

# **MORE NEW MEMBERS THAN EVER BEFORE!**

**Bucks Open Studios 2011 runs from 18<sup>th</sup> June to 3 July 2011. Now in its 25th year, Buckinghamshire was one of the first counties to hold an Open Studios event.**

Bucks Open Studios 2011 takes place from 18 June to 3 July 2011 and is the largest visual arts event in the county. In the last two weeks of June every year over 480 artists and makers, in over 182 different venues across Buckinghamshire, open their studios and run exhibitions and events for the public to visit.

2010 was our largest event yet, with 260 directory entries, involving over 450 artists and makers. We expect to exceed last year's record of just over 25,000 visits made to studios & exhibitions during the fortnight.

This year is the biggest ever with a record number of participants, venues and new entrants. We're particularly pleased to welcome 64 new artists and makers this year. Participants include painters, watercolour artists, wood turners, basket weavers, metal workers, jewellery makers, book makers, print makers, acrylic and silk painters to name just a few of the many skills to be found in Bucks.

It's a great chance to be inspired, go behind the scenes, talk to artists' first-hand, and see work in progress. Some venues also offer demonstrations or workshops. Others feature group exhibitions, showcasing a wide range of arts and crafts.

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## **About Bucks Open Studios**

Bucks Open Studios is an annual event held in the last 2 weeks of June when artists and makers all over the County open their studios or hold exhibitions and events showcasing and demonstrating their work. It is a wonderful opportunity to experience first-hand the creativity going on around the County. Bucks Open Studios is run by the Visual Images Group, an alliance of over 600 artists and makers living and working in Buckinghamshire.

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