Land Art Workshops at Ucross Foundation Printmaking ~ Constellation Hike ~ Origami Wednesday, July 1, 2015





BLUE BOTANICALS – led by Joseph Mougel and Cynthia Brinich-Langlois 9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

In this printmaking workshop, the artists will guide participants on a walk to gather botanical samples (leaves, stems, grasses, flowers, etc.) and utilize the plant matter to create imagery for cyanotype prints. In the finished photographs, the botanicals leave a light silhouette that captures details of their form against a rich blue background.

During the walk, Joseph Mougel will discuss his photographic practice of collection, specifically the documentation of grass specimens on the Ucross Ranch, including environmental conditions that favor certain species and human efforts to manage diversity. After the walk, participants will go indoors to arrange their botanicals on a piece of sensitized paper. Participants will expose the compositions in direct sunlight and develop the images in water. Materials will be provided.

During the exposure/development process, Cynthia Brinich-Langlois will discuss her panoramic landscape drawings, which embody a connection between time and space in book form, as well as her utilization of the cyanotype process with its reliance on sunlight and water to situate the prints within a field-based practice.

Participants will be working outdoors in the sun and will be handling plants and water. Plan to wear apparel appropriate for the scheduled activities (hat, sturdy shoes, work clothes, etc.). Participants will take their cyanotypes home with them at the conclusion of the workshop.

TERRESTRIAL/CELESTIAL NAVIGATION HIKE – led by Bill Gilbert 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

This workshop will be based on Gilbert's Terrestrial/Celestial Navigations: Orion piece. Participants will use a GPS unit to retrace Gilbert's steps in walking the constellation Orion onto the land at Ucross, searching out the various star points in order across the landscape. Stars will be placed ahead of time so it will be a bit of a treasure hunt. Plan to wear appropriate outdoor apparel, such as a hat and sturdy hiking shoes.

GREETING THE CRANES OF UCROSS: AN ORIGAMI (FOLDING PAPER) WORK-SHOP - Led by Yoshimi Hayashi 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Migrating cranes take refuge each year in the fertile lands around Ucross. Their distinctive songs can be heard throughout the property calling to the residents and ushering in the seasons. Yoshimi Hayashi, an artist from California, has also been migrating to Wyoming each summer to make art at the Ucross Foundation Artist Residency Program. He will present an Origami (the Japanese art of paper folding) workshop and participants will be invited to learn how fold paper cranes! Materials will be provided.

Contact us for more information or to RSVP by June 29: 307-737-2291 Workshops are free and open to the public. Lunch provided.

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