Somerville Arts Council and the Inside-OUT Gallery Call to SOS Artists: CREATE/SPACE, Members’ exhibit for April & May 2022

Submission Deadline: April 1

The Somerville Arts Council’s Inside-OUT Gallery seeks works that showcases the breadth of talent of our creative community.

A perennial favorite, Somerville Open Studios has been dedicated to bringing art to the masses for decades. Once again, Somerville Open Studios, the Somerville Arts Council and the Inside-OUT Gallery welcome seasoned members and newcomers alike to submit pieces for this annual show. For years, this exhibit has been a popular highlight and a great way for SOS artists to connect with the art collecting public.

This is a closed call for artists that are registered for SOS 2022. Please note that this is a juried exhibition and not all submitted work will be accepted.

Applicants’ work must be available from April 14- May 17. Work will be taken down on May 17th (weather permitting)

This year’s theme: Create/Space

The great outdoors, sacred dwellings, our homes, our studios—they all can play a role in how artists create.

For the past couple years, the relationship to our surroundings has shifted in various ways. Homes became works spaces. Art studios became respite from current events. Our backyards replaced cafés for social gatherings. But what makes a creative space? Why is it important to how we create? What happens when it is no longer there? Now more than ever it seems that space is occupying important real estate in many people’s minds.

Artists may find inspiration by the angular structures of urban landscapes or while doing a plein air painting along the Mystic. For others their muse strikes most often in their art studio-- away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life while others have lost the creative space all together. Whether space for you is a state of mind or an actual location, we look forward to seeing your interpretations of this theme. Share your style, your technique, and your stories about how you CREATE/SPACE in this highly visible art show.

Need inspiration? Here are some related articles about space

https://wastedtalentinc.com/artist-studio-space-requirements/
https://www.artworkarchive.com/blog/should-you-get-a-separate-art-studio
https://medium.com/progressive-arts-alliance/the-importance-of-space-finding-empowerment-and-purpose-through-installation-art-58b0ebff4034
https://fineartviews.com/blog/119931/why-artists-need-a-sacred-space

Submissions should include:
Up to 5 JPEGs of the available work you would like to show (maximum 1200 pixels in length), and the following information should accompany each image:

1. Artist name & Contact Info (phone & e-mail)
2. Title of the piece
3. Description of Medium
4. Brief paragraph of why space and/or a space to create is important to you
5. Complete accurate dimensions (length, width, depth, & approximate weight)

**When choosing work to submit please keep in mind that each panel of the display space has the following dimensions:**

   * Height – 7.5’
   * Depth – 16”
   * Width – 3’ and 5”

Please submit completed applications to hbalchunas@somervillema.gov, and include “Inside-OUT Call to SOS Artists 2022” in the message header. **Submission deadline will be April 1.**

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**About the Inside-Out Gallery**

The Inside-OUT Gallery is located in the CVS Window in Davis Square, a unique space that allows the public to view an eclectic array of works from artists and local organizations each month. The mission of the Somerville Arts Council is to cultivate and celebrate the creative expressions of the Somerville community. Through innovative collaborations and quality programming we work to make the arts an integral part of life reflective of our diverse city.