

# CALL TO ARTISTS

2018 Gig Harbor Open Studio Tour

September 14, 15 & 16, 2018

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The Gig Harbor Open Studio Tour is an opportunity for the public to take a self-guided inside look one weekend a year at some of Gig Harbor and the Greater Peninsula area's finest working artists and craftsmen.

The event is presented to assist local artists in helping them to market their work and gain exposure in the community. It is designed to showcase fine art and craft in the artist's working environment demonstrating a broad range of media and styles. The tour offers visitors the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the artistic process in a wide range of original work.

## **Requirements and General Information**

Screening for new members is on Saturday, February 17, 2018. Screening will occur at Morso Wine Bar, 9014 Peacock Hill Ave, Gig Harbor, WA. (253-530-3463)

Art **drop off** will be between **9:45 AM – 10:00 AM**

Art **pickup** will be between **11:45 AM – 12:00 PM**

Artists wishing to screen **must** bring:

- **Three (3) pieces of gallery-ready artwork** (This is artwork ready to be displayed).
- **Photo of your working studio** or if you are going to share another artist's studio, please provide the name of that artist\*. (We can help you find one if you do not have an artist with whom to share space.)
- Completed **Application Form**
- **Artist Statement:** We are looking for professional/working artists in the Gig Harbor area so your statement should include some of the following elements: an explanation of your painting style and your approach or philosophy of art. Your education, specifically if you've studied art, and which artists (living and dead) who have influenced or inspired you. You may choose to include significant awards you have won, exhibitions you have participated in, collections or galleries your paintings appear in, and painting organizations or societies you belong to. You may also list some of the juried art festivals you have participated in.

\* **The geographical boundaries for the Studio Tour are:**

**Pierce County West of the Narrows, North of Home on KPN (KPN North) and South of Mullenix Road in the Olalla area of Kitsap County.** If your working studio is located in KPS (Key Peninsula South) or you live in the Port Orchard area north of Mullenix Road you may screen, but must have made prior arrangements to participate in the show at another artist's studio inside the boundary.

### **If accepted to the Open Studio Tour you will be asked to:**

- Attend 3-5 meetings during the year to plan and implement the tour.
- Participate on **one** of the many committees to facilitate the tour.
- Pay \$225 participation fee before or at the first general meeting on February 27, 2018.
- Provide photos or scans of your work, your studio, and yourself for publicity and the OST brochure. These will be due by March 15, 2018 to Gary Jackson for the brochure and Carol Ann Johnson for the website.
- Sign and abide by the Open Studio Participation Agreement posted on this website.

### **Important Dates:**

- **February 17, 2018** Screening for new artists for OST
- **February 18, 2018** Notifications of jury results mailed to all artists
- **February 27, 2018** First general meeting at Morso Wine Bar, 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Participation fee is due at this time.
- **Dates to be determined** 2 - 3 Additional planning and implementation meetings.
- **September 14, 15 & 16, 2018** Gig Harbor Open Studio Tour.
- **October timeframe** "Wrap-Up" meeting to discuss 2018 tour and 2019 prospects.

### **Information on Website:**

- **2018 Gig Harbor Open Studio Tour Information**
- **Artist Application**
- **Open Studio Tour Participation Agreement**

**\*\*Please note. If you have problems downloading forms from the website, the screening committee will be happy to send you hard copies.**

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