

SOMERVILLE OPEN STUDIOS Saturday & Sunday MAY 4th & 5th | 12 - 6pm
***SNEAK PREVIEW* Friday, May 3 at select locations | 6 - 9pm**
(see associated events, receptions, and special shows below)

On the first weekend in May, over 400 Somerville artists will open their doors and invite you in to their studios in one of the largest single weekend open studios events in the nation.

Now in its 15th year, the weekend continues to grow throughout the city. In the US, only New York has more artists per capita than the City of Somerville. During SOS, artists will open their spaces in every kind of working space across every kind of visual media. Throughout the city are glass-blowers, jewelers, sculptors, digitally-based and interactive media artists, painters, photographers, weavers, printmakers, furniture makers, fashion designers, and artists whose media are too new to even have a name.

Historic converted industrial spaces such as Vernon Street and Joy Street hold more than 100 artists each; mid-sized buildings such as Mad Oyster Studios, Washington Street Art Center, Central Street, and others count their numbers in the dozens and often mount small group shows inside their buildings; Somerville's Artisan's Asylum is one of the largest maker spaces in the country.

Not to be forgotten or overlooked, many visitors thrill to see how the scores of independent artists who make their studios in their homes integrate domestic and artistic lives into one. Somerville Open Studios is the only opportunity to get an intimate glimpse into some of these more private artist lives in what becomes equal parts Open Studios and home show.

For Somerville artists without space to open to the public, SOS offers a Community Space at Arts at the Armory. The Cafe at the Armory will also house a Kid's Art show for Somerville's smallest future artists.

The weekend features

- **Free trolleys** to transport visitors from one neighborhood to the next (Sat & Sun)
- **Mapbooks** available at artist-made stands throughout the city
- **Information kiosks** located in both Davis and Union Squares
- **Orange balloons** mark artist sites
- **Free, no-hassle parking** in several city lots: leave your car and ride the free Trolley; City resident parking restrictions will also be lifted for this event
- Some sites and one trolley will be **handicapped accessible**. Please check mapbook for details.

Wednesday, April 10 | 6-30pm – 8pm | **Opening Reception VOLUNTEER EXHIBIT**
BLOC 11 Café | 11 Bow Street | Union Square | Show runs through May 19
Art by SOS volunteers who have contributed time and effort in organizing Somerville Open Studios in the past and present

Thursday, April 18 | 11am – 6pm | **Opening Reception ARTIST'S CHOICE EXHIBIT**
Somerville Museum | 1 Westwood Rd | Show runs through May 12
Group exhibit of SOS participants to help art lovers plan their studio visits

Wednesday, May 1 | doors 6:30pm, show 7pm | **SOS WEARABLE ART Fashion Show**
Arts at the Armory | 191 Highland Ave.
Live runway presentation showcasing the dazzlingly diverse work of local artists in fashion and wearable art

Thursday, May 2 | doors 7:30pm, show 8pm | **SOMERVILLE OPEN CINEMA FILM FESTIVAL presented by SCATV**
SCATV | 90 Union Square
Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV) presents: Somerville Open Cinema Festival showcases the multitude of fantastic film artists who create their work in Massachusetts. This mini film festival will feature short (under 10 minutes) films and videos made in Massachusetts (especially Somerville) in genres such as documentary, narrative, experimental, animated, and more.