

The Burden Boat Project

An invitation to symbolically release burdens

The Burden Boat Project is an interactive and participatory part of a sculpture exhibition by artist Kurt Ernest Steger, it will be held at the Perspectives Gallery in Squires Hall on the Virginia Tech campus from September 10th through October 10th in the year 2009.

The Burden Boat is a twelve-foot long sculpture created to be a container to hold paper notes of burdens that people would like to symbolically release. From now through October 3rd people are invited to send or email their written personal burdens to the artist and the notes will be anonymously and respectfully crumpled and placed into the boat for cremation by fire. A second aspect of the project will be a series of burden bags; these are intended to hold the collective burdens we all share. The bags will be released by fire during the same ceremony but they will drop into the earth and buried.

The invitation is to send the written burdens to the Burden Boat Project care of Kurt Steger, note whether you want the burden cremated by fire or buried in the earth. The invitation extends to come by the exhibition from September 10th through October 3rd and place your burdens into the boat or bags yourself. If you are able please come to the ceremonial ritual release that will be held on October 4th (weather permitting) a procession of the boat will begin in the gallery at 2:30 pm.

Please pass this invitation to anyone or organization that may be interested in participating in this project.

All burdens will stay anonymous envelopes and emails will be deleted or destroyed.

Send Burdens to...

The Burden Boat Project.

Care of Kurt Steger

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