

Surrey Artists Open Studios summer event

9 - 24 June and 20 - 22 July 2012

www.surreyopenstudios.org.uk
Call 01483 519285 for a brochure

Surrey Artists Open Studios (SAOS) is a not for profit organisation offering artists the chance to profile their work direct to the public either online or in our annual summer Open Studios event. Here the public can visit studios, meet artists & makers, view demonstrations, buy artwork, enter our free prize draw, view taster exhibitions and take part in creative workshops.

We offer this opportunity to studios throughout Surrey and around its borders.

Look out for the orange Open Studios flags and balloons or pick up a brochure at a Surrey local library or arts venue.

What's new for Surrey Artists Open Studios summer event?

We now offer a bursary scheme for emerging and none commercial artists, this is to make our event as inclusive as possible and offer a more diverse and exciting range of art to the public. For 2012 we had 3 lucky bursary winners: Amy Gagahan (recent graduate specialising in architectural print design and textiles) Joe Szabo (glass artist) and Angela Thames (book artist and printmaker). The deadline for bursary submissions for the summer 2013 Open Studios event is early January 2013.

For the first time we will be offering an additional weekend to the established June event. This will be 20 - 22 July to coincide with the Olympic Torch coming to Surrey



Jojo Rowley, ceramicist in Cobham



Alan Brain, painter in Chobham

Audience Incentives

We will also be hosting an additional prize draw, any member of the public that visits more than 3 studios on bicycle during the June event and has their loyalty card signed by the studios they visit will be entitled to enter our extra free prize draw for cyclists! We are hosting this extra prize draw in celebration of the Olympic Road Cycle races coming to Surrey on the 28 & 29 July.

‘There is such a great collective of styles on offer, and with over 160 studios, there will be one open just around the corner!’

Caroline Jackman, SAOS Coordinator

Artists at the touch of a button

We also feature all of our open studios artists and more on our online resource ‘Find a Surrey Artist’, available throughout the year. Here you can search for Surrey Artists, each of whom has an individual web page showcasing up to 12 images of their artwork; listings of their exhibitions and workshops and many indicate that their studio is open by appointment throughout the year.

Our online calendar

We now offer an online calendar of events, this features our artists promoting creative workshops, exhibitions, artist talks and art fairs that they are participating in. This resource is a great way to tap into what’s on offer throughout Surrey and beyond.

How we develop as an organisation

Each year we invite our artists and our visitors to complete short feedback and evaluation forms. All comments and suggestions are taken into consideration for the future development of SAOS and Surrey Open Studios. As an outcome we publish an evaluation document in the autumn detailing our events and our future proposals.

All details on SAOS and Surrey Open Studios visit www.surreyopenstudios.org.uk



Jim Tucker, assemblage artist in Leigh



Gillian Harris, feltmaker in Dorking

Surrey Artists Open Studios summer Taster exhibitions

To kick start the Open Studios event, we have 3 taster exhibitions allowing our audience the chance to view a selection of artists work from across Surrey at one venue, giving them an insight as to what they can expect to see when visiting studios in June.

The Surrey taster exhibition

At East Surrey College, London Road, Gatton Point, Redhill.

From Monday 30th April to Friday 18th May.
Opening hours to be from 10am to 5pm.
www.esc.ac.uk/rsdm

All participating Open Studios artists will be invited to submit work for this exhibition.

West Surrey Taster exhibition

At Lewis Elton Gallery, University of Surrey, Guildford

From 9 – 24 May 2012

Private view held at 6pm on Tuesday 8 May.
Open Mon - Fri 10am - 5pm.

Car Park 1. Weekends by appointment only.
01483 682 167

www.surrey.ac.uk/arts/visualarts

Artists participating in the West areas of Surrey Open Studios will be invited to submit work for this exhibition.

Selected Surrey taster show

At Bourneside Gallery, Station Road, Gomshall, Surrey

4th June – 23rd July.

Open Mon 12 - 5pm, Tue - Sat 10am - 5pm
and Sun 11am - 4pm

01483 202 433

www.bournesidegallery.moonfruit.com

A spacious light space above a lovely cafe, this new idyllic gallery situated in the hart of Surrey, with easy access on the A25 or train from Guildford. Accommodates work from 19th and 20th Century printmakers and glass exhibited alongside local visual arts and craft.



East Surrey College



Lewis Elton Gallery



Bourneside Gallery

How do we support our artists?

Through our membership scheme we offer year round promotion of our artists online including a dedicated web page for each at www.surreyopenstudios.org.uk on Find A Surrey Artist.

We offer monthly e-bulletins on opportunities and events. We offer training and networking events including 'how to promote you and your work to galleries'. Professional studio photo shoots and most recently we offered our members the chance to have their work photographed to museum standard by Anne Purkiss (professional museum photographer for Watts Gallery). The results have given many of our members' high quality images for their promotional portfolios.

Why is SAOS such a vital resource to artists?

Surrey is such a diverse county, either built up urban towns or remote and rural. Many of our artists join our resource for the simple chance to network with other artists and makers. They also find the e-bulletins on monthly opportunities and events a vital link to what's on in and around Surrey.

For artists and makers who wish to diversify or simply build up their knowledge in marketing or professional development, the courses set up by SAOS or linked through partnerships such as Social Media marketing at East Surrey College in May are vital and worthwhile affordable tools.

The future of SAOS and Surrey Open Studios

We always strive to develop this organisation and the Open Studios event, our focus will be on establishing a Christmas Open Studios event; to offer residency opportunities for artists to work in schools as part of the Open Studio scheme and to continue with our partnerships raising our profile and arts development opportunities.

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Caroline Jackman, painter/printmaker in Godalming



Judith Needham, willow weaver in Farham