



## See Participants in the Merrimack and Mondadnock Regions

*This is a large loop featuring 19 art venues – it's good for one LOOONG day, or maybe a weekend with an overnight stay in Keene, which has a vibrant downtown, or at a quiet country inn in the surrounding countryside.*

Mileage: Approximately 110 miles, starting and finishing in Nashua, N.H.

### 1. LEAGUE OF NH CRAFTSMEN - NASHUA

98 Main St., Nashua

[www.://nashua.nhcrafts.org](http://www.://nashua.nhcrafts.org)

The League of NH Craftsmen Nashua Fine Craft Gallery features a wide array of distinctive jewelry, ceramics, art-to-wear, prints, baskets, wood pieces, and much more. Each item is handmade by a juried member of the League of NH Craftsmen, whose standards for fine hand craft represent the highest level of excellence and creativity.

During the weekend of Open Doors we are offering two wonderful classes. Saturday, May 6 will be Rug Hooking with Lisa Chaloner from Noon - 3:30 PM, and Sunday May 7 will be Alcohol Ink Tiles with Alene Sirott-Cope from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM. Contact us or visit our website for more information or to register.

Hours:

May 6 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

May 7 - 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

*Use Exit 5 E or 7 to reach downtown Nashua.*

### 2. ARTHUB/NASHUA ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

30 Temple St, Nashua

[www.NashuaAreaArtistsAssoc.org](http://www.NashuaAreaArtistsAssoc.org)

A collaborative gallery and work space for area artists. ArtHub regular hours are Thursday and Friday (11 am to 3 pm) and Saturday (10 am to 2 pm) for Open Doors the ArtHub will be open 10 am to 5 pm on Saturday (not open Sunday.)

*Literally right around the corner from the League of NH Craftsmen Gallery in Nashua. Ideally one would walk (4 minutes).*

### **3. M & C CLOTHING AND GIFTS**

135 NH-101A, Amherst

[www.mothersays.com](http://www.mothersays.com)

M&C carries of a variety of NH Made and locally-crafted items year round. On Saturdays, during the warmer weather, we host occasional Maker's Markets. M&C is located in mc square, a small-box shopping center that includes a local, organic coffee roastery, and a stained glass artist.

Hours:

May 6 - 9:00 AM-7:00 PM

May 7 - 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

*Drive northwest out of Nashua on Rt. 101A (crossing Rt. 3 at exit 7). M & C is 6.6 miles from downtown Nashua. (Will require use of a U-turn access road.)*

### **4. CREATIVE VENTURES GALLERY**

28 NH-101A, unit 1, Amherst

[www.creativeventuresfineart.com](http://www.creativeventuresfineart.com)

Creative Ventures Gallery offers something for everyone from a gallery for those purchasing art, to classes for learning from beginner to advanced artists. Our artists are working everyday for visitors to watch and get to know. We will have special demos for the weekend occasion as well as showcasing our student work.

Hours:

May 6 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

May 7 - 12:00 PM-4:00 PM

*2.1 miles west of M & C on Rt. 101A.*

### **5. MUDWORKS POTTERY**

5 Stearns Road, Amherst

[www.mudworksnh.com](http://www.mudworksnh.com)

Thirty years of experience joyfully go into each hand made pottery piece I sell in the gallery here at Mudworks Pottery. Beautifully made functional forms and sculpture have a bit of whimsical detailing that reflects Pamela's personality and surroundings. Come by and meet me but please call ahead (603-620-9133) to insure I'm in. In addition to wonderful work, I also offer excellent adult pottery lessons. Classes and workshops are fun and informative.

Hours:

May 6 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

May 7 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

*Just over half a mile from Creative Ventures. Head northwest on 101A, bear right onto NH 122 and quickly right again onto Stearns Road; Mudworks is .2 mile down Stearns.*

## **6. ES CARDS GO...INK THE PICKET FENCH GIFT SHOP**

4 Francestown Turnpike, Mont Vernon

[escardsgoink@comcast.net](mailto:escardsgoink@comcast.net)

Located in our 1890s barn, we have handmade products from over 30 artisans ranging from greeting cards to chocolates, and ornaments to jewelry.

Hours:

May 6 - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

May 7 - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

*We are heading into the country now, in case you hadn't noticed! Reverse your way back Stearns to 122 and head north (turn right). Stay on Rt. 122 for about 6 miles until it meets Rt. 13; turn right/north on Rt. 13. In 1.2 miles you will bear left onto Francestown Turnpike (Rt. 13 will bear right at this intersection.) Picket Fence Gift Shop will be a large barn*

## **7. RITA'S ORIGINAL JEWELS, COWBOY CREATIONS AND THE GILDED LILY**

70 Salisbury Road, Mont Vernon

<http://www.facebook.com/ritasoriginalsnh>

We are excited to invite you to visit 3 Artisans at 1 location! Rita's Originals One Of A Kind, Custom Made, Beaded, Glass and Natural Stone Jewelry by Rita Tedder. Cowboy Creations by Christine Tedder. Beautiful Quilted and Barn Wood Products that look great in every home. The Gilded Lilly by Mary Jo Tedder. Silk Floral Arrangements, Painted Signs and Wooden Boxes to decorate in or out for the season. Custom orders taken by all 3 Artisans. Cash or Checks Accepted! Come, Fun Awaits You!

Hours:

May 6 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

May 7 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

*Head out on Francestown Turnpike (away from Rt 13) for a few hundred yards and then turn left onto Beech Hill Rd. Travel 2.6 miles and then turn right onto Salisbury Road. The shop is approximately 1.2 miles down Salisbury Road.*

## **8. ANNE BEHRING JEWELRY**

36 Gerrish Road, Francestown

<http://www.annebehringjewelry.com>

Visit the Studio and observe work in progress and the hand tools used to create jewelry.

Hours:

May 6 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

May 7 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

*Reverse direction out of Salisbury Road and head North on The 2<sup>nd</sup> NH Turnpike (6 miles); turn left on Rt. 136 (.7 mile) and then left on Gerrish.*

## **9. LINDA DESSAINT FINE ART STUDIO & GALLERY**

52 Main Street (Rt. 202) Antrim

<http://www.LindaDessaint.com>

Join me at my studio and gallery on Main Street in Antrim. New original pastel and oil paintings on view and available for purchase. Also prints, notecards and puzzles! Register for a free door prize. No purchase required! Refreshments will be served both days from 9am to 4pm. I look forward to seeing you there!

Hours:

May 6 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

May 7 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

*Reverse out of Gerrish and Rt. 136; Turn left/north on Rt. 47 (7 miles); then Right on Main (.1 mile), left on Antrim Rd (.6 mile) and then right onto Main St/Rt. 202.*

## **10. ALEX KALISH GLASS DESIGN**

35 Old Carr Road, Antrim

<http://kalishglassdesign.com/>

Glassblowing Demonstrations, and seconds sale with first quality glass for sale as well. Functional art glass.

Hours:

May 6 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

May 7 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

*Leave downtown Antrim heading north on Rt. 31 for about 2.8 miles; turn left on Pound Road (.8 mile) and then left again onto Old Carr Rd.*

## **11. MICHAEL MILLER NATURAL LIGHT PHOTOGRAPHER**

143 Nelson Road, Harrisville

<http://www.michaelmillerphotographer.com>

I am a fine art photographer enjoying the wonders of the natural world. I have a studio in my home nestled in the hills of Harrisville, NH. I have fully framed images, large and small canvases, matted prints and note cards all carefully printed and displayed. I also am a portrait photographer. My studio is handicapped accessible.

Hours:

May 6 - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

May 7 - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

*Reverse back to Rt. 31 and head north (left); follow Rt 31 for 1.8 miles; turn left/west on Rt. 9, drive 12.6 miles. Using turning exit, turn right/right onto Granite Lake Rd; after .5 mile turn left onto Nelson Road.*

## **12. HANNAH GRIMES MARKETPLACE**

42 Main Street, Keene

<http://www.facebook.com/ritasoriginalsnh>

Molly Taflas

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<http://www.hannahgrimesmarketplace.com>

Celebrating local farmers, small producers and artists for twenty years on Main Street in Keene. Hannah Grimes Marketplace is an innovative marketplace that provides education and support for local artisans in a downtown location. Home to 300 members, the marketplace offers a wide variety of locally made products: pottery, blown glass, local meats and cheeses, bath & beauty products, textiles, music, pet supplies, maple & honey products, and so much more.

Hours:

May 6 - 10:00 AM-7:00 PM

May 7 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

*Return to Rt. 9 and head west to Keene.*

## **13. TERRAPIN GLASSBLOWING STUDIO**

79 Hadley Rd, Jaffrey

[www.terrapiinglass.com](http://www.terrapiinglass.com)

We are a mother-daughter business with a dream to keep the art of glassblowing and flameworking alive in the Monadnock Region.

Free Tours of our facilities during all open hours; Wednesday through Sunday from 9-4. Large gift shop for viewing or purchase and free glassblowing & flameworking demonstrations whenever artists are working.

Check glassblowing off your 'bucket list'!

Glassblowing and flameworking classes, even for beginners.

Hours:

May 6 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

May 7 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

*Take Rt 101 to Rt. 124 to Jaffrey (20 miles).*

## **14. ROSARIES BY MELISSA/CATHOLIC JEWELRY AND ROSARIES**

14 Maplewood Drive, Temple

[melissaboisvert89@yahoo.com](mailto:melissaboisvert89@yahoo.com)

Offering a wide variety of Catholic rosary beads and Christian jewelry and devotional candles. I can also custom make something just for you. First 25 visitors will receive a free 1 decade chaplet.

Hours:

May 6 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

May 7 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

*From Jaffrey head north to Peterborough on Rt. 202; the town of Temple is on Rt 101 between Peterborough and Wilton, 1.5 miles east of Rt 45, turn south onto Coburn Rd, drive .5 mile and turn right onto Maplewood.*

### **15. JOAN TIERNEY ART STUDIO**

123 Abbot Hill Acres, Wilton

[jtpaint@tds.net](mailto:jtpaint@tds.net)

Original oil ,watercolor and acrylic paintings will be displayed and for sale. I also have matted works, miniatures, all occasion cards and magnets for sale. There will be an ongoing demonstration of an acrylic painting in progress.

Hours:

May 6 - 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

May 7 - 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

*From 14 Maplewood, return to Rt. 101 by reversing direction. Turn east (right) and drive 5 miles on Rt. 101. Turn right onto Abbot Hill Acres; Studio is .6 miles ahead.*

### **16. STONWARE CANDLE HOUSES**39 Main St, Wilton

[www.stonewarehouses.com](http://www.stonewarehouses.com)

We will be offering demonstrations, sales & refreshments:

Hand building with stoneware clay to demonstrate the process of creating stoneware candle houses. Guests are welcome to try their hand at various techniques.

In addition, Carolyn Wright will be demonstrating the art of felting through the creation of her colorful felted animals.

Hours:

May 6 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

May 7 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

*From Joan Tierney Studio, retrace route (.6 mile) to 101 and turn east (right) on Rt. 101. Travel .5 mile and turn left onto Island St; in.3 mile Island becomes Burns Hill Rd; go approx. 100 yards and turn right onto Main Street.*

### **17-19. 3 Open Studios: LADYBEAD AND ROOK LLC, LILACS ON FIRE/IRISH GYPSY, AND SUSSY-ROSE SHIELDS JEWELRY STUDIO**

29, 33 and 35 Howard Street, Wilton

Ladybead and Rook, [www.ladybeadandrook.com](http://www.ladybeadandrook.com)

Lilacs on Fire/Irish Gypsy [www.CopperandWire.com](http://www.CopperandWire.com)

Sussy-Rose Shields Jewelry Studio, [www.sussyroseshields.com](http://www.sussyroseshields.com)

Beautiful beads in stone, pearl, and glass available for all your crafting needs. Semi precious stone, pearls, Czech glass, European crystals, seed beads from the Czech Republic and Japan with single and multiple holes. Beautiful findings, tools, and books to show you how to use them! Artisan crafted lampwork beads and jewelry for fine gift giving. Curious to learn about bead weaving? View our class samples and sign up for a class. Come visit and stock up for the crafting season.

**UNIQUE HANDMADE JEWELRY AND ART CREATED BY AARON DERMAN (LILACS ON FIRE) AND KATHERINE SCHIMKE (IRISH GYPSY)**

Aaron Derman has been practicing his craft in copper glass enameling and silverwork since 2001, displaying one of a kind pieces for sale at various music festivals and craft fairs. In 2014 Katherine Schimke joined Lilacs on Fire in jewelry making and manifested Irish Gypsy with wire, gemstones, found items and beads.

All three will be open the hours listed below, individually each has longer hours depending on day.

May 6 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

May 7 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

*This group of 3 studios is clustered less than ¼ mile from Stoneware Candles. Head .1 mile southeast on Main Street and turn right onto Howard Street; three shops are .1 mile down Howard.*