

# MATTAPAN ARTS COUNCIL

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## Mattapan Open Studios 2017 | FAQs

### **Who is sponsoring Mattapan Open Studios 2017?**

[Mattapan Open Studios 2017](#) is sponsored by the Mattapan Arts Council (M.A.C.)--a subsidiary of [Mattapan Cultural Arts Development](#) (MCAD)--in close collaboration with [K. Fine Arts Studios](#) and [Powerful Pathways](#).

### **What is Mattapan Open Studios (MOS)?**

MOS provides an opportunity for artists/artisans to sell their work, and to engage in creative exchange with other artists and with the Mattapan community.

### **When does Mattapan Open Studios/Artisan Bazaar take place?**

MOS/Artisan Bazaar takes place on **October 21st and 22nd**, 2017 from **12-6pm**. Click here to see the [MOS/Artisan Bazaar/Community Gardens 2017 schedule](#).

### **What hours do I need to open my group space?**

October 21 and October 22, from NOON to 6 p.m..

### **What hours do I need to open my home or garden studio?**

Home studios and gardens will be open at posted times.

### **Is there a kick-off party?**

Yes! The launch party will be hosted by the Mattapan Youth Arts Council on **Wed., Oct. 18th** from 6 to 8 p.m. at Brothers Restaurant, 1638 Blue Hill Ave, 02126. (Stay tuned on our site and look out for further details and updates via email.)

### **Where does Mattapan Open Studios/Artisan Bazaar/Art Garden Tour take place?**

MOS/Artisan Bazaar/Art Garden Tour takes place at the Mattahunt Community Center, local artists home studios and art gardens.

### **Is MOS/Artisan Bazaar weekend a good time to sell art?**

Unlike a gallery setting where you will only see a small fraction of the art from a particular artist, MOS/Artisan Bazaar will give people a chance to pour through dozens of artworks--from large scale painting and sculpture to small intimate studies. Whether they're art lovers or holiday shoppers, there's something for everyone. And when they have a chance to meet the artist, artisan or maker, an arts bazaar is a great way to share your appreciation of art and your creative process.

MOS/Artisan Bazaar is an artist-lead event, and the Mattapan Arts Council (M.A.C.) won't take any percentage from art sales at the group site. (M.A.C. will be charging small administrative fee for processing the sale of artwork installed in Mattapan Square businesses.)

## **OK, I registered. Now what?**

Prep, inventory, and price your artwork and/or craftwork you plan to sell. Prepare the list of supplies you'll need to present your works, and task lists to ensure you'll be prepared to transport your works/products, resource your booth, and process payments (cash box and/or credit/debit card transactions) at the group site.

## **How can I promote myself for the Mattapan Open Studios/Artisan Bazaar/Art Garden Tour?**

We strongly encourage that you issue a press release (sample is available upon request) about your participation to your local/neighborhood newspaper. We'll send a digital flyer that you can personalize and share via social media and to your broader network(s). As the date approaches and more details are confirmed, you'll receive a link to a virtual map of local businesses showcasing artwork, including an electronic brochure that you can share as well.

M.A.C. will distribute club cards announcing the event in local businesses, coffee shops and other information access points. (Let us know if you have any suggestions in this regard.)

## **How can I get my art or craftworks featured on your website and social media?**

Email a jpeg of a 'signature' art piece to [move4art@gmail.com](mailto:move4art@gmail.com) and we'll post it along with a short blurb containing a link to your preferred URL.

## **Where can I park?**

The Mattahunt Community Center (group site) has ample parking. There are also various street parking options at the home studios and community gardens.

## **What other activities are expected of participants?**

- Help Promote MOS Weekend
- Distribute MOS flyers, booklets and signs

## **How can I take credit cards for purchases?**

There are many smartphone applications that allow you to take credit cards through your cell phone. Transactions can be processed on your smartphones by setting up a smart phone merchant account with companies such as: [www.imerchantsolution.com](http://www.imerchantsolution.com); <http://www.payanywhere.com/>; <https://squareup.com/>; [www.paypal.com/Accept/Credit-Cards](http://www.paypal.com/Accept/Credit-Cards)

## **What if it rains that weekend?**

The [Garden?] tour will go on, rain or shine - bring an umbrella and let's have some fun!