

Guidelines for Participation

“Discover the Heart of the Islands” Open Farm and Studio Tour

This open studio tour allows visitors to see where and how artisans work. It offers a glimpse into the creative processes. It also allows visitors to see where their food, fiber and plants come from as well as see different types of animals up close and personal. The detailed tour map offers visitors a means to explore new artists, farms, and natural areas found on the Lake Champlain Islands.

- Farmers and artisans are expected to be on site during the hours of the tour.
- Demonstrations of the artisans’ craft and farm tours should be scheduled for 11:00 and 3:00 of each tour day to help visitors schedule their day. More demonstrations/tours can be offered.
- Communal studios are encouraged. Artists involved are expected to not only display their work but to demonstrate their craft as well.
- Farmers and artists may still participate at the Saturday’s Farmers’ Market. Make every effort to have someone at your farm or studio site as well. Please make this clear on your application so it can be noted on the map.
- If your studio is in your home, do put a sign by the door indicating that visitors are welcome to enter.
- This is a tour of Grand Isle County farms and artisans’ studios. Only residents of Grand Isle County are eligible to participate.

This tour is an excellent way to attract visitors who might not otherwise come to Grand Isle County. Please make every effort to present a clean, a well kept place and be sure that hazardous materials and potentially dangerous tools and equipment are inaccessible. Please also remember that not all visitors are pet lovers.

The tour will be promoted by way of mailings and publicity in the form of radio announcements, posters, maps, notices on digital community calendars, and in newspapers. Participants are encouraged to do some of their own publicity by mailing notices and maps to friends and clients. Word of mouth is the best way to get the information out. To support this, participants will be provided maps and post cards prior to the event. The tour committee chair, Jim Holzschuh, will handle all communications with the media.

Each participant shall receive 2-4 red heart-shaped balloons per site and a large site number to display. Roadside signs with directions will be placed at strategic points throughout the islands. If you feel additional signage is needed contact Jim Holzschuh, 372-4556.

If you are unable to participate in the tour after the map has been printed and distributed, you are responsible to contact the tour committee chairperson. Your fee will not be reimbursed.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact:

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