

John Wesley Willis paints with oil on panels at his home-based studio in Astoria. He is one of several new professional artists who will participate in Astoria Visual Arts' ninth annual Open Studios Tour on Saturday and Sunday.



ROOM ON VIEW

See artists at work July 27, 28 at 9th annual Astoria Open Studios Tour

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When it comes to her woodblock prints, Astoria artist Karina Andrews feels “it’s more about the process than the piece itself.”

For that reason, she looks forward to inviting the public to her home studio during Astoria Visual Arts’ ninth annual Astoria Open Studios Tour to observe the

If You Go

What: 9th annual Astoria Open Studios Tour

When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 27, and Sunday, July 28

Where: 24 locations throughout Astoria.

Details: The tour is free and open to the public. For more information, visit astoriavisualarts.org or call 503-741-9694.

various methods and mechanisms that culminate into creating each piece of art.

“I feel like Astoria is one big

community, and we like to invite the community in,” Andrews said.

During the tour, which takes place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both

Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and 27, the public can go behind the scenes to meet 50 local artists at 24 locations across Astoria and watch their creative works in progress.

“There is an abundance of artists here – it’s a rich community,” AVA Executive Director Annie Eskelin said.

The tour encompasses all

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HiiH Lights, off Lewis and Clark Road, is one of 24 sites hosting artists across Astoria during Astoria Visual Arts’ ninth annual Astoria Open Studios Tour this weekend.