



PORTLAND OPEN STUDIOS
Watch Artists at Work

WHEN: October 11, 12, 18, 19

CONTACT:

www.portlandopenstudios.com
info@portlandopenstudios.com
503-285-3131

High resolution images of artworks and artists working are available

WHAT & WHERE: annual self-directed tour of 98 artists' studios.

Be a tourist in your own town. This fall stay close to home and let art transport you away from your everyday world. Visit artists' workplaces at 98 locations throughout metro Portland during Portland Open Studios, October 11, 12 & 18, 19. Go behind the scenes to see where, how, and why art is made in an up close and personal view. The diversity of Portland Open Studios includes artists working in all media -- paint, wood, metal, fiber, glass -- plus emerging artists in their 20's and 30's; mid-career and well established artists; and artists from all over the United States and the world who have chosen to live and work in metro Portland.

Enter the dream worlds of Anna Todaro and Todd Griffith or the naturalistic ones of Julie Fulkerson and Cirocco Moody. See the Oregon landscape interpreted in as many ways as there are artists who make them. Feel as though you are looking through a brightly colored prism while looking at Theresa Andreas-O'leary's landscapes on one hand and see the smooth clear shapes in Julie Blackman's on the other. Find China in Beaverton at the studio of Ming Wei, who paints landscapes in the traditional Chinese tradition or travel to Eastern Oregon through Larry Olson's photographs. Can't make it to the Ukraine, Robin Bown uses eggs as her canvas, as they do in Eastern Europe. Go to East Africa through Martin Owino's batiks. David Kerr's glass vessels let you get lost in the reflections and transparency of the lace-like shapes. Tupper Malone's paintings of Earth from a universe point of view take you out of this world. Meet the locals while traveling, not only the artists but the portraits whose eyes meet yours -- Elliot Walls enigmatic women, Allen Schmertzler's politicians, Amelia Opie's children playing with unusual toys and Chris Haberman's cartoons. Get a flavor of historical time and place with Robert Abbott's elegantly costumed portraits and Sabina Haque's icon filled paintings. Discover the worlds of abstraction with Bruce Ulrich's large, bold energetic paintings or Samuel Soto's undulating wood sculptures. No matter what you see if you don't speak the language the participating artists can be your guides.

TWO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS OF THE KIMBERLY GALES EMERGING ARTISTS SCHOLARSHIP

Since 2005 Portland Open Studios has been awarding scholarships for participation in the tour to artists under 30. This years winners are Natalie Ball and Maggie Casey. Natalie Ball's large, dynamic, symbol filled abstract portraits intertwine her personal story and the history of the Mendoc and Klamath tribes of Southern Oregon. Whether Maggie Casey is working on a giant installation or her more intimate wood and fiber boxes, she considers herself a sculptor who uses line to build volume. In either case, hundreds of threads which appear to defy gravity create three dimensional drawings.

TICKETS

The \$15 Tour Guide, in calendar format comes with two tickets, maps, pictures of all artists' artwork, and contact information, is available at Art Media, New Seasons, and other outlets listed on www.portlandopenstudios.com. Children under 18 are free.

WHAT'S NEW

Many artists are open both weekends.

This year you can cross the river on either weekend to visit studios. Check the Tour Guide and map to see which artists are only open one weekend and which are open both. All westside studios are open on October 11 & 12; all eastside studios are open October 18 & 19

Need a Ride to Portland Open Studios? Let EcoShuttle Drive you.

This year we have partnered with the EcoShuttle to provide group tours of many of our artist workspaces!

EcoShuttle's carbon-neutral tour vans are powered with biodiesel so sit back, relax and enjoy the ride along with other art lovers.

Different pre-scheduled stops are planned for each day of the event. Sign up for one day or all four.

Visit www.ecoshuttle.net for schedules, prices and to arrange a ride to the studios.

Whether you go by bicycle, car, bus or walk your own neighborhood you will be transported to the land of imagination, craftsmanship and beauty.

For a complete list of artists visit www.portlandopenstudios.com.

###