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Dear Friend,

The vessel, the empty container, is a physical form with an ancient and profound association to makers of objects. It is a metaphor as well—that space waiting to be filled with possibility and knowledge. When you arrive here after a long journey, you may feel that you are an empty vessel yourself, waiting to be filled with ideas, techniques, friendships, fog, wind, cookies, and whipped cream.

FOUNDER
Mary B. Bishop (1885–1972)

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And Haystack is a vessel, too, one that is empty before you get here, the vacant chairs of Gateway or the dining room, the bare workspaces in the studios, all waiting to be filled with your presence. While our architecture is inspired, and our location sublime, we are brought to life with your creativity.

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So we are vessels that fill each other in a way, pouring creativity back and forth. And, while this is a metaphor, it is also real. It is your energy that fills us and makes us a vital institution. But it's not only your creative energy that we need to ensure our vitality; we need your financial support as well.

When you make a contribution to Haystack, you make it possible for us to continue to offer innovative and dynamic programs, keep the cost of attending the school affordable, and maintain and improve our award-winning facility. You ensure that this institution, this vessel, can be filled again and again.

With best regards,

Stuart Kestenbaum
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