

# V O L L A N D

A Place for Art and Community

## Volland Foundation RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Welcome to the Volland Foundation!  
We are honored to have you as a Resident in our Program.

Volland is in the Flint Hills of Kansas, nestled between working ranches with sweeping views of the tallgrass prairie. The original Volland Store opened in 1913 in the little railroad community of Volland and quickly became the social and cultural center of the ranching community that surrounded it. By 1971, the economy had changed, the population had declined, and the Store closed upon the death of its owner, Otto Kratzer. It sat vacant for forty years and was in danger of being torn down. In 2015, after extensive renovations, the Volland Store re-opened as an art gallery and event center. The Volland Store is now a part of The Volland Foundation, which is committed to providing time and space for creative practitioners of a wide range of disciplines to gather in a community setting for work, thought and exchange of ideas, and to experience immersion in a unique ecosystem and the rural culture.

### **The Property and Other Facilities**

**The Loft** is on the second floor of the Volland Gallery. A parking spot labeled “Loft Parking” is next to the private entry to the Loft. Up the stairs you will find the living space, with a locking door. The Loft has a small kitchen with a stovetop, dishwasher, refrigerator/freezer, bathroom, and a washing machine/dryer. The space has a table for dining and working, plus a seating area.

**The Little House**, also in Volland, has these same accommodations, plus an oven. A small driveway adjacent to The Little House serves as the parking spot. The key entry is at the back door.

Both locations have internet access.

Please be mindful of keeping windows closed to keep bugs out and air conditioning or heat working efficiently. We also ask that you leave the kitchen clean after use where a common kitchen is used and be mindful of your electricity usage, making sure to turn off

lights and turn down heat, or adjust air conditioning, where applicable, when leaving buildings.

We provide studio space for making work. We kindly ask that residents working with paints, clay, or any other medium that has the potential of being messy, refrain from making work in their living space. Residents with non-messy mediums are welcome to use their living space to work.

### **Arrival & Transportation**

Accepting a residency means a commitment to arriving on the first day and staying through the last day of the residency award. Please arrive between noon – 4pm on the first day of your residency. Refer to your confirmation email for the exact date.

If your arrival will be unexpectedly delayed or you are arriving by plane and can only arrive prior to noon or after 5pm, please let us know as soon as possible. On your arrival day, please note the Volland Foundation's phone number is 785-499-3616, but you can also call Ryan at 785-338-0331. When you arrive, please follow signs to the Volland Store.

The Volland Residency Program necessitates residents provide their own transportation to, during, and from their residency. Residents should either drive to the residency or rent a vehicle if traveling by train/airplane.

**Flying:** The closest airport to Volland is in Manhattan, Kansas (~45 min from Volland). MCI in Kansas City, Missouri is within two hours of Volland and offers more arrival times from more locations than Manhattan's airport. The Amtrak runs through Kansas on the Southwest Chief route. The closest stop is in Topeka, Kansas, about an hour's drive from Volland.

**Driving:** Regardless of your main mode of transportation, getting to Volland will require some driving. We highly recommend you do not use Google or Apple Maps for directions. On many occasions these services have steered guests through rougher, more secluded roads.

Use the directions below to arrive at Volland efficiently and safely:

#### **FROM THE NORTH, EAST, AND WEST:**

I-70 to the Alma/Wamego/K-99 offramp (Exit 328)  
South on K-99 into Alma  
Turn left at flashing stoplight onto Missouri Street  
Turn right on 3rd Street (at the museum)  
3rd Street becomes Old K-10 Highway at the edge of town  
Follow Old K-10 8 miles to Volland Road  
Turn left; Store is 1/4 mile farther, on your right

#### **FROM MANHATTAN:**

177 south to K-4  
Turn left on K-4 and then left into Alta Vista  
Go north through Alta Vista to the dead-end. Turn right  
Go one block. Turn left  
Follow Skyline/Mill Creek Scenic Drive  
(Old K-10 Highway)  
North of Alta Vista, stay right at the fork  
Follow Old K-10 to Volland Road  
Turn right; Store is 1/4 mile farther, on your right

#### **FROM THE SOUTH:**

I-35 to the Cassoday/K-177 exit (Exit 92)  
North on K-177 through Council Grove to K-4  
Turn right on K-4 and then left into Alta Vista  
Go north through Alta Vista to the dead-end. Turn right  
Go one block. Turn left  
Follow Skyline/Mill Creek Scenic Drive  
(Old K-10 Highway)  
North of Alta Vista, stay right at the fork  
Follow Old K-10 8 miles to Volland Road  
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### **Clothing to bring**

The temperatures at Volland any time of the year can vary greatly from daytime to night. During spring and fall, we suggest you bring winter weather outerwear, first layers and clothing like sweaters, a hat, scarves, warm gloves and waterproof winter boots. Fitness and recreation apparel are good too. In the summertime, it can be quite warm. We recommend a hat, sunscreen, and other sun-smart attire. A solid pair of shoes or boots will serve you well on the prairie. Occasionally, Volland hosts special dinners with outside guests during residencies. Attire is casual. Please bring any safety gear that is needed for your practice.

### **Orientation**

Upon your arrival, you will be greeted by Volland staff, checked into your living space, and briefly oriented to your accommodations and, if assigned one, a studio space. At 10 am on the morning after your arrival we will run through a formal orientation at the Volland Store.

### **Departure**

You should plan to depart on the morning of the last day of your residency. Please refer to your invitation letter for the exact date. Staff request that you vacate studios and living accommodations no later than 11am. Your consideration of this schedule is appreciated.

## **Living at The Volland Foundation**

Ryan Jones, Director of Operations, lives in Alma, Volland's closest town of size. Your primary contact for any needs during your stay will be attended to through Ryan. Given the nature of our site, we have

guests come during the week to see Volland, and they visit the gallery on the weekends during open hours. Occasionally, there are large events on the weekends, and we will notify you in advance. You are welcome to attend the events as our guests (free admission).

Your main point of contact at Volland is Ryan Jones, but if Ryan is not available, you can visit the Store or flag us down when we are out on the property. You can also call Ryan, email us or text our cell phones, although texting and cell service may not be available.

### **List of all staff phone numbers and emails:**

Ryan Jones 785-338-0331 [ryan@vollandfoundation.org](mailto:ryan@vollandfoundation.org)

Patty Reece 785-522-6270 or 785-765-3873 (between 5pm and 10am)

[pattyreece6@gmail.com](mailto:pattyreece6@gmail.com)

## **House, Other Buildings and Property**

You should think of your accommodations, studios and the property as your own and treat them appropriately. Patty and Ryan are onsite at various times, and they are accessible at most hours via calls, text, or email. Please note that Patty does not have internet or cell service between 5pm and 10am but may be reached by landline at 785-765-3873.

Common space for residents at the Volland Store is available for making meals, socializing, or playing games. If you prepare a meal in the kitchen of the Volland Store, please be sure to clean up after each meal.

## **Mail & Communication**

The physical address of the Volland Foundation is 24098 Volland Road, Alma, Kansas 66401. Packages can be shipped here. You are welcome to mail supplies ahead of your arrival, but please let Ryan know that you have shipped items and when they may arrive. Most items should be sent to the foundation's PO Box in Alma: The Volland Foundation, PO Box 144, Alma, KS 66401. Incoming mail will be left on the island inside the Store's kitchen on the main floor.

If you have outgoing mail, go to Alma or Alta Vista's Post Office (320 Missouri Ave for Alma and 618 Main St for Alta Vista) to drop-off.

If you want to gather people together for a meal, yoga, or trip to town, you can announce it via the group email. For your safety, we encourage you to let others know when you go out for any activity where you could get lost, or lose cellphone coverage, such as hiking or traveling backroads.

### **Landline and Cellular Phones**

Cell coverage is questionable at best in Volland, but US Cellular offers the best cell coverage in the area. The Volland Store has a landline located in the kitchen for your use. It is the most reliable way to make a phone call. You can often access cell coverage by driving to a high hill nearby.

### **Wireless Internet**

Broadband is available at the Store, Loft, and Little House in Volland.

Store/Loft- Look for “Volland Store” network- Password: volland1

Little House- Look for “DWR-961-001A\_5GH Z” network- Password: 0MVR1WEV

### **Cleaning**

During your stay, you will be responsible for cleaning your own room, studio, and bathroom.

For Loft guests, cleaning supplies are on the main floor, inside the utility closet in the kitchen.

Little House guests have a utility closet within the space.

Cleaning supplies are provided and access to extra paper goods and/or more extensive cleaning products are available in the basement of the Volland Store.

Bins for garbage are located behind the Blacksmith Shop in Volland.

### **Repairs**

If something needs repair, please contact a staff person as soon as possible. If something is not broken but just does not seem right (like there is a puddle of water in a building), let staff know as soon as possible.

Please make note of all furnishings and arrangements in the spaces you are using. All furnishings must be returned to their original location at the end of your stay.

At the end of your residency, we ask that you follow the cleaning checklist in this handbook. You will be provided a departure checklist to accomplish before you leave.

## Studios

Residents using studios have 24-hour access to their studio. Residents are responsible for their studio's upkeep and general maintenance. If you do not want to be disturbed, please put a "do not disturb" sign on the door of your studio.

**The Blacksmith Shop:** ~17' x 35.' Double opening doors on E side, sliding door on S side. 3 four-socket plugins along N wall, 1 two-socket outlet on S wall, 1 two-socket outlet on E wall. Concrete floor is ok for temporary mess. Please place drop cloth if painting. Walls are ok to pin into. No heating or AC. The space may take water if there is a heavy rain. Water is available from spickets on either side of the shop on E end of building. Bathrooms inside the Volland Store.



Blacksmith Shop



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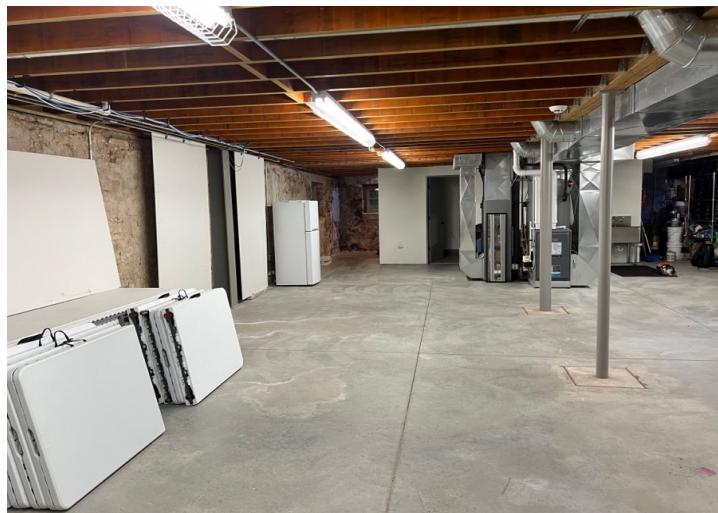
Blacksmith Shop

**Lower Level (Basement) of Volland Gallery:** ~24 x 24.' Access from NE door of Volland Store. Plug-ins along E and W walls. Concrete floor is ok for temporary mess. Please place drop cloth if painting. The stone foundation should not be drilled into. Please ask if you need materials to hang on and we will provide. The space may take water if there is a heavy rain. Two bathrooms (plus showers). An industrial sink (24" x 21" x 13") is installed on the N side of the space. A refrigerator/freezer is available as well. Note that Volland

Foundation storage is in this space and that staff will likely come into and out of the basement for various tasks, especially when large events require tables and chairs that are stored in the basement.



Lower level of Volland Gallery (Basement)



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### **Parking and Vehicles**

You are required to have a vehicle at The Volland Foundation. Residents should refer to their parking spot as listed under “The Property and Other Facilities” section.

### **Stipends**

You will be given your stipend upon departure from your residency. We strongly encourage you to stay the whole time as spelled out in the Resident Agreement. If you have to leave

earlier than 24 - 36 hours due to personal or work issues, we will reduce the amount of your stipend accordingly.

### **Maintenance**

The Volland facilities staff are continually working on maintenance and upkeep of the property. There will be times when you will hear maintenance work taking place while you are with us. Generally, tractors, diesel trucks and quads can be heard from 8am - 5pm. Union Pacific runs through Volland, and there are, on average, 18 train crossings a day.

Keep all gates closed and do not climb on gates, irrigation equipment or buildings. Please do not move any rocks, wood or equipment into fields.

### **Landscape Art Proposals**

We accept proposals for landscape art projects. These can be submitted only after your arrival to The Volland Foundation, and locations must be approved by the Volland Foundation staff. After your departure, sculptures will not be maintained.

### **Privacy and Guests**

The Volland Foundation strives to create a harmonious, creative community during each residency. To limit outside distractions, overnight guests are not allowed during residencies.

### **The Volland Store is a Place for Art and Community.**

Normal operating hours are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 1 to 4 pm, and occasionally there are scheduled extended hours as well. During the week, people drive by the Store, and they may stop and walk the grounds around the Store, visit the Ruin, check out the Old Store and Liggett Sculpture Park, or walk the History and Nature Trail. Often, there are special events on the weekends, and we will inform you of those. You are invited to attend and/or interact with the visitors.

If you do not wish to have visitors in your studio, please put your "do not disturb" sign on the studio door.

### **Smoking**

No smoking is allowed inside buildings at Volland. A designated smoking area is any space next to a receptacle for cigarette butts, on a gravel surface. Please dispose of them properly. Kansas is often dry and the risk of fire is ever present. Staff will show you the locations.

## **Security**

You have a key code to your room, studio and the Volland Store. The Store is locked except when staff is present or during open hours.

## **Respect**

The Volland Foundation strives to create a creative atmosphere and supportive environment for artistic exploration. It is up to all residents to uphold general standards of behavior, respect diversity and privacy, and protect The Volland Foundation facilities and the land.

If conflicts arise, residents are expected to attempt to reach a solution among themselves. If a resolution is not possible, residents are asked to bring any problems to the attention of the Volland Foundation staff.

Specific policies are as follows:

- Please respect our neighbor's privacy and do not wander onto their property, fenced or otherwise.
- Please respect the land. Collecting materials that have blown down or fallen is allowed, but please either return these items to nature or take them with you at the end of your residency.
- Removal or destruction of Volland Foundation property is prohibited. This includes furniture, appliances, tools, etc.
- The use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol is prohibited on Volland Foundation property.
- Firearms are not permitted on Volland Foundation property.
- Smoking is not allowed anywhere inside buildings.
- Residents are not allowed to visit each other's studios or rooms without an invitation.
- Harassment of other residents or Volland Foundation staff will not be tolerated.
- We reserve the right to terminate the residency of any individual who we believe threatens the experience for themselves or others or causes destruction of Volland Foundation property.

## **Accidents & Emergencies**

First aid kits are available. Inside the Store there is a kit in the utility closet in the kitchen on the main floor. The Loft and Little House have first aid kits under their bathroom sinks.

If you have an accident while at the Volland Foundation, please let one of the staff know. They will need to fill out an Incident Report form.

**If an emergency occurs that requires an ambulance, call 911 immediately, then contact facilities staff if possible. Below is a list of places to call or visit if you need medical attention:**

### **Hospitals**

Topeka- Stormont Vail Hospital & Trauma Center, open 24hrs, 785-354-6000

Manhattan- Ascension Via Christi, open 24hrs, 785-776-3322

### **Pharmacies in Wamego and Manhattan:**

Wamego- Wamego Drug Store, Mon - Fri, 9-6; Sat 9-1. Closed Sunday.

Manhattan- Choice of CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Dillons (Kroger), etc.

### **The Community of Volland**

Volland, in its heyday, served around 400 residents, ranchers, and more. The town is inherently tied to the natural landscape. The steepest incline of rail in Kansas runs between Alma and Alta Vista. Passing trains needed a place to replenish coal and water for the engines. and Volland was the natural spot, given the West Branch of Mill Creek is adjacent. Things snowballed from there, soon a mailstop, a shipping point for cattle, and many other features were added to Volland. The Old Store is where Otto and Bill Kratzer opened their mercantile. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the brick store was completed. There is much more detail to be shared about Volland, but we will let you ask for more!

### **Local News and Events**

Newspapers and other sites that announce events in the local area:

Alma Signal-Enterprise, Wamego Smoke Signal, Wabaunsee County Office of Economic Development website

### **Library and Bookstore**

Alma Public Library- 115 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Alma, KS. Monday, Tuesday and Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., 12:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., 12:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday: CLOSED. (The Volland Foundation has a library card account, please talk to Ryan about using it and finding resources on their website.)

Council Grove- Flint Hills Books- 130 W Main Street, Council Grove, KS. WED – SAT 11-6, SUN 11am-4pm. Excellent!

## **Hiking, Trails and Recreation**

Konza Prairie

Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve

Mount Mitchell

Discovery Center in Manhattan

Manhattan River Trail

Columbian Theatre in Wamego

**Alma- Wabaunsee County Historical Society and Museum- outstanding!**

Dining at El Corral, coffee and lunch at Mel's Gathering Spot, Gambino's Pizza, Alma Bakery, and Stop-2-Shop

Council Grove – Riverwalk, Santa Fe Trail historical sites, and Kaw Mission Historic Site

Cottonwood Falls- Chase County Historical Museum & Library, Courthouse, Falls

## **Restaurants, Cafes & Bakeries**

See below for a list of restaurants in the Volland area:

### **ALMA:**

Alma Bakery and Sweet Shoppe

Baked goods, cinnamon rolls, Turnovers, Cookies, Pies to Order

Weekday Lunch Specials (except Wednesdays)

Gambino's Pizza

Monday – Sunday

El Corral Mexican Restaurant

Open every day except Monday

11am–9pm, and until 9:30pm Friday and Saturday

Mel's Gathering Spot

coffee shop and lunch specials

Tues – Sat | 6am - 2:30pm

### **ALTA VISTA:**

Barnyard Café

The Local (Bar)

Tuesday night Tacos

Friday & Saturday night

COUNCIL GROVE

Hays House Restaurant

Saddlerock Café