

# IX INTERNATIONAL ARTISTIC WOOL SYMPOSIUM 2020

Artistic residency for creative research in nature



## Call for proposals to participate in this residency to work with freshly shorn wool



*A six-day sojourn which provides a unique opportunity to investigate and work in close contact to nature and rural life*

The International Artistic Wool Symposium has been running at El Arreciado farm since 2012. Located in Montes de Toledo, this private estate is committed to agriculture, extensive organic farming and contemporary art. The residency takes place each Spring, when the farm's 300 plus sheep are shorn on the estate. More than 60 artists of 16 nationalities have participated in the 8 previous editions.

For more information and images check the website: <https://www.elarreciado.net/wool-symposium>

**2020 Dates:** 19 - 24 May inclusive (from Tuesday to Sunday)

**Materials:** Freshly shorn wool from 300 plus sheep, including one black one

### Motivation

The possibility of sharing a unique setting with artists who want to carry out creative investigation with wool and bringing together artists from different disciplines and countries, highly motivates us to organise this opportunity. We are also motivated to create awareness for contemporary art in rural areas.

### Objectives

1. Organise an inclusive 6-day residency deep in the countryside far from urban areas.
2. Offer participation in the IX International Wool Symposium
3. Raise awareness of contemporary art in rural areas.
4. Permit research and artwork on sheep shearing, and provide experience of Spain's farm life.
5. Offer an opportunity to investigate contemporary art languages with a natural material, that provides a unique, vibrant, sensory experience for the creative process.
6. Document the meeting for further disclosure.

### Participation

Send us a work proposal for the 6 days. If chosen it is not compulsory to exactly follow the proposal as the residency is based on research in response to the the environment, the material, shearing and life in the on the farm.

Work starts after witnessing/taking part in the shearing. The work carried out should be ephemeral, as the wool used will be collected up after the symposium has finished.

**Creatives of any discipline can participate** (sculpture, painting, architecture, poetry, installation, dance, photography, film / video, textiles, ...)

**How to apply:** Send an email to [woolsymposium@gmail.com](mailto:woolsymposium@gmail.com) with the application form filled in with the following details:

- Project description - maximum 100 words
- Brief curriculum / artist statement - maximum 100 words
- Maximum 5 images (drawing, or photo) or /short video of the proposed work
- Website or other relevant media links

**Deadline to apply** Friday 3rd of April, 2020

**Notification of accepted proposals** Monday 6th of April, 2020

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Symposium **PROGRAMME** and additional information

## 19 May

Arrive at El Arreciado. Welcome lunch and estate tour, to get familiarised with the place and choose locations for projects and worksites

## 20 May

Sheep shearing. Artistic work begins

## 21, 22 y 23 May

Projects develop

**24 de May** Participants get together to share their experiences and show and discuss their work.

There will be a support / advisory team as well as a catering team, throughout the symposium. Three meals a day are served at table.

## CONDITIONS

### Expenses

- Accommodation at the farm and materials are free.
- Selected participants have to cover the cost of their journey and food:
  - That is, to and from their place of departure to El Arreciado and back
  - From 19 to 23 (5 days) 35 € per day per person - this covers breakfast and 2 3-course meals and drinks, plus snacks and beverages all day long. Total 175 € per person.
  - Sunday 24th all participants are invited to breakfast and a traditional shepherd brunch

### Living conditions on the farm

- A generator provides electricity in the evenings or on request for tools. Phoes, computers... can be charged at that time
- Candles are provided
- Internet connection is possible with own routers or phones -no Wifi available.
- 2 people per bedroom

### Recommendations

- Comfortable, warm and cool clothes • Sturdy walking shoes • Gloves • Torch • Swimming costume and towel • Material to document processes - work is ephemeral • Medical insurance

### To see more

- [www.elarreciado.net](http://www.elarreciado.net)

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