

NH A New Hampshire
Shopping & Touring Event
Open Doors

NH's Seacoast Region Tour Itinerary



Barbara Smith McLaughlin



Enna Chocolate



The Maker's Post

New Hampshire's Seacoast Region is a delightful place to visit any time of year, but especially during NH Open Doors. The Seacoast area boasts a fine collection of galleries, artist studios, a sugarhouse, and even a bean-to-bar chocolate factory! Many of the participants offer demonstrations to help you understand how their art is made or their product is produced, adding an extra dimension to your day of fun. Plenty of options are available for dining and overnight accommodations, and you can easily add stops to your tour in the nearby Manchester and Concord regions.

Herlihedrons (504)

Craft: Sculptures

Nina Fox Herlihy
55 Lang Road, Rye
(603) 373-8933

<http://Herlihedrons.com>

Fun, fascinating, delightful and affordable wall and standing Wood Assemblage Sculptures. Each piece includes interesting found and natural objects, as well as colorful paint. Owls, fish, whales, mermaids, birds, dogs, cats, flowers, Santa's, angels, humans and one-of-a-kind surprises — whimsy and delight await you! We have many new pieces this year. Visit this charming antique farmhouse studio, sip cider by the roaring fire and enjoy home baked goodies! Lots to see and buy!

Hours:

Nov 3 - 9:00 AM-4:30 PM

Nov 4 - 9:00 AM-4:30 PM

Barbara Smith McLaughlin - Fine Jewelry (528)

Craft: Jewelry

Barbara McLaughlin
League Member
166 Portsmouth Ave, Stratham
(603) 686-6802

<http://www.barbarasmithmclaughlin.com>

Come visit a working jewelry studio, retail gallery area and My Learning Center. Classes are offered days, evening and on weekends. Not only will Barbara's work be for sale, her gem stone collection will be available for purchase, or for custom design. Ever wonder how stones are cut and polished? Plan your visit to arrive 15 minutes before the hour. Tours will be given each hour on the hour. Explore the Seacoast other than just the beaches, Visit and shop local!

Hours:

Nov 3 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Nov 4 - 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Waterstone Art Studio (523)

Fine Art

Wo Schiffman

55 Stratham Heights Road, Stratham

(603) 770-6982

<http://www.waterstoneart.com>

Visit Waterstone Art Studio for fascinating insight into the craft of encaustic painting. See encaustic art on wood, stone and paper, as well as handmade encaustic wooden boxes and hand dyed silk scarves. Demonstrations take place throughout the weekend. Free art raffles on both days, along with refreshments and free parking.

Hours:

Nov 3 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Nov 4 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

ART UP FRONT STREET (524)

Fine Art

Rose Bryant

120 Front Street, Exeter

(603) 418-6286

<http://www.artupfrontstreet.com>

Eight working fine-art studios fill a space that is 100 feet long! Contemporary, fresh, bold abstract color. Large and small paintings, landscapes, floral, trees, encaustic, photography, assemblage, design, adornments, jewelry, "Industrial Quilts," mixed media, watercolor on wood, pyrography on wood and paper, sculptural pottery, upcycled metal garden sculpture, prints, cards, illustration, "Galaxy Girl" magnets, wood-burned ornaments. There is so much to see and enjoy. See you soon!

Hours:

Nov 3 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Nov 4 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Seacoast Artist Association Gallery (502)

Fine Art

Mary Jane Solomon

130 Water Street, Exeter

(603) 778-8856

<http://www.seacoartist.org>

SAA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization encouraging artists and art supporters of the seacoast for 40+ years. The gallery displays works of a core of committed artists, as well as offering Featured Artist and Theme Show Challenge walls open to members and non-members. The gallery also houses a shop area for four artisans. Throughout NH Open Doors weekend there will be a Members Awards Show, numerous small works priced for giving, and artists offering demos, hands on fun, and sharing their passion for art. Snacks too!

Hours:
Nov 3 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
Nov 4 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Town Exeter Arts Music (531)

Craft: Jewelry, Craft: Pottery/Ceramics/Porcelain/Tiles, Fine Art

Scott Ruffner

111R Water Street, Exeter

(603) 512-8396

<http://www.teamexeter.com>

TEAM is a homegrown arts, music and cultural non-profit initiative dedicated to the production, promotion and organization of original programming, projects and events in the Exeter area. Foundation Art Space, TEAM's community gallery, will be hosting local artists Marissa Vitolo, Sharon Marston, and Davis Moore. Come shop stoneware ceramics, fused glass jewelry, paintings, and more.

Hours:
Nov 3 - 11:00 AM-4:00 PM
Nov 4 - 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Lori Martone Pottery (507)

Craft: Pottery/Ceramics/Porcelain/Tiles

Lori Martone

8 String Bridge, Exeter

(603) 502-0578

<http://www.LoriMartonePottery.com>

Join Lori on the historic String Bridge in downtown Exeter! All stoneware pottery is hand thrown and glazed in iridescent greens, dynamic cobalt blues and golds, sparkling burgundies and stunning blacks. All pottery is affordably priced to be used every day! Look for these treasures: mugs, bowls, tiny vases, serving bowls, garlic keepers, pet bowls, wine coasters and coolers, planters, hanging vases, plus discounted gems too. Lori will also be taking custom orders that will be ready by the holidays.

Hours:
Nov 3 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
Nov 4 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Bruce Jones Studio / Gallery (508)

Fine Art

Bruce Jones

28 Dogtown Road, Exeter

(617) 592-5678

<http://www.bwjonesart.com>

Visit the studio and gallery for a fine display of original oil paintings in the American Impressionist style and paintings by 20th century painters. During NH Open Doors the gallery will also feature the fun and offbeat handmade cross stiches by Rachael Jones of Hot Cross Puns Prints, note cards and gift items. Light refreshments served.

Hours:
Nov 3 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM
Nov 4 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Pickpocket Arts (520)**Fine Art**

Bonnie Porter

166 Pickpocket Road, Brentwood

(603) 475-1084

<http://www.pickpocketarts.com>

Pickpocket Arts offers art classes for students ages 10 to adult in Drawing, Painting and Printmaking in a lovely scenic road location. Surrounded by gardens and equestrian paddocks, Bonnie Porter's bright and airy three-season studio provides inspiration for summer and homeschool students. Bonnie has been an arts educator and practicing artist for over 30 years, and her watercolors and prints will be available for purchase during NH Open Doors.

Hours:

Nov 3 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Nov 4 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

The Maker's Post (534)**Retail Store**

Erin Pinkham

14 Main Street, East Kingston

(978) 273-8649

The Maker's Post is a new, handmade, local maker gift shop featuring the talents of at least nine artisans with many eco-friendly and environmentally conscious products. We are located in an area rich with farms and rustic charm, and the building is a restored and renovated Post Office with off-street parking and handicap accessibility.

Hours:

Nov 3 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Nov 4 - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Willow Creek Sugarhouse (527)**Agricultural Attraction-Farmstand**

Brad Rice

137 Willow Road, East Kingston

(603) 347-2027

<http://www.willowcreeksugarhouse.com>

Stop in and smell the sweet steam. The evaporator will be boiling during the weekend with a little maple syrup added for some smells of spring in the fall. We will have maple syrup and honey along with our maple confections to satisfy that maple craving, and some syrup to sample and light refreshments as well.

Hours:

Nov 3 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Nov 4 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Willow Road Watercolors, LLC (532)**Fine Art**

Heather Crowley

137 Willow Road, East Kingston

(603) 347-2027

<http://www.willowroadwc.com>

We offer original photorealistic mandalas and traditional watercolors with nature, yoga and Eastern philosophy themes, and original watercolor and acrylic eco-prints created by using leaves and flowers. We also feature limited edition giclée prints, hand painted sacred stones, and cards. Come visit our unique yurt studio on our working farm for live painting demos and stop by our sugarhouse for some local

maple syrup while you're here. Art raffle entry with every purchase. "Art exploring the beauty and mystery of nature and spirit."

Hours:

Nov 3 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Nov 4 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Now you have a choice to make! You can mosey on south to Atkinson to visit a puppeteer's studio, or head north and then east to visit a chocolate factory in Epping. From either point it's an easy drive to either the Concord or Manchester regions to visit more great studios!

Enna Chocolate - Bean to Bar Chocolate Factory (533)

Retail Store

Enna Grazier

131 Main Street, Epping

(978) 378-0729

<http://www.ennachocolate.com>

Enna Chocolate is one of a handful of bean-to-bar chocolate makers located in New England. Our chocolate is crafted entirely by hand in micro batches using ethically sourced cacao and other fine ingredients. Most bars are made with only two ingredients: organic roasted cacao and organic cane sugar. Visitors may sample chocolate from different geographic origins and see how chocolate is made from bean to bar. Products for sale include a variety of handcrafted fine chocolate bars and more.

Hours:

Nov 3 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Nov 4 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Puppets, Masks & More (206)

Penny Benson

6 Hemlock Shore Drive

Atkinson, NH 03811

(603) 677-2796

penny@pennybenson.com

<http://www.pennybenson.com>

Come visit the studio of a professional puppeteer on Big Island Pond in Atkinson. I design, build and perform all sorts of puppets, masks and performing objects for theatrical, recording and event use. Drawing, sculpting, molding and casting techniques are utilized among other things. There will be demonstrations of various techniques throughout the day. Every creation is unique and custom ordered. (Nothing is currently available for sale and, I'm sorry, but I don't do birthday parties.)

Hours:

Nov 3 - 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Nov 4 - 10:00 AM-12:00 PM