

CALL TO ARTISTS

2019 Gig Harbor Open Studio Tour

September 20, 21 & 22, 2019

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 16, 2019. 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 at 11am**

Artists wishing to screen **must** provide digital images by February 9th to mjmcinnisfineart@gmail.com:

- **Three jpgs of work similar to what you will bring to the screening** - 1920 pixels on the longest side at 300 dpi, no bigger than 2MB, and saved as:
 - Last Name_First name_title of work.jpg (e.g. Smith_Bob_Red Poppies.jpg).
 - Make sure there is no visible frame or background in the photo of your work. If necessary, have them professionally photographed.
 - Digital images should be attached and NOT embedded in the body of the email.
- **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 the type of art you make, 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 in which your work appears, and art 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 at least **one** of the many committees to facilitate the tour.
- Pay \$200 participation fee before or at the first general meeting on February 26, 2019.
- Provide photos or scans of your work, your studio, and yourself for publicity and the OST brochure. These will be due by March 15, 2019 to Brad Stave, our Media Librarian - gigstave@gmail.com. (See above for digital requirements)
- Sign and abide by the Open Studio Contract posted on this website.

Important Dates:

February 9, 2019 digital entries due (inc. application, contract, and digital images of work).

February 16, 2019 New artist screening at Morso Wine Bar, drop of 9:45 to 10am.

February 26, 2019 First general meeting at Morso Wine Bar, 5:30 to 8:30pm; \$200 participation fee is due by this time.

Dates to be determined 2-3 additional planning and implementation meetings.

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October timeframe "Wrap-Up" meeting to discuss 2019 Tour and 2020 prospects.

Information on Website on the "Participate" tab:

- **2019 Gig Harbor Open Studio Tour Information**
- **Artist Application**
- **Open Studio Tour Contract**

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OST Website: www.gigharboropenstudiotour.org