

Press Release

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EVENT: PRINT FAIR NORTH - A PRINT FESTIVAL UNDER A BIG TENT

Original fine art prints, printed wearables, zines, and more for sale by area artists and studios. Printmaking demonstrations throughout the day. Gallery show, raffle, food and drink. "Make Your Own Print" community event. Free admission and parking

DATE: Saturday, September 26, 2015

10 AM to 5PM

Please run by: September 12th, 2015

For the past 13 years, artist members of Zea Mays Printmaking have opened the Studio, inviting collectors, museum curators, and the public to an event called Print Fair North. Inspired by similar events in New York City and other locations, Zea Mays artists show, explain, and sell their original work to the public in an accessible and inclusive context.

This year, the event on September 26th, from 10 AM to 5 PM, is being re-conceptualized as an inclusive community project. The greater Northampton area is home to other print studios and countless artists who make prints and multiples, with as yet no single event that invites them all to come together. By re-envisioning Print Fair North as an inclusive, shared event, new connections will be forged within the arts community, and the public will have the opportunity to enjoy a broader scope of creativity in the area. Other print shops, artists, studios, and arts organizations will be joining the artists of Zea Mays Printmaking including: Two Rivers Printmaking Studio (White River Junction, VT), Big Wheel Press (Easthampton), Cherry Press (Worcester), and Patrick's Art House (Florence), Pivot Media (Florence).

Zea Mays Printmaking has pioneered "green printmaking" since 2000 when Liz Chalfin, its founder and director, began offering artists a place where they could avoid working with materials that were unhealthy. Sharing these safer and non-toxic printmaking techniques with other artists is an ongoing goal. Sharing the results of its artists' creative endeavors and helping the public to understand printmaking processes at an event that will take place both in the Studio and in a festive outdoor tent is an anticipated joy. Demonstrations of different printmaking techniques for all to see and a Community "Make Your Own Print" Event, will be held between 1pm and 3pm.

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