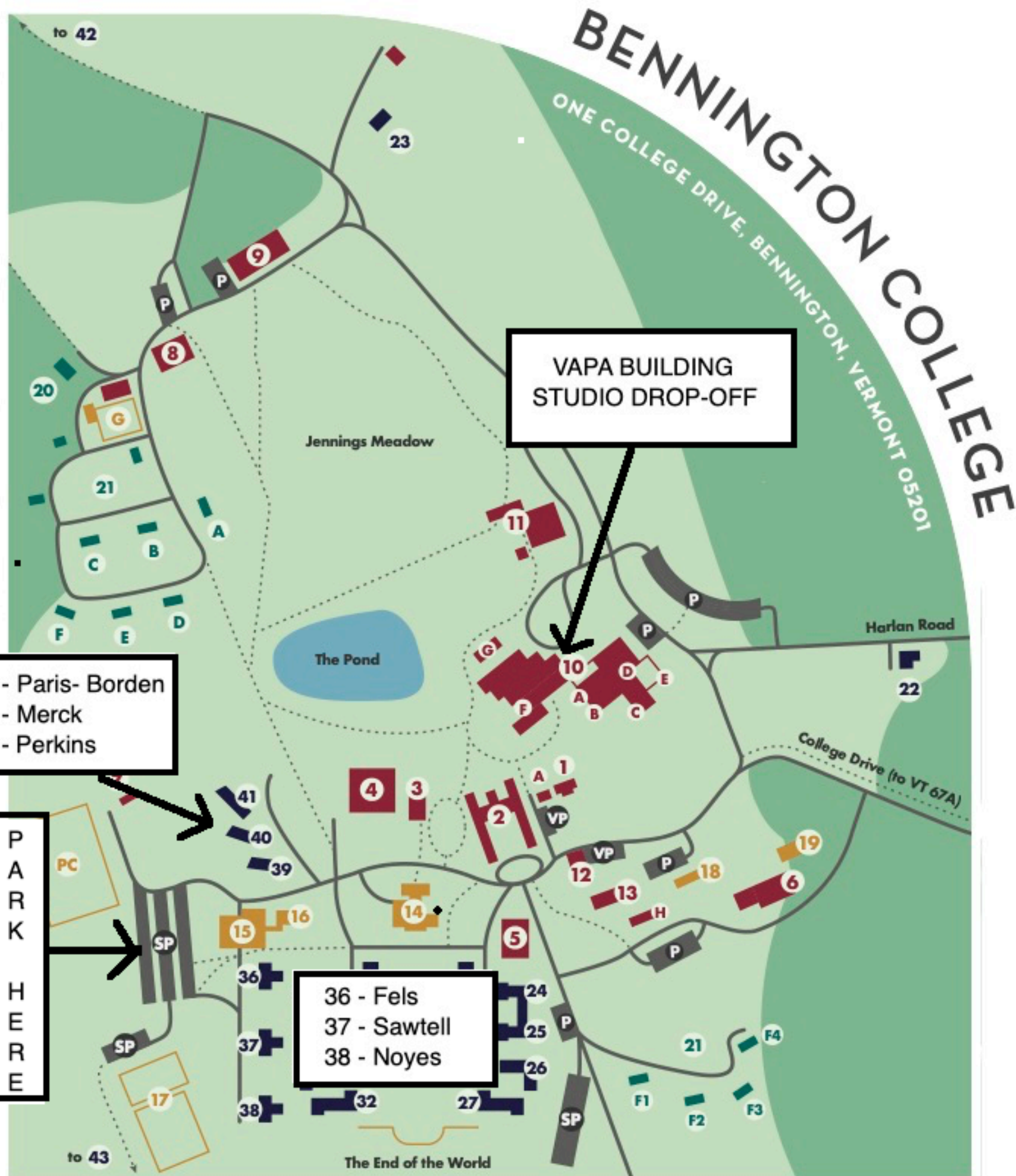
These policies are subject to change and will be based both on Bennington College's policies and the recommendations from the CDC. Any/all changes to policies will be communicated to participants as soon as possible. You agree to follow these policies when registering for the workshops.

- 1 Cricket Hill/Literature House
A Cricket Hill Barn
 2 The Barn/Admissions/Administrative Offices
 3 David Tishman Lecture Hall
 4 Dickinson Science Building
 5 Edward Clark Crossett Library
 6 Buildings and Grounds
 7 Stickney Observatory
 8 Deane Carriage Barn
 9 Jennings Music Building
 10 Visual and Performing Arts Center (VAPA)
A Margot Tenney Theater
B Lester Martin Theater
C Greenwall Auditorium
D Martha Hill Dance Theater
E Petrie Terrace
F Usdan Gallery
G Kiln Building
H Word and Image Lab
 11 Center for the Advancement of Public Action (CAPA)
 12 Campus Safety
 13 East Academic Center (EAC)

- 14 Commons
 15 Student Center
 16 UpCaf/DownCaf
 17 Tennis and Basketball Courts/Soccer Field
 18 Student Health Center
 19 Meyer Recreation Barn
G Helen Frankenthaler '49 Secret Garden
PC Purple Carrot Farm

- 20 Davis Alumni House
 21 Faculty Houses
A, B, C, D, E, F Orchard
F1, F2, F3, F4 Faculty Row

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| 22 Shingle Cottage | 33 Bingham |
| 23 Longmeadow | 34 McCullough |
| 24 Swan | 35 Leigh |
| 25 Woolley | 36 Fels |
| 26 Stokes | 37 Sawtell |
| 27 Franklin | 38 Noyes |
| 28 Canfield | 39 Perkins |
| 29 Dewey | 40 Merck |
| 30 Booth | 41 Paris-Borden |
| 31 Kilpatrick | 42 Welling Town House |
| 32 Welling | 43 Paran Creek Apartments |



PARKING

VP Visitor

SP Student

P Faculty/Staff

TERRAIN

Road

Footpath

Forest

Driving Directions to Bennington College

From Points South (New York City, Philadelphia)

Take I-87 to I-787 North (Exit 23) toward Downtown Albany/Rensselaer/Troy. Take Exit 9E (Troy/Bennington) and follow Route 7 East toward Vermont. Continue onto Bennington Bypass. Continue onto VT 279 E/Bennington Connector. Take ramp to VT 67A N/N Bennington Rd, and turn left onto VT 67A N/N Bennington Rd. Follow for less than a mile (Home Depot is on your right). After second set of lights, the College entrance is on the right. Turn right, through the gates, onto College Drive. Follow **Last Steps** below.

From Points East (Boston) and South (Connecticut) via Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90)

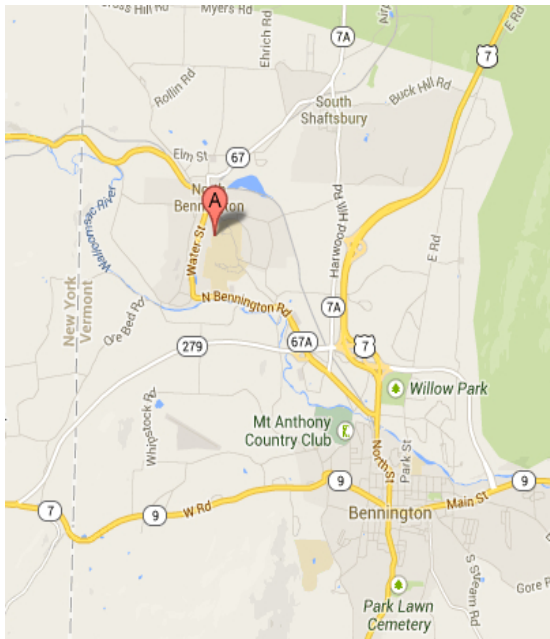
Take I-90 West to Lee/Lenox, MA (Exit 2). Follow signs to Route 7/20 North to Pittsfield. Turn right onto Bennington Bypass/VT 279 (after Papa Pete's). At roundabout, stay on VT 279/Bennington Connector. Turn right onto VT 67A N. Follow for less than a mile (Home Depot is on your right). After second set of lights, the College entrance is on the right. Turn right, through the gates, onto College Drive. Follow **Last Steps** below.

From Points North (Burlington, Middlebury)

Take U.S. Route 7 South to Bennington. Take Exit 1 for VT 279 W/Bennington Connector and stay to the right. Take the VT 67A exit toward Bennington. At end of exit ramp (at light), take a left onto Route 67A N/N Bennington Rd. Follow for less than a mile (Home Depot is on your right). After second set of lights, the College entrance is on the right. Turn right, through the gates, onto College Drive. Follow **Last Steps** below.

From Points West (Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo) via New York State Thruway (I-90)

Take New York State Thruway (I-90) East toward Albany. Take Exit 24 on left, which will take you off the thruway, but leave you on I-90 toward Boston. Immediately take Exit 1 for I-87 N toward Albany/Montreal. Take Exit 7 (Route 7 East) toward Troy/Cohoes and merge onto NY 7E. Continue onto Bennington Bypass. Continue onto VT 279E/Bennington Connector. Take ramp to VT 67A N/N Bennington Rd and turn left onto VT 67A N/N Bennington Rd. Follow for less than a mile (Home Depot is on your right). After second set of lights, the College entrance is on the right. Turn right, through the gates, onto College Drive. Follow **Last Steps** below.



Bennington College
One College Drive
Bennington, VT 05201
Tel: (603) 568-8967

Last Steps

- As you proceed up College Drive, you will pass Maintenance Drive, on your left. Go straight.
- You will soon come to a fork. Take the **right fork**.
- At the **next fork**, bear left and look for a large complex of buildings on your left and a parking lot off to the right.
- Take the **next left** into a loop road that takes you to the back entrance of VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts Center.)
- Registration is indoors on this ground floor. Look for helpful volunteers for directions.
- There is limited parking right behind the building, where you can leave your car while you check in. If that parking is full, you may need to park in the larger lot on the other side of the main road.



Personal Items for Living on Campus

You will be staying in a college dorm room with shared bath facilities. The college provides a pillow, bed linens, blankets, and towels.

Each house contains a cozy, shared living area and a small kitchen. Three meals a day are provided in a central dining facility.

In the past, some participants have found themselves wishing for these items:

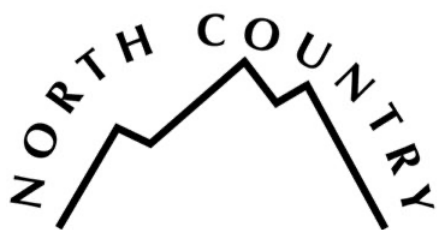
- Bathrobe: you may be in a co-ed dorm and you will have to walk down a hallway to the shower.
- Shower tote for getting personal items to and from the bathroom.
- Flip flops for bathroom/shower.
- Flashlight for walking around campus after dark.
- Footwear appropriate for snowy sand/or wet sidewalks.
- Hiking pole or YakTrax (slip-on shoe 'spikes' for traction) in case sidewalks are icy.
- Winter outerwear: coat, hat, gloves.
- Mattress pad or foam mattress topper (twin size) for extra cushioning.
- A fitted bottom sheet (twin) to replace the flat sheet provided.
- Extra towel, facecloth, and blanket.
- Hangers
- Small clip-on lamp for reading in bed and an extension cord for plugging it in.
- Small power strip for re-charging electronic devices.
- Travel mug for taking coffee from dining hall to studios.
- Clothes appropriate for the Yoga Flow class offered morning and evening each day.
- Yoga mat if interested in Yoga Flow class. Due to COVID-19 we cannot guarantee that mats will be available in the studio.
- **Clothing: Most of the studios are warm**, others are chilly. If you dress in layers, you will be able to be comfortable as you move about the building.

None of the above items are essential. Please just think ahead to what will make you most comfortable. We do request that you bring the following:

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- Proof of COVID vaccine
- Proof of negative Covid-19 Home test (photo) dated the day of arrival.
- N95 or KN95 masks
- Two or more COVID-19 home test kits
- Personal Thermometer

If you need assistance in getting around campus, please let us know. We have volunteers who can drive you right up to the entrances to any of the buildings.



STUDIO WORKSHOPS

SILENT AUCTION!!

Faculty and participants are invited to donate their work to our SILENT AUCTION. This is a festive way to support NCSW as well as see the impressive depth and range of talent of the artists and craftspeople gathered in our community. Last year the bidding was intense! We all took home some amazing work by old friends and new. **The proceeds benefit future workshops and the NCSW scholarship fund.**

WHEN AND HOW TO DONATE

Before 5PM on Tuesday evening, or at any time during the workshops, bring your donation(s) to the SILENT AUCTION exhibit space upstairs in the Visual and Performing Arts Center (VAPA). The SILENT AUCTION area is next to the Faculty Exhibition. Simply bring your piece(s) to the SILENT AUCTION exhibit space, fill out a donation form (provided at the exhibit) for each piece, and place on one of the tables. Volunteers will be there to help you during registration, but you can easily figure it out on your own at other times during the week. Feel free to donate "just made" piece(s) during the week --anytime prior to Saturday night.

AUCTION HOURS

SILENT AUCTION bidding will begin at the Opening Reception on Tuesday evening and will continue throughout the week. **Bidding will close on Saturday night at 7:30 PM.** During the Studio Walkabout (7:30 – 9:00), staff and volunteers will prepare for payment and pick-up. At 8:30, the payment center will open, and high bidders may pay and collect their pieces. Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted.

A cash bar with wine and beer will be available during Silent Auction check-out, beginning at 8:00 and continuing through the after party.

The SILENT AUCTION is open every day during the workshops. Bid on the pieces at any time!

Questions? Contact Jessica Seaton, info@ncsw.org. During the workshops, stop in the NCSW office in the VAPA Building if you have questions.

Artists are responsible for taking their artwork home if not sold at the Silent Auction.

Thank you for your support and your donations to the auction!



TOOLS, SUPPLIES & BOOKS SALE

Cleaning out your studio? In the room with the Silent Auction, there will be a Tools, Supplies and Books Sale table. This is a fundraiser for NCSW. Please bring donations of any new or gently used tools, supplies, and/or books for use in any medium that someone else might want. Please no magazines, and please make sure tools still work. To purchase items, people will pay a small amount to NCSW for any treasures they want to take home.

Here are two Donation Item Forms for your use. More blank forms will be available at the workshops.



Tools, Supplies & Books Sale

Item donated by: _____

Brief Description:

Suggested Price: \$_____

To the New Owner:

Please put cash or a check to NCSW in the lock box along with this tag. You may also pay by credit card at the office. Take the item with you so that it doesn't sell again.

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Thank you!



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