

## City of Salem “Creative Entrepreneur” Artists’ Row Program 2016

Mayor Kim Driscoll is pleased to announce the opening of Artists’ Row, a City of Salem Arts Space Initiative, for another season full of art and programming! Artists’ Row is located in historic downtown Salem at 24 New Derby Street, across from Old Town Hall and Derby Square. This area at the heart of the City was originally built as a market place and continues to this day to be an important public plaza and pedestrian way. The Public Art Commission, working with Deborah Greel, the Public Art Planner, have invited “Creative Entrepreneurs” to create handcrafted items including pottery, fabric arts, glass art and wood turned products in their retail/maker spaces.

Four stalls in Artists’ Row have been home to many artists in the past twelve years. This year we’ve invited Linda Mullin of Grace and Diggs, Kajetan Nowakowski and Aleksandra Nowak of Kay’s Stained Glass Studio and returning artists Sibel Alpaslan of Ceramics by Sibel, Karen Scalia of Salem Food Tours and Tommy Gagnon of Boston Woodturning.

### Meet the Artists!

**Grace and Diggs** founder Linda Joy Mullen, while an architect, has always loved to sew, knit, draw, and glue things together. Architecture has been a study in building big things, while Grace and Diggs became an outlet to make little things. From paper-bag hats and burlap wreaths, to aprons and throw-pillows, Grace and Diggs’ workshops and pre-made works invite the public to experiment in design of small things.

[www.graceanddiggs.com](http://www.graceanddiggs.com)

**Kay’s Stained Glass Studio** is the locally owned and operated glass studio of Kay and Aleksandra Nowak with a mission to create high quality original glass products. With years of experience in stained glass industry, Kay’s Stained Glass Studio offers unique designs and quality craftsmanship with great attention to details. Their work can be seen in various locations throughout Europe as well as the United States. They also provide many services for their customers including consultation, design, restoration, renovation, repair, and fabrication.

[www.kanostainedglass.com](http://www.kanostainedglass.com)

**Ceramics by Sibel** is the working pottery studio & gallery of Sibel Alpaslan. Sibel is Turkish ceramic artist who loves the organic feeling of clay, knowing that it comes from the earth. Lately, she has been focusing on creating amphora, vases, and covered dishes that are inspired by ancient forms, and then combining them with modern whimsical surprises. Sibel will also host pottery wheel demonstrations and workshops.

Joining Sibel in her stall is Karen Scalia of **Salem Food Tours**. With a passion for fresh local foods and cooking, and a background in event planning as well as the performing arts—Karen knew that sharing Salem’s past with a ‘taste’ of the culinary present was the perfect way to understand and appreciate this much-loved city. Take a tour with Karen and learn more about the local food scene in Salem!

[www.ceramicsbysibel.com](http://www.ceramicsbysibel.com); [www.salemfoodtours.com](http://www.salemfoodtours.com)

**Boston Woodturning** was established in 2014 and creates one-of-a-kind handcrafted fine art, as well as usable utilitarian pieces, from a variety of local wood. Discover demonstrations in Woodturning and various workshops throughout the season in our working studio. Learn and observe the process of Woodturning or book a lesson. In our gallery space find practical and sculptural works of art created from wood.

[www.BostonWoodturning.com](http://www.BostonWoodturning.com)

This year the creative entrepreneurs are participating in **“Watch Art Grow on the Row”** bringing an educational component to Artists’ Row. The artisans will host classes in ceramics, woodturning, hat and wreath making, demonstrations and fine art classes for adults and children. Please contact the individual artisans for their class, workshop and demonstration schedules.

Artists’ Row opens on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and will be open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday, noon – 6:00pm and Thursdays, 11:00am-7:00pm. For a list of programming on Artists’ Row follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ArtistRowSalemMa](http://www.facebook.com/ArtistRowSalemMa)