



Call for Artists: Illustrations for the White Mountains Almanac

Presented by the Appalachian Mountain Club, Mount Washington Observatory, and Hubbard Brook Ecosystem Study

Overview:

We are seeking a visual artist to contribute illustrations for an annual almanac focused on the climatological and ecological changes recorded in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. This almanac, created in collaboration with three scientific organizations, will serve as both a visual resource and scientific tool, showcasing the flora, fauna, and natural ecosystems of this iconic region.

The almanac will document changes to this dynamic region as well as the beauty and complexity of our natural world. We invite artists to help capture the spirit and storylines of our surrounding ecosystems through their creative work. Selected illustrations will be featured in the almanac, highlighting climate data and storytelling, which will be distributed to a wide audience including research scientists, educators, students, policymakers, and the general public.

What We're Looking For:

We are seeking artwork that highlights the natural systems of the White Mountains region. The almanac will include a wide variety of art forms, from botanical illustrations to depictions of wildlife and landscape scenes, as well as the people who recreate in the region. All artwork should reflect the ecological themes of conservation, biodiversity, and changes occurring to the local climate.

Artists are encouraged to submit work that:

- Depicts native species, habitats, and ecosystems in the White Mountains.
- Captures both the beauty and fragility of the natural world, inspiring action and awareness.
- Is scientifically inspired, with a focus on detail and authenticity, while also leaving room for artistic interpretation.

Submission Guidelines:

- **Medium:** Open to all traditional or digital illustrative media (e.g., pencil, ink, watercolor, digital illustration, etc.).
- **Artwork Dimensions:** Must be adaptable to standard print formats/high resolution (minimum 300 DPI for print).
- **Themes:** Artwork should represent biology and/or ecosystems of the White Mountains region.
- **Deadline for Submissions:** May 12, 2026
- **How to Submit:** Please use this [Google Form](#) to submit 2-3 representative pieces of your work (attachments to be no larger than 10MB). Please include a brief description of your artwork and a short artist statement.



Selection Process:

Submissions will be reviewed by a panel consisting of scientists, curators, and artists. We are looking for diversity in both artistic styles and subject matter, as well as a commitment to the project's themes. Artists selected for inclusion in the almanac will be notified by May 18, at which point the artist will work directly with project leaders on a group of 20 original illustrations with almanac stylization to be featured.

Compensation:

- The selected artist will receive an honorarium of \$5,000 for their selected pieces in addition to complementary artwork as needed to complete the publication.
- Credit will be given to the artist in the publication and in all marketing materials.
- Artists will also receive a copy of the published almanac.

About the Almanac:

The almanac will be an important resource for understanding the ecological changes affecting this region. It will include both scientific data and artistic interpretations of the landscape, highlighting the rich biodiversity of the White Mountains and the call for climate awareness.

This almanac is an opportunity to contribute to a project that merges art and science, helping to raise awareness and inspire environmental stewardship.

About the Organizations:

The Appalachian Mountain Club, Mount Washington Observatory, and Hubbard Brook Ecosystem Study are dedicated to preserving and protecting the natural environment of the White Mountains and promoting climate literacy. Our work spans scientific research, conservation efforts, and public education, with a shared goal of collaborative research and fostering environmental education.

Questions?

For further details or questions about the call for art, please contact MWOBS Communications Manager Ellen Estabrook at eestabrook@mountwashington.org.
