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Visitors at the studio of Mike and Sharon Upp

Art lovers or those simply looking for a fun weekend away should save the date for the 16th Annual Sedona Spring Open Studios Tour, taking place April 26 to April 28. Around 50 artists in the Verde Valley (including Sedona, the Village of Oak Creek, Cornville, Cottonwood and Clarkdale) will open their private studios to the public. The biannual self-guided event is presented by the Sedona Visual Artists' Coalition (SVAC). The tour runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 26 and April 27, and from 12 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 28. The Sedona Spring Open Studios Tour is free to the public.

The SVAC Tour has built a reputation as a wonderful weekend for art lovers to visit with professional artists in their working studios, as well as an opportunity to purchase art while enjoying the beautiful landscape of Sedona and the Verde Valley. Past tour visitors have reported that spending time with the wide variety of artists who offer a personal look at how and where their work is made is a memorable component of the tour.



Cher Norville, Snow on the Red Rocks

Open Studios' co-chair Mike Upp says that artists enjoy demonstrating their creative processes as they share their work spaces and make a connection with buyers and visitors alike. "For the visitor, the Open Studios experience invites the artwork to speak much more intimately to them as it provides an opportunity to gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of the creative process," says Upp in a press release, adding that a major appeal of such an experience is the chance to buy gorgeous, one-of-a-kind and locally produced artwork directly from the artist. "The wide range of style, quality and art forms is a testament to the thriving vitality of the arts community in Sedona and the beautiful Verde Valley."

Brochures with a complete list of participating artists, including a map, will be conveniently available at numerous locations around the Verde Valley, including hotels and restaurants as well as the Sedona Arts Center and the Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center in Uptown Sedona. For complete information visit here.