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Portsmouth Artists Open Their Studios to the Public

PORTSMOUTH, NH -- The fall 2013 Open Studios season kicks off with Portsmouth Artists Open Studios on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. More than 60 Portsmouth artists will open their studios and homes to the public for this annual event, now in its tenth year.

Portsmouth is easily accessible from all points in New England by car or bus, and from other cities by air. On Saturday, non-Portsmouth residents may park in permit-only areas provided they display a copy of the map on the dashboard. There are no parking restrictions on Sundays in Portsmouth.

Portsmouth is a historic and diverse city, long home to a thriving community of artists. Quiet residential streets lined with charming Victorians edge a vibrant commercial and industrial zone, all peppered with the studios of printmakers, sculptors, painters, glass and jewelry makers, illustrators, potters, photographers, watercolorists, and other artists working in a wide range of mediums.

New group shows will open at the Atlantic Gallery and at the Mermaid Café, both on Market St. Internationally celebrated sculptor Eva Russo will display her new work in the rotunda of City Hall.

Studio location maps will be available prior to the opening at businesses and public libraries, and on the days of the event at the Riverwalk. Riverwalk is located at the junction of Market St and Dock St in downtown Portsmouth.

Portsmouth Artist Open Studios receives funds from participating artists and from the Portsmouth Arts Council, the North Hampshire Cultural Council, and the NEA, with valuable support from local universities and businesses.