FRANCONIA sculpture park

Making Art at Franconia Sculpture Park



Franconia's studios and work areas are outdoors. Most of the work area is not under shade. All artists and interns share the work area - this means everyone needs to maintain a respectful and considerate environment. Additionally, because of the exposed nature of the workspace, artists' schedules are dependent on the weather. There is a covered bridge crane in the work area that can be used as needed by artists and interns, but is reserved for educational programming and events on specific dates. We recommend allotting at least one week of extra time to work on your project because of the weather (i.e. if the project should take you 3 weeks in perfect conditions, expect it to take at least 4).

You will be provided with a space inside the barn or a shed to store your tools. These spaces are not temperature controlled or leak-proof. It is advised to bring a toolbox, which will help protect your tools and supplies from the elements, as well as a locked container, which will prevent any unwanted borrowing. Many people choose to send personal tools to Franconia via UPS before their arrival.

Available at Franconia... OUTDOOR STUDIO SPACE

- Three 18' 20' gantries with chain hoists
- Covered bridge crane
- Steel & wood worktables
- Barn and four small sheds for tool storage

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT

- 10-Ton forklift (\$25/hr)
- 3-Ton crane truck (\$85/hr)
- Pickup truck and 18' trailer (\$25-\$40/Hour)
- MIG & stick welders
- Air Compressor & hoses
- Torches
- Metal chop saw
- Drill press, band saw
- Landscaping equipment (rakes, shovels, post hole diggers, loppers, etc.)

CONSUMABLES - FOR PURCHASE

- Oxygen \$27/tank
- Propane \$20/tank
- CO₂ \$23/tank
- Acetylene \$69/tank
- 75/25 Mix \$70/tank
- Electrodes \$3/lb.
- 4.5" Grinding/Cutting discs \$4/ea.

WHAT TO BRING: TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

Toolbox

The following is a helpful list of tools and supplies that are frequently used by our residents. When packing, consider your working habits and the tools and equipment that Franconia has available. Remember that all Franconia tools and equipment are communal and get frequent use. Most common regret: not bringing a grinder or hand tools. If excess luggage is a constraint, you can ship your belongings to Franconia ahead of time. <u>FRANCONIA DOES NOT HAVE SMALL TOOLS OR SAFETY GEAR FOR ARTIST USE</u>. PLEASE PLAN TO BRING YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT OR OTHER NECESSARY TOOLS.

We strongly encourage you to inventory and **label your tools** before you arrive at Franconia. While we are not concerned with theft, unlabeled tools may easily be misplaced or lost in the shared storage barns and sheds.

TOOLS ARTISTS SHOULD BRING

Tools Safety Equipment Miscellaneous Hand tools (vice grips, clamps, wire brush, etc.) Safety glasses/goggles Digital Camera for documentation Electric tools (grinder, drill, saws, etc.) Leather gloves & welding jacket Tripod Measuring (tape, ruler, T-square, etc.) Lightweight work gloves Flash Drive Sketchbook/Paper Ear protection Marking (grease pencil, chalk, sharpie, etc.) Face Shield Pencils, pens Misc. (X-acto, staple gun, scissors, chisel, etc.) Welding helmet Heavy-duty extension cord Headlamp Cap/bandana Flashlight Outdoor work light Chemicals (WD-40, patinas, etc.) Respirator/dust masks **Work Lights**



MATERIAL RESOURCES

This list is by no means complete, but it will give you a head start in finding materials for your sculpture. Please keep in mind that the Twin Cities (Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area) are about an hour's drive from Franconia. **The park's truck and trailer are only driven by Franconia staff**. If you need to use the truck and/or trailer to pickup materials, a time and date must be scheduled with site manager. There is a fee of \$25 per hour (\$40 per hour with trailer) for this service. It may be cheaper, easier, and faster to order materials to be shipped to the park. We recommend coordinating with other artists in residence so shipping costs can be shared.

A note about shipping: Because of the rural location, shipping is often delayed, especially when shipping through Amazon. Please plan for an extra day to be safe.

Store	Notes/Website	Location	
<u>Ax Man</u>	Scientific surplus, misc. electronics and general junk.	1639 University Ave., St. Paul, MN (Twin Cities)	
Bauer Brothers Salvage	93,000 square foot architectural salvage warehouse.	2432 Second Street North, MPLS, MN (Twin Cities)	
<u>Cemstone</u>	Concrete company most used by artists at FSP. Summers are incredibly busy for them- contact them far in advance for best results. (715) 755-2906	2414 WI-35, Dresser, WI 54009	
Cummings Lumber	Family owned and operated sawmill. Will make rough cut lumber of any dimension from logs Must call ahead and order. Ask Site Manager to make contact.	803 Wisconsin Ave S, Frederic, WI (37 miles away)	
<u>Discount Steel</u>	Complete assortment of sizes/types, good prices, some used available. Will deliver for an additional fee.	216 27 th Ave. N, MPLS, MN (Twin Cities)	
Garelick Steel	Complete assortment of sizes/types, good prices, used steel rack. Will deliver for an additional fee.	1900 N 2 nd St., MPLS, MN (Twin Cities)	
Grainger Industrial Supply	Tools, Fasteners, Materials etc. We have their catalogue.	Multiple Twin Cities locations	
Habitat For Humanity ReStore	Used furniture, doors, windows, tools, hardware, and domestic miscellany at deep discounts.	2201 U.S. 8, St Croix Falls, WI 54024 (6.6 miles away)	
Home Depot	Big Box Lumber/Hardware Store	1943 Broadway Ave. W, Forest Lake, MN (30 miles away)	
<u>lasco-Tesco</u>	Chemical supplier, resins, rubbers etc.	5724 W 36 th St., St. Louis Park, MN (Twin Cities)	
<u>Lampert's</u>	Building Supply Store/Lumber Yard and Tool Rental. Good selection, a bit pricey	2213 Hwy 8, St. Croix Falls, WI (5 miles away)	
<u>Menards</u>	Big Box Lumber/Hardware Store	Hwy 8, St. Croix Falls, WI (5 miles away)	
Metro Welding	We love Metro! Complete welding supply store. Will deliver to the park.	3021 Central Ave. NE, MPLS, MN (Twin Cities)	
National Recycling Inc.	Metal recycling center with exclusive scrap access. Need to call ahead.	Cambridge, MN and Hugo, MN (30 – 40 miles away)	
Northern Tool & Equipment	Lots to choose from. We have their catalogue. There are branches in the Twin Cities or you can mail order.	119 SW 12 th St. Forest Lake, MN (30 miles away)	
Rochford Supply	Upholstery and industrial fabrics, will sometimes give student discount prices	7624 N Boone Ave #200, Brooklyn Park, MN (Twin Cities)	
SR Harris Fabric Outlet	Huge selection, cheap prices, student discounts	8865 Zealand Ave, Brooklyn Park, MN (Twin Cities)	
Winnick Supply	Good steel selection, higher prices, closest to the park. There are cheaper materials outside in a sort of clearance/scrap bin.	92 SW 11 th Ave., Forest Lake, MN (20 miles away)	