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Dave McMacken

# Astoria Open Studios Tour 2017

On July 29 and 30, 37 artists — including 16 new ones — join the free annual event

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**T**he presence of arts continues to grow in Astoria, and local artists are opening their studios for the seventh consecutive year.

Thirty-seven artists at 20 locations will be among the 2017 Astoria Open Studios Tour, taking place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30.

During this free, once-a-year weekend,

artists offer a look inside their studios, giving patrons a chance to see where their art is made while watching live demonstrations.

“These artists are reaching out to engage with the public,” said Annie Eskelin, second-year tour coordinator. “There’s a very diverse offer of styles and media.”

There are famous artists and 16 artists new to the tour, according to Eskelin. Jewelry, ceramics, drawing, woodblock prints, photography and paper lights are among the pieces on display.

Some well-known artists participating include Chris Bryant, Dave McMacken, Peter Nevins and Noel Thomas, a local icon.

Lucy Barna, Katie George, Audrey Long, Karina Andrews and Kim Rose Adams are among the artists new to the tour.

Lâm Quảng and Kestrel Gates of HiiH Lights are participating for their third year.

“We’re really excited to see all the people come out,” said Gates, who moved to Astoria with Quảng about four years ago.

During the tour, Quảng will show how

paper is made and explain the lamp-making process.

Quảng makes the paper lights out of cotton fiber and abaca while Gates does the paintings. The husband-wife team work on the designs together.

“We’re inspired by the natural world and traditional lantern forms,” Gates said.

Quảng and Gates also have work on view at Imogen Gallery.

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Katie George



Lâm Quảng, left, and Kestrel Gate



Kim Rose Adams