

A Renewal Time for ART

It's time to renew your spirit and return to the South Coast. It's time to rediscover how the creative community has not only survived, but thrived during the Covid pandemic.

All you have to do is take to the road and explore the arts on the 18th annual South Coast Artists Open Studio Tour, slated for the summer weekends of July 17-18 and August 21-22. This summer SCA welcomes you, art lovers, to the four coastal communities of Dartmouth and Westport, MA, and Tiverton and Little Compton, RI. It's an idyllic region of New England where hundreds of artists choose to live and work, and this summer we have 75 artists excited to open their studio doors to an eager audience. It's the perfect time to visit with artists willing to reveal their personal, creative space.

Newly-elected SCA President Heather Stivison is overjoyed that the experience of discovering arts in the studio has returned after a 16-month absence due to the pandemic. "There's nothing quite like seeing the artistic spirit up close," Stivison says. "That firsthand experience allows you to witness their creative perseverance. That dedicated spirit, and a supportive community, makes it clear that if you want to see worthwhile art, you have to make plans to travel to the coast of Southern New England."

In addition, Stivison says, "our region is colorful and entrepreneurial, where values and passionate people coexist in order to meet the demands of its residents. The South Coast is home to art centers, galleries and studios exhibiting works by internationally renowned and local artists."

This year you can plan out your adventure by utilizing SCAs own mobile app, which provides you an easy way to follow and fully explore this free art tour. The SCA Studio Tour app is perfect for those art fans looking for a digital alternative. You can plan a special artist route simply by clicking the mobile app on your smartphone. Select your favorite artist, or ones you want to discover, and let the app guide the way.

If you prefer, SCA also maintains a user-friendly website and a printed brochure. The website - www.southcoastartists.org - is there to provide you with additional news, photos, downloadable maps and directions. SCA's easy-to-read brochure and map, is available at many local businesses, and at art locations throughout New England.

The Open Studio is free and family-friendly to anyone who loves to wander and encounter original art of the highest quality. Artists work in a variety of mediums, which include painting, wax encaustic, pastel, watercolor, photography, sculpture, wood, ceramics, jewelry, textiles, mosaics, basketry and 3D sculpting. SCA artists will be also be demonstrating their process, giving away their secrets and offering a rare glimpse into their private world.

South Coast Artists, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization, supports the community and its artists with educational events, an online directory, studio tours, and grants for emerging artists. SCA is sponsored by many community businesses, artists and regional businesses like WGBH-Boston, Cardi's Furniture and the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Artscope, Newport Life, Providence Monthly and Art New England magazines are also major sponsors.

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