

## The Mabel White House Retreat Policies and Rules

**The Mabel White House** was designed with conducting craft and spa type classes in mind. What we developed is more than just an experience. It is a lifestyle. Located on a peaceful natural preserve and estuary, it is full of wildlife including frequent visits by Blue Herons, Pink Spoon Bills, and hundreds of Pelicans. Dolphin sightings are also common.

The Mabel White House is complete with a beach, to relax and watch the sunset, and a Jacuzzi to unwind after classes. Bring your swim suit as we have been known to play in the water during lunch break! The Mabel White House is on a large bay front property with many lovely gardens. Located near the John and Mabel Ringling Museum, in Sarasota, FL, the location is easy to fly in and out of. **There is no extra charge if you need to fly in day early or late.**

**General agenda's include** a 4 day regimen, a morning breakfast at 8:00 AM and lunch at 12:00 PM, which are included in the package.

Classes are in between meals and adjourn at 4:00 when students are free to visit Sarasota attractions. A guest country singer may prompt an evening BBQ on the grill. Cappuccino, Sun Tea, Bottled Water, and Southern Lemonade are provided and always on hand. No matter what the agenda, you will see how we make our own granola, yogurt, and arrange flowers from our gardens, as well as how to set the perfect table.

Actual classes may vary, but will be specific, beneficial and students will return home revitalized, with solid skills, and a new out look on life. Please see the applicable syllabus for class content. Class sizes are small with a 12 person maximum. **Supplies and books are always included and students will return home with product they have made.** Future classes will include knitting, pottery and other hand made arts. The Mabel White House is based on an artist and craft educational retreat and is not a rental facility. Therefore, no special security is provided for guests, beyond normal residential security.

**What to Bring:** We are on the water so make sure to bring a swim suit and towel, as well as clothing designed for 70 degree or higher weather. We will provide Mabel lab coats to prevent the ruining of your clothes while making crafts, but we are not responsible for your clothing, or personal items. The need for more formal wear is highly unlikely as most of our local restaurants and shops are used to beach type dressed guests. **Sandals or shoes are to be worn at all times, for your safety.**

\*There are pets on the property so those allergic to cats and dogs need to be aware of this.

\*\*Some classes will be video taped, so do be sure to ask what dates those are if you prefer not to be a participant.

**Fees:** The fee for the general basic or specialized four day series of classes is **\$975**. All **materials, breakfast and lunch are included**. A non-refundable \$475 deposit is required 30 days prior to attendance. The deposit can be applied to a later class date. However, all deposits will be refunded immediately if weather conditions do not permit specific retreat dates to be possible. This means hurricanes are not included. Specific knowledge in any subject area is not required. We prefer our students to stay on site during the retreat. There is no charge for accommodations, when available. Off site accommodations are the responsibility of the guest and no discount will be granted for anyone who stays off site or plans to commute. Every attempt possible will be made to match retreat participants to their skill level, focus and lifestyle so the chemistry of each class is high. A \$50 discount per person is offered if a student is bringing another student. This means both fees would be \$925 each. Remember, retreats are limited to a 12 person maximum.

**How to enroll:**

1. Select a Retreat date.
2. Check our website on availability of dates or call (941) 751-1951.
3. Fill out and return the **Information Sheet, Release and Indemnity Agreement**, and **return it to us with a \$475 deposit** that will be applied towards the \$975 fee--at least 30 days before the selected Retreat date.
4. Make sure to note your area of interests on the Information Sheet.
5. Enrollment can be performed on line—just call. There is a 5% discount of the total fee for on line enrollment.
6. The final payment will be due before you arrive.

**Holding Dates:** We cannot “hold” dates without a deposit.

**Airports:** **Sarasota International Airport** is only a few minutes away. Air Tran appears to have the best pricing to SRQ. You may find your best fare is to **Tampa International Airport** (TPA) which is 45 minutes away. Cab fare is \$50 both ways. See below to inquire about more information. Transportation is not provided.

**Cancellation:** If we cancel due to weather conditions, such as a Hurricane threat in our location, you will receive a complete refund of your deposit and an offer to choose another date. If a cancellation is made over 90 days in advance of the intended retreat date by the customer, \$50.00 of the deposit is non-refundable. If a cancellation is made within 90 days of the intended retreat date you will lose your entire deposit with the option of applying the deposit to another retreat date. If a cancellation is made within 30 days of the intended retreat date the customer is obligated to pay the full fee of the guarantee unless we are able to book another person in your stead. In that case, only your deposit would be lost.

## Mabel White House Retreat Rules

1. No Alcohol or drugs will be allowed on the property, except those prescribed by a doctor.
2. Lights are out by 11:00 PM unless there is a Retreat approved activity going on.
3. No smoking inside any of the retreat facilities.
4. To avoid embarrassment, no sexual activity is permitted among attendees, unless attendees are spouses and such conduct is private.
5. No swimming or walking off the property without a buddy is permitted and there will be no swimming or walking off the property after dark.
6. No entering of any buildings not designated for your stay.
7. All Guests shall be responsible for their personal items and transportation. Please lock doors and windows, for your security.
8. Each guest must sign the attached Release and Indemnity Agreement and submit it, together with their deposit, to be considered for attendance at a retreat.



# The Mabel White House

## Retreat Applicant Sheet

**Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\ \_\_\_\_\ \_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Best time to call?** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (Home)** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **(Work)** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What Art/Craft Skills Do You Presently Feel You Have Mastered? (Not Required)**

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**What Are Your Learning Goals at the Mabel White House Retreat?**

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**Dates You Would Like to Attend?\_(Pick Two)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return Information sheet to:**

Deborah R. Dolen  
Mabel White House  
6649 Renssalaer Drive  
Bradenton, FL 34207

Phone (941) 751-1951

## Release and Indemnity Agreement

The undersigned Attendee/Guest at the Mabel White House Retreat, scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_ (and any rescheduled date therefore), in consideration of the events and educational activities, accommodations provided (if available), and other valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, hereby acknowledges and agrees as follows:

### 1. Definitions:

In this agreement:

- a) the term “**Mabel White House**” shall refer to the **Mabel White Home Living Corporation**, a Florida Corporation, its directors, officers, employees, agents, contractors, invited guest performers or lecturers, and their successors or assigns, which is the provider of the retreat and supplier of all services and accommodations in connection with the retreat (also referred to herein as “Releasee”);
- b) the term “facility” shall include any area of the Mabel White House and its associated craft and recreational activities and grounds;
- c) the term “off class activity” shall mean private activity of a Mabel White House Guest and any off property activity that is not part of retreat activity, such as sightseeing, private dining, etc.) .

**2. Assumption of Risks – Travel to and from facility, personal belongings, facility conditions, physical activity, Etc.** The undersigned acknowledges that there are risks with any type of travel and engagement in craft and leisurely activities. I freely accept and fully assume all such risks, dangers and hazards and the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage or a loss resulting there from and I am in good health. In the event of an unforeseen accident or sickness, I authorize Mabel White House representatives to seek reasonable emergency medical care for me and I agree to pay for such emergency transportation and care. I advise Mabel White House that I have the following health condition(s):\_\_\_\_\_.

In the event of emergency, please notify the following person(s):\_\_\_\_\_ Tel.\_\_\_\_\_.

3. Release and Indemnity. I hereby release the Mabel White House from all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including, without limitation, death that I may suffer as a direct or indirect result of my participation in a **Mabel White House retreat, DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEE, AND INCLUDING THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEE TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF PARTICIPATING IN A MABEL WHITE HOUSE RETREAT REFERRED TO ABOVE.** I also agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Releasee from any and all loss, damage or liability (including without limitation court costs and reasonable attorneys fees) for any

property damage or personal injury including, without limitation, death to any third party resulting directly or indirectly from my participation in a Mabel White House Retreat event.

4. Enforcement. This Agreement shall be effective and binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the undersigned. This Agreement and any right, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, County of Manatee and no other jurisdiction. Any litigation involving the parties to this Agreement shall be brought solely within the state courts of the County of Manatee, State of Florida. In any action brought to enforce or interpret this Agreement, the prevailing party shall recover from the non-prevailing party court costs and a reasonable attorney fee, at all levels of litigation and appeal.

In entering into this Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releases with respect to the safety of participating in a **Mabel White House Retreat**, other than that which is set forth in the Mabel White House Policies and Rules and in this Agreement. I have read and understand the Mabel White House Policies and Rules and this Agreement, and agree to be bound thereby.

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or Typed)

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Date