

# ABACTORS' HIDEOUT

## FREQUENTLY ASKED PREGUNTAS

**What is the Abactors' Hideout?** The Abactors' Hideout is a letterpress print shop in a remodeled tractor shed at Smoke Farm, nestled alongside the north fork of the Stillaguamish River. We revel in the scent of musty paper, ink crusted lead, and the moment between conception and production.

**Who uses it?** The print shop is open to the community of experienced printers for scheduled day use. We also offer workshops and informal printing opportunities to printers of all skill levels.

**What sort of equipment do you have?** We have a manual Challenge proof press, two old style C&Ps (8 x 12 and 10 x 15), a Kelsey Excelsior tabletop press, a 22 inch Challenge paper cutter, alongside a half dozen cabinets of type and a really great view .

**How do I get involved?** Email Kate at [pilcrow@smokefarm.org](mailto:pilcrow@smokefarm.org) for more information. You can also join our email list to keep informed of related going-ons: <http://groups.google.com/group/abactors-hideout>

**When is the shop open?** There is a free open studio weekend once a month. Additional appointments are scheduled on an individual/project basis. Appointments are coordinated through Kate Fernandez and maintained online for public viewing at: [http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=j4srjalijirk2l456ts8ij17u8%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Los\\_Angeles](http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=j4srjalijirk2l456ts8ij17u8%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Los_Angeles)

**What is the cost to use the shop?** If you would like to share studio time with other printers, please come to our free monthly open studio weekend. An experienced printer will be on site to provide basic orientation about the shop and equipment. If you are a trained printer who would like some uninterrupted studio time, and sole use of the studio, you can reserve the studio for \$50 per day. Reservations will not be confirmed until your check is received. Reservation fees are not refundable.

**What do I need to print?** You need basic knowledge of the letterpress printing; handling type to operating presses. You are also responsible for supplying your own paper, or other projects specific materials. There is a limited supply of ink on hand, you may wish to purchase your own if you want a color we do not have. We recommend Vanson rubber based ink, which is available at Xpedx in SODO.

**Then who pays for the shop?** Operation costs are offset through private donations and public funding. Each year we apply for various grants that help us provide opportunities to the public at free or minimal cost. You too can join our campaign to support the Abactors' Hideout by making a tax deductible donation to our 501c 3 corporation. Checks can be sent to Abactors' Hideout, c/o Linden Ontjes, P.O. Box 12006, Seattle, WA 98102.

**What are my responsibilities when I use the shop?** As with all things on the farm, each visitor is asked to leave no trace. When you enter the shop, you'll notice two posted lists by the stove: Cleanup Procedures and Volunteer Tasks. Many hands make light work, right? The volunteer tasks range from inventorying type to painting the back exterior wall of the shop. Please record your time. We track volunteer hours for grant applications.

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