



# Art Share How To

A WCA/NH Art Share is an opportunity for artists (both WCA members and nonmembers) to get together to share their artwork and talk about their ideas, their concepts, their techniques, and/or their process. An Art Share is not a critique—it's a supportive, conversational get-together with other artists for the purpose of talking about art. A WCA/NH Art Share can be a regular meeting or a one-time event.

## Before the Art Share

**Location**—Choose a place to hold your art share. This could be your home, your studio, a local café, or anywhere that a group of people can comfortably get together and show their work.

**Date and Time**—Pick a date and time that work for you. This could be a weekday evening or a Sunday afternoon, whatever works for you.

**Refreshments**—Everybody loves refreshments and having a little something to nosh on helps people feel comfortable together. So provide some tasty refreshments, but please don't go overboard. Other people might be feel intimidated about putting on an Art Share themselves if they think they have to come up with a gourmet spread.

**Invitations**—Announce your Art Share to the WCA/NH community by way of the Yahoo group, our Facebook page, and a Constant Contact announcement. But don't stop there! Invite other artists that you know or would like to know better—women or men, any age, whoever you think might like to participate. Encourage each artist to bring a work of art to share—but people are welcome to attend even if they don't bring a piece to talk about.

## At the Art Share

**Arrange seating** in an approximate circle so that everyone can see the work being shown.

**Break the ice** by showing a piece of your own work first. This doesn't have to be a formal presentation—just share your thoughts on things like:

- Techniques
- Concepts
- Process
- Experience of making this particular piece
- Or whatever you want to say about it

**Invite each artist to show their work** and talk about it. Think about how much time you have and how many artists want to participate. Be sure to allow time for everyone who wants to share their artwork to do so.

Thank everyone for coming and let them know that **they can host an Art Share, too.**

If you have any questions or need help accessing the Yahoo group, Facebook page, or Constant Contact, just email Marcia Santore at [marcia@marciasantore.com](mailto:marcia@marciasantore.com).