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Cape Ann Artisans Announces 2021 Open Studios Schedule Returning and New artists.

The Cape Ann Artisan's tour continues to be a delightful and thoroughly enjoyable experience.

Thanks to all the artisans for their gracious reception. [2020 Visitor]

The Cape Ann Artisans are pleased to announce the 38th Annual Spring and Fall Open Studios, plus a special summer Mini-Tour in 2021 based on the response of the community in the summer of 2020. The Spring Tour is June 5-6, the Fall Tour is October 9-10, and the Mini-Tour, with a smaller group of the artisans, is planned for one day only, Saturday, August 14th.

For locals and visitors alike, the diversity of the artisans' work combined with the unique setting of the studios creates a memorable day or weekend outing around Cape Ann. The group changes slightly from year to year due to artists who choose to take a leave or new members who are juried in. In 2021, the Artisans welcome new artisan Sallie Strand, an abstract painter located on historic Rocky Neck. In 2020, Chloe Leigh, a fine jeweler, located in downtown Gloucester also joined the group, but this will be her first year participating.

The tour is "self-guided" with 14 individual stops to visit with 15 artisans. The full group is listed below along with their medium:

- 1. David Archibald Ceramic Arts Porcelain & Stoneware
- 2. Cynthia Curtis Ceramic Arts Stoneware
- 3. Rob Diebboll Painting Oil & Watercolors
- 4. Jacqueline Ganim DeFalco Sea Glass Jeweler

- 5. Deb Gonet Painting Mixed Media
- 6. Linda Hogan Quilter
- 7. Chloe Leigh Fine Jeweler
- 8. Sinikka Nogelo Painting & Sculpture Experimental Arts
- 9. Scott Place and Erin O'Sullivan Ceramic Arts
- 10. Marcie Rae Fine Jeweler
- 11. Deb Schradieck Painting-Oil & Watercolor
- 12. Sallie Strand Painting- Abstract
- 13. Pam Stratton Mosaics
- 14. Sara Wright Fiber Arts- Handwoven & Knit Accessories

As the tourist season unfolds, the 2021 Brochure will become available at all the major tourism outlets including the Cape Ann Chamber and North of Boston CVB locations. The Artisans will also continue their partnership with Discover Gloucester. One significant change is that the tour locations will be noted on the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce Visitor printed map and will be downloadable from Cape Ann Artisans website, but will not be printed inside the Artisan brochure as in years past.

The Cape Ann Artisans welcome the support of the community and the opportunity to be a partner and be listed on both the printed and online promotional material is available until February 1. Annually, the Artisans print and distribute over 10,000 brochures which are distributed throughout the region. The Artisans connect with thousands of visitors and act as ambassadors to all things local - especially lodging, restaurants, and services. If you would like to secure a partnership, please contact Pam Stratton directly at this email: pamstratton63@gmail.com.

The 2020 Feedback survey gave the Cape Ann Artisans high marks in terms of Covid safety and we will continue to ask visitors to comply with State of Massachusetts regulations: wearing of facial coverings, practice of social distancing, and use of hand sanitizer which will be available at each studio.

What: The 38th Annual Cape Ann Artisans Open Studios

Where: Gloucester and Rockport, MA.

When: Spring Tour: Sat & Sun, June 5-6 and October 9-10th 10AM-5PM Daily

Special Event: Mini-Tour* – Sat August 14 th Mini-Tour Artists to be announced in the Spring. Contact: info@capeannartisans.com or leave a message with Cynthia Curtis 978-546-6186