

Meeting the Artists

Eureka Springs is home to more than 200 working artists, many nationally and internationally renowned, whose works can be found at galleries and on exhibit here and in other cities. Yet many who may have a significant body of work do not have it available through the traditional gallery setting.

In many of the listings in this guidebook the artist has offered you several ways to contact her/him. An invite to their website can be a wonderful introduction to their offerings, background, and current projects. In some cases the artist may prefer that you contact the gallery or galleries listed that represent them. You may also be invited to contact them by phone or email to arrange a studio visit.

It is a special treat when you are invited to visit the artist's working studio. Here are a few tips to assure a successful visit:

1. Call well in advance to schedule your visit. Get clear directions including where to park. Ask for clarification of how much time the artist will be able to spend with you if you are wanting a tour of the studio.
2. Be on time, express genuine interest in the artist and their work. Ask questions and share your expectations of what you are looking for.
3. Don't mistake the studio or home gallery for a 'flea market' where you can wheel and deal.
4. Be honest and forthcoming. Make a purchase if it is right for you. On the other hand, it is perfectly fine to say that you don't find anything that meets your needs right now - better than leaving the artist hanging with a 'I'll let you know' or 'I'll get back with you', if you don't plan to.

Lastly, you can also expect to 'meet the artists' at Eureka's frequent gallery openings, art fairs and festivals, studio tours, and just 'about town'.

