Welcome to Rocky Neck Cultural District

There’s something special about the light here. The crown jewel of Gloucester’s working inner harbor, Rocky Neck is home to one of the oldest continuously operating art colonies in the United States.

Our rich cultural tradition continues, supported by the Rocky Neck community, and the designation by Massachusetts as Gloucester’s Rocky Neck Cultural District in 2012. The district received a National Register of Historic Places designation in 2017.

The five organizations included within the Cultural District – Gloucester Writers Center, The Rocky Neck Art Colony, North Shore Arts Association, Gloucester Stage and Ocean Alliance -- work together throughout the year to help sustain artists, galleries, restaurants, performing and written arts, and even marine research. Discover our riches this year!

The mission of the Rocky Neck Cultural District is to cultivate and amplify the rich cultural history found on this unique edge of the Atlantic. Through innovative collaborations and impactful programming, partner organizations work to immerse the way of life on our unique community with arts, storytelling, maritime, and oceanography; and make those experiences available to visitors.

The Salted Cod Arthouse and Wine Bar

Looking for something a little different? Perched at the edge of the harbor is a unique collaboration between member artists of Rocky Neck Art Colony and restaurateur-owners dedicated to the revival of Rocky Neck. The Salted Cod opened in 2022 to provide local art, libations and essential provisions to sailors, fishermen, artists, visitors and curious passersby.

In June, The Salted Cod will have a chance to meet an artist seven days a week! Lisa Angelini Adams, Kristin Arnold, Katherine Bagley, Paula Borsetti, Marcia Davis, Jillian Demeri, Bill Dwyer, Ellen Garvey, Dina Gomery, Leslie Heffron, Linda Kauss, Jane Keddy, Linda Lamarche, Laureen Maher, Stephanie Mason, Brian Murphy, Christine Murphy, Erin O’Sullivan-Place, Fran Osten, Jennifer Pinck, Marcie Rae, Mary Rhinelander, Diane Slezak, Deb Way, Patricia Wellenkamp.

@saltedcodartists

About the Rocky Neck Historic Art Trail

See where famous artists worked and lived. The self-guided Rocky Neck Historic Art Trail enables you to walk in the footsteps of Winslow Homer, Fitz Henry Lane, Frank Duveneck, Edward Hopper, and a host of other pioneering American artists. Visit trail.rockyneckartcolony.org for more information, or pick up the brochure at the Cultural Center at Rocky Neck (6 Wonson St.) and other locations.
Rocky Neck Art Colony
Exhibition & Event Highlights
Spring 2024-Winter 2025

The Cultural Center at Rocky Neck, 6 Wonson St

5/23 – 7/7  HOME [hohm] n., v., adj., adv (juried show)
7/11 – 8/25  What’s So Funny? (juried show)
7/18  Culture Splash Featured Event
8/12-16  Make Your Mark! Middle School Art Workshop
8/22  Culture Splash Featured Event
8/29 – 9/29  Denis Flavin: 50 Year Retrospective
10/3 – 11/17  The Edge (invitational)
11/22 – 12/15 Ornament (juried members’ show)
2/14 - 3/30/25 Rocky Neck Now 2025 (annual members’ show)

Cove Gallery, 37 Rocky Neck Avenue
(all shows juried in and curated by the artists)

5/23 – 6/16  Sacred Space
6/20 – 7/14  Grounding
7/18 – 8/11  Press Play
8/15 – 9/8  Eco-Harmony
9/12 – 10/6  HandWork: The Fine Art of Craft
2/8 - 9, 2025  The Love Show

Goetemmann Artist Residencies

8/4  Public Lecture, Distinguished Artist/Teacher (DA/T) Sarah McEneaney, Cape Ann Museum
8/5 – 8  Intensive Workshop with DA/T Sarah McEneaney, Montserrat College of Art
9/11  Introductory Talk, Environmental/Installation Artist (E/I) Caroline Bagenal, The Cultural Center at Rocky Neck
10/1  Closing Presentation, (E/I) Artist Caroline Bagenal, Ocean Alliance
10/10  Opening Talk, Gloucester Invitational Artist (GIA) Loren Doucette, The Cultural Center at Rocky Neck
11/3  Closing Talk/Open Studio, (GIA) Loren Doucette, Cripple Cove Studios
WRITERS CENTER

“A working writers center in a working town,” the Writers Center is located in the home of Vincent Ferrini (1913-2007), the first poet laureate of Gloucester.

Since its founding in 2010, the Gloucester Writers Center has hosted hundreds of events including readings, classes lectures, films, writers-in-residence and community events. Learn more: www.gloucesterwriters.org

OCEAN ALLIANCE

Ocean Alliance’s mission is to protect whales and their ocean environment through research, scientific collaboration, public education, and the arts.

Visit our headquarters at the historic Tarr & Wonson Paint Factory site at the end of Rocky Neck. We will have special events and exhibits throughout the summer. Learn more at www.whale.org.
Situated on a peninsula within Gloucester’s working harbor, Rocky Neck Art Colony is known for its geographic beauty, its unique light, a rich cultural history and a spirited, supportive community. 19th and 20th century artists lived and worked on Rocky Neck inspiring the Cape Ann style of American Impressionism, an important contribution to American art history. Today, dozens of working artists from painters, potters and textile designers to photographers and jewelers display their work on Rocky Neck. Part of Gloucester's Rocky Neck Cultural District, Rocky Neck Art Colony offers an eclectic mixture of history and culture—a great place to stroll and enjoy! www.rockyneckartcolony.org.
Established in 1922, North Shore Arts Association’s historic harborside gallery provides visitors from across the globe the chance to experience one of Cape Ann’s largest and most diverse collections of paintings, sculptures and graphics.

Mon - Sat 10am-5pm
Sun 12-5pm

Find current exhibits, upcoming events, & more online nsarts.org

Summer Nights in Gloucester

Thursdays
July & August
4:00-7:00pm

Explore, enjoy, and celebrate the arts by land and sea

Find details at discovergloucester.com
Known for its unique and penetrating light, artists have long been drawn to Rocky Neck. Notable visual artists who have worked here include Winslow Homer, Edward Hopper, Milton Avery, and Nell Blaine. This rich cultural tradition continues; supported by the spirited and committed Rocky Neck community, and the designation by Massachusetts as Gloucester’s Rocky Neck Cultural District.

Find out why artists from around the world are drawn to one of America’s first artist colonies. Stroll through artist galleries and studios nestled on Smith Cove. Grab lunch on the water overlooking a working fishing harbor. See a show at the critically acclaimed Gloucester Stage Company. Venues offer a calendar of special events and daytime galleries perfect for a casual visit or an overnight stay.
FREE Public Parking
As you turn onto Rocky Neck Avenue, this public parking space is on the right hand side of the road.

L. A. Dahlmer Painting out of Gloucester
15 Rocky Neck Avenue  
(978) 559.6418  www.ladarts.com
My studio is in the first building on the right after the parking lot. My paintings are the island over time. I’m usually not far so do not hesitate to call.

Side Street Gallery featuring Hughes Bosca Jewelry
17 Rocky Neck Avenue (978) 283.3791  
e: info@hughesbosca.com  
www.hughesbosca.com  
Open Year-Round Tuesday-Sunday 10am to 5pm
Unusual & distinctive handcrafted 18K gold jewelry, fine art paintings, hand-blown glass, ceramics, silver, and home decor.

The Gruppé Gallery
32 Rocky Neck Ave  
Open by appointment  
(978) 290.8855  www.GruppeGallery.com
Fine Art since 1925 featuring the work of Emile and Robert Gruppé.

James B. Hand Fine Art
36 Rocky Neck Avenue  
(978) 283-9100  (978) 290-3092  
www.Jamesbhandfineart.com  
Open weekends and by appointment
Fine American paintings of the 19th and 20th Centuries. Source for fine Cape Ann art. Appraisals, art consulting; qualified for IRS tax appraisals.

The Cove Gallery
37 Rocky Neck Avenue,  
(978) 515-7004  www.rockyneckartcolony.org
Open weekends, May through mid-October. Changing exhibitions of contemporary work by Rocky Neck member artists. Space generously provided by Mark Goetemann in honor of his artist parents, Gordon and Judith Goetemann.
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Gallery RAG
37 Rocky Neck Avenue
(617) 959.2051  www.galleryrag.com
Insta: @galleryraggloucester
June 21 - August 31
Open Every Thursday or by appointment.
Contemporary and innovative art installations, performances, and sound.

Judythe Evans Meagher Gallery
37 Rocky Neck Avenue
(978) 281.7575  www.judythe.com
Open Thursday through Sunday, noon to 5 pm, June through September. Private watercolor lessons by arrangement.
Paintings that evoke an emotional response through the interplay of color and light.

The Ice Cream Gallery
39 Rocky Neck Avenue
(978) 804.0563
Seasonal waterfront ice cream shop with views of Smith Cove. Serving ice cream and other refreshments on Rocky Neck for over 30 years.

IMAGINE Gallery/Brenda Malloy Studio
43 Rocky Neck Avenue
(978) 559.1709
www.ImagineLoveandPeace.com
Open May through October; 9 am to 8 pm daily.
Step into a haven of imagination, creativity, and warmth. Explore an eclectic array of hand-dyed clothing, paintings, collage, and jewelry, nestled in an inviting, uplifting environment.

Accommodations at Rocky Neck
43 Rocky Neck Avenue
(978) 804 0562 / (978) 381 9848
www.rockyneckaccommodations.com
Located in the heart of the Rocky Neck Art Colony on the water, all rooms have kitchenettes, private baths and decks. Limited boat dockage is available. Walk to restaurants, shops, beaches, and live theatre.

Gallery on the Neck
43 Rocky Neck Avenue
(978) 804.0562
Gallery on the Neck features the watercolor work of local artist Deb Schradieck, plus greeting cards, prints, photos, and other locally made items. Open by chance most days in season. Located in the office of the Rocky Neck Accommodations.
Cape Ann Water Shuttle and Harbor Tours
(978) 283.1979
info@capeannhorbortours.com
www.capeannhorbortours.com
Pick up location at Rocky Neck behind The 51 Rocky Neck Restaurant and Cripple Cove (upon request), Harbor Loop, and St. Peter Square. Pickup at each location once an hour, Rocky Neck pickup is half past the hour.

51 Rocky Neck (previously The Studio)
51 Rocky Neck Avenue
(351) 217-8119  www.51rockyneck.com
Restauranteur Patrick Hurd’s waterfront restaurant and piano bar serving fresh local seafood and steaks with attentive service in a fun relaxed setting.

The Salted Cod Arthouse and Winebar
53 Rocky Neck Avenue
(978) 282.0917  www.saltedcodarthouse.com
Open daily - 11:30 am - 10:00 pm
Enjoy wines, beers, cocktails and great food while viewing work by local artists in what has quickly become one of the best vibe places in Gloucester.

The Rudder
73 Rocky Neck Avenue
(351) 217.1265
www.therudderrockyneck.com
An iconic neighborhood restaurant featuring refined classics and local seafood. Chef Barbara Lynch’s new concept on the water!

Stephen LaPierres’ Open Studio
75 Rocky Neck Avenue (2nd floor)
(321) 537.7762   www.paintpaintpaint.org
Hours: Opens Earlier/Closes Later Every Day
Rocky Neck Oil Paintings (Cape Ann School): Realism; Impressionism; Landscapes; Seascapes; Contemporary; Modern + Clowns from Around the World.
Live open music every Sunday 7 pm.

Michalak Fine Art Studio and Gallery
77 Rocky Neck Avenue / Madfish Wharf
Open Saturdays 12-5 pm and by appointment: (207) 233.0467
vanessamichalak.com, Michalakfineart.com
Michalak’s work draws on expressionism, evident in active brushwork and surprising color while also paying homage to plein air painting through her depictions of landscapes of Gloucester and Maine.
Old Salt Studio
77 Rocky Neck Avenue Unit 5 (978) 309.9716 www.oldsaltstudio.com
Open regularly during the summer season and by appointment year-round.
We are a design studio encompassing fine art and high-end paper goods. Founded in 2020 in Colorado, with an eye to the sea, we are looking forward to our first brick-and-mortar year on Rocky Neck.

Stefan Mierz Fine Art Studio
Madfish Wharf
77 Rocky Neck Avenue (978) 697.5936 Insta:@stefanmierzfineart
Open by chance or appointment.
Stefan Mierz Fine Art Studio is a working studio/gallery featuring paintings, sculptures, and photographs.

Gloucester Marine Railways
81 Rocky Neck Avenue (978) 283.2775 www.gloucestermarinerailways.com
Grounds are open to the public on weekends only. The oldest operating marine railway in the U.S. Haul outs, repairs, and fuel for large commercial vessels; providing services for much of Gloucester’s fishing fleet.

Ocean Alliance
32 Horton Street (978) 281.2814
Open 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
A nonprofit ocean conservation organization using drones for whale research (SnotBot®) at the historic Tarr & Wonson Paint Factory.
Learn more about our work, special events, and exhibits at www.whale.org

Joe’s Fresh Fish Prints
11 Clarendon Street (978) 944-1709 www.Fishedimpressions.com
Joe resides on Rocky Neck and prints from actual fish caught here in Gloucester. His gallery is by appointment only, but you may find him displaying and printing fish in his studio on Rocky Neck.

Key
- Artist / Gallery
- Restaurant
- Business
- Parking
- Water Shuttle
- Scenic View
Ruth Mordecai
4 Terrace Lane
(617) 462-9171 by appointment by phone or text
rglouc@comcast.net www.RuthMordecai.com
Sources from landscape and figure, symbol and story. Sizes 12" X 12" to 40" X 60"
Represented by Matthew Swift Gallery, Gloucester, MA.

Sallie Strand Gallery
27 Wonson Street
(617) 968.3455
www.salliestrand.com
By appointment only
Contemporary abstract paintings - oil, acrylic, mixed media.

Rocky Neck Historic Art Trail
6 Wonson Street (978) 515-7004
https://trail.rockyneckartcolony.org/
Discover the Rocky Neck Art Trail via smartphone. Walk in the footsteps of Winslow Homer, Edward Hopper, and more. Witness the landscapes that inspired their art firsthand.

The Cultural Center at Rocky Neck
6 Wonson Street (978) 515-7004
www.rockyneckartcolony.org
Open Feb. through mid-Dec., Thu-Sun, 12-4 pm (Jun-Sep until 6 pm). Monthly changing art exhibitions, as well as public performances, talks, and more. This 100+ year old building stays busy throughout the year, hosting the community and all things Rocky Neck.

Sailor Stan’s
1 Wonson Street
“Busking for Babies”
The Sunny Fishcakes’ Music Revue offers acoustic street serenades to Rocky Neck visitors from the deck of Sailor Stan’s most Saturday afternoons. Donations help local organizations address diaper needs in our community, through www.NorthShorePostpartumhelp.com.

Last Stop
273 East Main Street
(978) 865.3229 www.laststopgloucester@gmail.com
We are a seasonal coffee shop open May through October
We sell coffee, tea, baked goods from scratch, sandwiches, salads, and soups. Fun place to gather for breakfast or lunch.
Calvo Woodcarving Studio and School
235 East Main Street
(978) 283.0231 www.davidcalvo.com
9-5 pm and by appointment.
David has been a professional woodcarver for 45 years. His work is in universities and private collections. David also has a woodcarving school. Students travel from all over the USA to attend.

Jeffrey Marshall Studio
233 East Main Street, Rear
(978) 201.8113 www.jeffreymarshallart.com
Jeffrey Marshall focuses on drawings and paintings of Gloucester's working waterfront. Jeffrey also gives private lessons in drawing and painting. Open by appointment or chance.

Relax & Lengthen
226 East Main Street
(978) 283.3330 www.margigreen.com
Margi offers both hands-on bodywork and instruction in her Relax & Lengthen system: deep relaxation while stretching gently and ‘re-posturing’ to reduce muscle tension. Tues Zoom and Thurs live classes 4-5 pm, or privately at your place or mine.

Don Gorvett Studio + Gallery
at the Beacon Marine Basin
211 East Main Street
c: (207) 337.1651 or t: (603) 436.7278
www.dongorvettegallery.com
Purveyors of museum-quality woodcuts, drypoints, and drawings since 2006. Don Gorvett is recognized for his reduction woodcut of coastal subjects. He exhibits his work and that of other artists and conducts printmaking workshops.

North Shore Arts Association
11 Pirates Lane
Open May-October, Tuesday-Saturday
10 am-5 pm and Sunday 12-4 pm.
One of the most unique and historic settings in New England, North Shore Arts Association is expansive with harborside galleries full of astonishing artworks.

The Gloucester Writers Center
26 East Main Street
(978) 290-3445 www.gloucesterwriters.org
Sunday hours as 12 to 6 pm.
The GWC honors and celebrates Cape Ann’s rich literary legacy by encouraging writing of all forms. We provide free events, i.e., lectures/readings, and low-cost workshops/classes. Look for our “Open” flag!
Neck Accommodations.
Open by chance most days

51 Rocky Neck (previously The Studio)
45 Rocky Neck Avenue
(508) 283-8718
www.51rockynear.com
Restaurant/Patrick Hunt’s waterfront restaurant and piano bar serving fresh local seafood and steaks with attentive service in a fun relaxed setting.

The Salted Cod Arthouse and Winebar
52 Rocky Neck Avenue
(978) 283-9179
www.saltedcodarthouse.com
Open daily – 11.30 am – 10.00 pm Enjoy wines, beers, cocktails and craft food while watching the working waterfront. All in a fully open and inviting space.

The Rudder
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(978) 217-3305
www.therudderrockynear.com
An iconic neighborhood restaurant featuring refined classics and local seafood. Chef Barbara Lynch’s new concept on the water!

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www.paintspacepaint.org
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www.michalakfineartstudio.com
Open Thursday through Sunday, noon to 5 pm. Monthly changing art exhibitions – as well as public performances, talks, and more. This 1900+ year-old building stays busy throughout the year, hosting the community and all things Rocky Neck.

Sailor Stan’s
1 I Wonson Street
(978) 762-4266
www.sailorstans.com
Open July 14th to Sept 6th. We are providing fresh seafood, coffee, wine, beer, and cocktails. Enjoy meeting the artists in their studio.

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77 Rocky Neck Avenue Unit 5
(978) 383-8716
www.oldsaltstudio.com
Open regularly during the summer season and by appointment year-around.

Stefan Mierz Fine Art Studio
28 Rocky Neck Avenue
(978) 697-3309
www.stefanmierzart.com
Open by chance or appointment.

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www.rockynearart.org
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The Ice Cream Gallery
39 Rocky Neck Avenue
(978) 695-2082
www.icecreamgloucester.com
Open May through October; 9 am to 8 pm daily. Free admission. Enjoy gelato in our ice cream shop with seating in our South Cove. Serving Rocky Neck and other refreshments on Rocky Neck for over 25 years.

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11 Chandler Street
(978) 944-1709
www.Fishdeprictions.com
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Cripple Cove Studios
99 East Main Street
(978) 283-8855
www.facebook.com/CrippleCoveStudios/
Open by appointment. One Building, Six Artists. Come enjoy the home/office of Cape Ann’s rich literary legacy by encouraging writing of all forms. We provide poems, fiction, lectures/ readings, and low-cost workshops/classes. Look for our “Open” flag!
Directions to Rocky Neck:
Drive northeast on Route 128 to Gloucester, around two rotaries staying on Rte. 128. Go straight through two traffic lights and up the hill on East Main Street. Bear right at the bottom of the hill and follow East Main Street for about a mile as it curves around the harbor. Turn right on Rocky Neck Avenue, park in the public parking lot on the right, and enjoy all that this neighborhood has to offer!

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For additional copies of this brochure/map, contact info@rockyneckartcolony.org

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