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WAOS 2011

Wilmington Artists Open Their Studios to the Public

WILMINGTON, NC -- The fall 2011 Open Studios season kicks off with Wilmington Artisits Open Studios on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. More than 60 Wilmington artists will open their studios and homes to the public for this annual event, now in it’s tenth year.

Wilmington is easily accessible from all points in coastal southeastern North Carolina by car or bus, and from other cities by air. On saturday, non-Wilmington residents may park in permit-only areas provided they display a copy of the map on the dashboard. There is no parking restrictions on Sundays in Wilmington.

Wilmington is a historic and diverse city, long home to a thriving community of artists. Quiet residential streets lined with charming Victorians edge a vibrent commercial and industrial zone, all peppered with the studios of printmakers, sculptors, painters, glass and jewelry makers, illustrators, potters, photographers, watercolorists, and other artists working in a wide range of mediums.

New group shows will open at the Atlantic Gallery and at the Cape Fear Café, both on Front St. Internationally celebrated sculptor Eva Russo will display her new work in the rotunda of City Hall.

Studio location maps will be available prior to the opening at businesses and public libraries , and on the days of the event at the Riverwalk. Riverwalk is located at the junction of Water St and Dock St in downtown Wilmington.

WAOS 2011 receives funds from participating artists and from the Wilmington Arts Council, the North Carolina Cultural Council, and the NEA, with valuable support from local universities and businesses.

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