

## Open Studio Hartford

Hartford hosted its 28<sup>th</sup> annual Open Studio this past month and Asylum Hill was well represented. For those who go every year you know that the kick off event as well as the concluding Ekphrasis and After Party were held at ArtSpace 555 Asylum Ave. The main



hall just inside the front door has one item from every exhibiting artist, and the floors of hallways and apartments are filled with resident and non-resident artists and their work. Some are returning artists displaying what they have done since last year as well as some of their most popular work from the past, others are new artists displaying for the first time. Another 25 artist were on display at the Great Hall at Union Station, which is in itself a work of art.

The smallest venue was once again the apartment of Maurice Robertson at 69 Myrtle St.



An avid photographer and jazz enthusiast, Maurice always has great photos especially black & white of jazz musicians in motion. Another longtime venue is the Hartford Artisan Weaving Center at 40 Woodland St. they have a wide variety of woven clothing and display items, all made by blind or visually impaired weavers or senior citizens. They teach weaving classes throughout the year and are open during the week usually from 10:00am -5:00 pm.

Many of the other locations were near to Asylum Hill in Blue Hills, the West End and Parkville.

If there's a downside to this annual event, it's that it only happens once a year and only for two days. There's just too much to see in only 12 hours.

For more photos, go to: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/qidb9hMbrAQzf0i82>