

BACKROADS STUDIO TOUR

Frank White jury chair

Founded in 1993, the Backroads Studio Tour (BRST) is a group of professional artists, living in the Central Quabbin Area who have joined together to promote the commerce and awareness of art and fine craft through open studios. The studio tour is usually the first weekend in October for which BRST publishes 7000 full-color brochures with a map, artist information, sponsorship and mileage demarcations, which are distributed to our substantial and ever-growing mailing list.

We are presently reviewing new work as we prepare for another successful year. Your work has come to our attention during your participation in other shows or through recommendation by individuals familiar with your work. We would like to invite you to jury as a Guest Artist for the 2016 season. This year's tour dates are October 1st and 2nd (10am-5pm).

The membership fee for Guest Artists is \$100 for the first year. Once accepted, attendance at meetings is critical to meeting other members and gaining an understanding of the workings of the BRST effort. A photo of your work and short description will be included in the BRST full-color brochure and a link to your website or webpage will be included on the BRST website. After the first year, Guest Artists are then eligible to become full-time members per a majority vote of the group.

Each year, provided there are open slots, we invite new Guest Artists to participate and it is always exciting to add them to the tour. A jury committee of current members selects artists from the candidates. Applicants must be actively engaged in their artwork, and it must be of professional quality. Work is evaluated on the basis of originality of design and quality of craftsmanship. All Backroads artists, including Guest Artists, are required to have a studio space in which to showcase work of their own design and making during the Fall Tour.

If you are interested in applying for status as a Guest Artist, please send:

- 4 digital images (jpg format on cd or emailed) of your work; along with
- 2 digital images of your studio; and
- your application

You may mail or email this information to:

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The deadline for submission is April 15, 2016.

You will be notified by mail/email regarding the jury's decision. We look forward to hearing from you and reviewing your work.