

Shelter Island Open Studio Tour This Weekend

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It's that time of year when many artists based on Shelter Island ban together and offer examined looks into their studios. ARTSI (Artists of Shelter Island) will hold its sixth annual Open Studio Weekend on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. on both days. There are 14 artists on the self-guided tour. Maps are available on the group's [website](#). Attending is free.

Studios in this year's tour are a mix of returning artists and new artists to the tour. Works range from cutting edge contemporary to paintings that present traditional subjects such as still lifes. Painting, ceramics, fiber art, photography, digital art can be found on the open studio weekend.

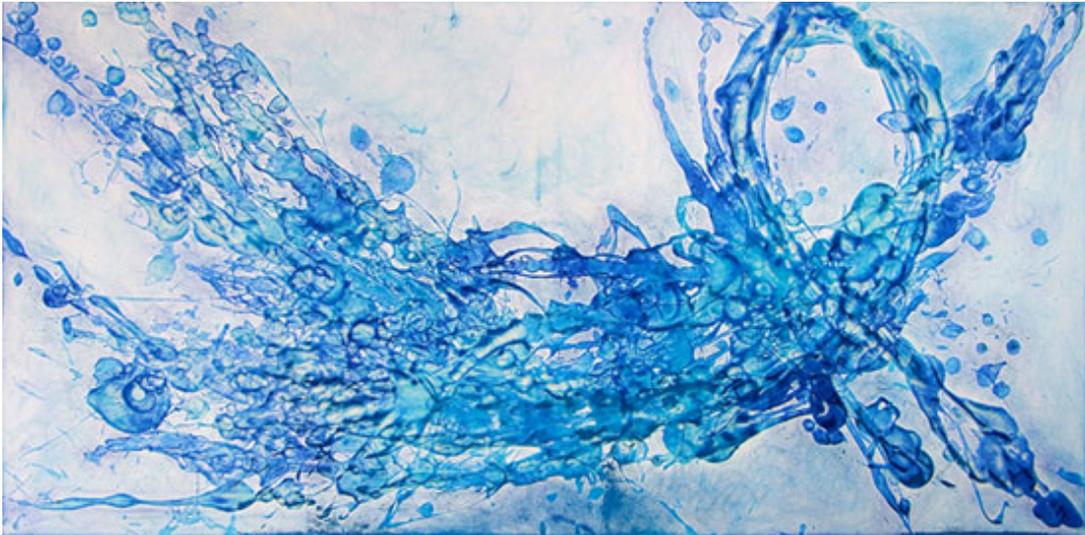


“Hand Built Stoneware Bowl” by Megan Hergreuter.
Raku fired, 4 x 9 inches.

Participating artists include Janet Culbertson, Roz Dimon, Amy Grabelsky, Katherine Hammond, Megan Hergreuter, Liss Larsen, Mary Larsen, Bob Markell, Kia Pedersen, Linda Puls, Olive Reich, Susan Schrott, Peter Waldner and Mike Zisser. The ARTSI website provides link to each artist's website so some of the work can be viewed before the tour.

All of the artists have exhibition histories. For instance, Kia Pedersens' new painting series is

currently on view at Monika Olko Gallery in Sag Harbor as part of a two-person show. Janet Culbertson's work was the subject of a recent retrospective at the Stone Quarry Hill Art Gallery in Syracuse and is currently included in the Springs Invitational on view through Sunday in East Hampton, NY. Roz Dimon's work was the subject of a solo show held at the Shelter Island Historical Society's Barn.



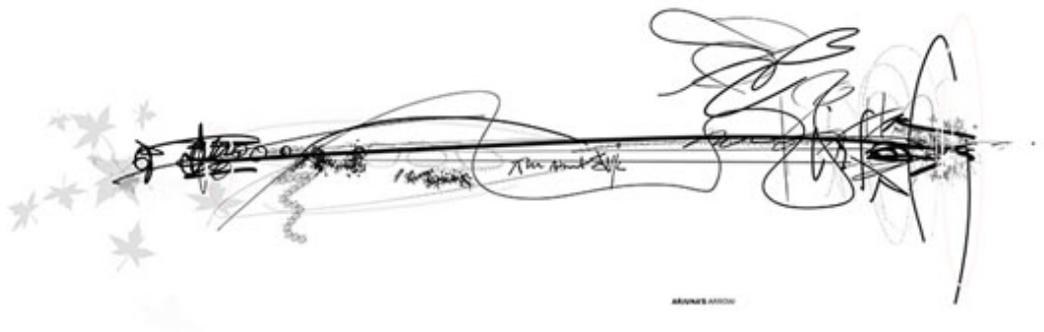
"Splash" by Kia Pederson. Oil on canvas, 36 x 72 inches.



"Becoming a Desert" by Janet Culbertson. Oil, iridescent pigments, 34 x 48 inches.

ARTSI's Open Studio allows visitors the opportunity to see a broader body of work that is possible in curated exhibitions. It also allows the chance to see new work or older ones that have not been exhibited on the East End. Driving around the small island, tucked between the South Fork and the North Fork also provides a unique way to discover the nooks and crannies of Shelter Island.

ARTSI was founded in 2007 as a way for artists based on Shelter Island to provide a higher profile for the artist community so the public would realize that Shelter Island has a vibrant artist community. For the last two years, the group has presented exhibitions held at the Shelter Island Historical Society. Shows have also been presented at the Shelter Island Library.



“Arjunas Arrow” by Roz Dimon. Digital drawing on rag paper, 30 x 60 inches.

BASIC INFO: “Artists of Shelter Island Open Studio” will be held on August 16 and 17th from noon to 5 p.m. across Shelter Island. For details, visit www.artsi.info.

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