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Sitka is like a nest. Residents and students come here, into a creatively stimulating environment, to incubate new ideas that grow wings and take flight out into the world. We're not privy to all the transformations that happen, but recently I received a couple of notes that thrilled me.

"The Sitka residency was a turning point for me, in that it was the first time that I made art for a longer period of time, which I had never experienced before, and it really helped me focus on what I wanted to do." Wuon Gean-Ho, Artist-in-Residence and Instructor, shared this in relation to the launch of England's Royal Mint coin series for which she created the art.

Diane Cook, Writer-in-Residence, said, "I also just sold my story collection and my novel-in-(very early)-progress to

HarperCollins. As I've told you before, the story project really flourished at Sitka, and the novel was born there."

The creative work done at Sitka over the last 43 years is nothing short of extraordinary and our non-profit organization has flourished because of [support](#) from people like you.



In 2013, that sustenance allowed us to offer:

**Workshops** to 900 people including scholarships to 13 local area high school students.

**Residencies** of 1 to 3 months to 22 residents who are artists, writers, musicians and scientists.

**Community Events**, including 5 Mingle & Muse gatherings and 4 Resident Show & Tell presentations.

**Art in the Garden** in collaboration with the Lan Su Chinese Garden where 6 artists exhibited work from July through September.



**Sitka Art Invitational** where 126 Northwest artists exhibited 450 pieces of work with sales of \$70,903.

**Sitka paid out \$129,725** to instructors, Art Invitational artists and special programs.

Your contributions make it possible for us to tend this place we know and love, this nest where creative sparks happen and transformation is possible. And when inspired people leave, we know they will make our world a brighter place.

Please [make a contribution](#) to continue sustaining the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology.

In gratitude,  
Jalene

> Show and Tell

## Resident Show & Tell

Saturday, January 4th at 1pm

Come, meet the artists and writers, hear them present a brief description of their work and learn how their time at Sitka has influenced them creatively.

Writer **David Armstrong's** individual stories have won the Mississippi Review Prize, the New South Writing Contest, and Bear Deluxe Magazine's Doug Fir Fiction Award, among others.

**Mary Babcock** is a Hawaii-based visual and performance artist focusing on the intersection of art, contemplation, social activism and humanity.

Hailing from India and Mozambique, **Minati Baro** managed global aid projects that offer a sustainable marketplace for local artisans. Her own metalwork explores themes of nature and microbiological observations.

**Jane Ingram Allen** creates environmental art projects around the world using natural materials and handmade paper she creates from local plant materials.

Playwright **Andrea Stolowitz's** work has been presented at The Cherry Lane (NYC), The Old Globe (SD), The Long Wharf (CT), New York Stage and Film (NY) and Portland Center Stage (OR).

Go online to learn more about the [event](#) and our [fall residents](#).

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a summer workshop or Sitka merchandise.

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