Art is so many things to so many people. Over 350 artists are showing their work during Somerville Open Studios 2024. In addition to the larger studio buildings, don’t forget to visit home studios! Here are the last names of SOS artists exhibiting in smaller venues, map numbers 10, 20, 30 ... 90:

Bernbaum  Carroll  Ellis  Esmond  Liberman  Mancini
McGrath  Mochi  Ross  Smith  Stein  Weildon

Find them in the word search below. Once you’ve discovered them all, read the letters remaining for the answer, another term that describes some unearthly pieces of art.

Answer

Watch for Puzzle 2: "Art is in the Air", coming Friday, April 12th!
SOMERVILLE OPEN STUDIOS

Somerville Open Studios 2024 Puzzles

Puzzle 2:

Art is in the Air

Puzzle created by Eric Haines

There are art studios galore in Somerville. Find some of the larger ones, based on the clues below.

____   _____ __ Studios - or maybe Angry (yet tasty) Mollusk Studios?

____    Studios - On Clifton, could have been Blendit or Mergeit Studios. They’re the masters.

11 ___  ___  Street Studios - not named after Big Band conductor Glenn

____  Street Studios - could have been called Bliss or Delight Street Studios

____  ___  ___  ____ Street Studios - by George, it’s near Union Square!

____  ___  ____ Street Studios - girl’s earring type, painted, Dutch

____  ___  ____ House Studios - maybe “Stable Studios” for short? By the museum

____   ____  ___  ____ Street Studios - also across from the Somerville Museum

____  ___  ___  ____ Street Studios - President George’s Mount (but not his ride, that’s two above)

____  ____  ____ Studios - just behind a Somerville cemetery of the same name

____   ___  ___  Street Studios - between John and Adams, & between School and Church Streets

It’s gray out - what’s it spell?

If you get stuck, for these studio names check the map and listings at https://somervilleopenstudios.org, or scan the handy QR code ▶

Your hint numbers on the map and listings are: 24, 52, 59, 63, 67, 71, 72, 75, 81, 82, and 98. Numbers go from west to east on the map.

Answer  

Watch for Puzzle 3: "Fired with Enthusiasm", coming Friday, April 19th!
Here are some works by local artists that you can see all over town, all year ‘round: on switchboxes, in parks, on walls, you name it.

Each artist below is showing at Somerville Open Studios this year. But a letter has been lost from each. With more than 350 artists exhibiting, things might spiral out of control! Check the studio numbers using the Artist Directory at https://sostudios.org to help fix these listings. What does this tour spell? (Hint: both art and switchboxes can do this.)

To see these artworks, poke around on the SomeSights map, https://bit.ly/somesights and search on names.

Answer

We hope you already know that there’s a free trolley that runs Saturday May 4th and Sunday May 5th, 2024. Look for the Old Town Trolleys, which run every twenty minutes. See the Somerville Open Studios map for trolley stop locations, and keep an eye out for the trolley banners. This year there will be live tracking of trolley locations. Visit https://bit.ly/sostrolley

In this maze, start on the white circle in the upper left corner and make your way via the shortest path to the white square in the lower right. You can move, cell by cell, up, down, right, left, but not diagonally. You can go from one cell to another if they’re the same shape (circle or square), same color, or both. For example, if you’re on a black circle, you could move to another black circle, a black square, or a white circle. What’s the shortest path spell? (Hint: it’s an aquatic end of the line.)

Answer

Finished all four? You’re ready to put them together in the final puzzle!
You can visit Somerville Open Studios based on location, artist, and even type. On the Artist directory at https://www.somervilleopenstudios.org you can filter by medium, such as fiber and textiles, glass and mosaics, pottery, and more.

You’ve traveled far and wide and now have four puzzle solutions in hand. Combine them below to note what a special year it is for Somerville Open Studios.

5
3
8

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1
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11

To check if you’re right, take the final answer, smush it together (no spaces), make it lowercase, and add it to the end of this URL:


For example, if you thought the answer was “LOVELY TIMES” you would put https://bit.ly/soslovelytimes to check if you’re right. (And if you are stuck on this or other puzzles, go to https://bit.ly/soslovelytimes for hints.)

See the next page for artist credits and their map numbers!
Silversmith
Artist Credits and Map Numbers

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