

Galleries Press Release –

Arran Open Studios

This is the sixth year of the Arran Open Studios. Nearly 50 artists exhibiting in 39 venues over the weekend 11th -14th August.

As well as the high quality arts, you will experience one of Scotland's most picturesque ancient and spiritual landscapes as you travel from studio to studio visiting painters, sculptors, woodworkers furniture makers, jewellers, fabric and glass workers, leather workers and potters. The island really is a hotbed of creativity.

Look out for the *Art/Poetry in a Biscuit Tin* initiative in selected hotel/coffee shop venues throughout the island. Take part in it. Visitors to the island are invited to pen a verse, make a drawing or share a meditation on the cards provided in the Paterson's of Arran biscuit tin. The resulting reflections will be exhibited as part of the Arran Open Studios debriefing.

This is also the first year of the new Arran Art Trail. 18 artists and makers joining with one intent to open their studios all year round.

www.arranopenstudios.com for more detailed information.