

Businesses, artists come together to host Atascadero's quarterly art tour on Dec. 5.

Although Atascadero is home to more artists than any other city in the county, as can be seen by the number of artists that participate in Art Obispo's annual Open Studios Tour, it never had its own art tour until this past May. The tour, similar in concept to San Luis Obispo's Art After Dark, will be held on Friday, Dec. 5 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. throughout the city of Atascadero. The idea is to keep local residents in town on a Friday night with something to do. While the majority of the participating businesses are concentrated in the historic Colony District, the tour is city-wide.

This tour will be held in conjunction with Atascadero Main Street's annual Wine and Wassail event and the city's tree lighting ceremony in Sunken Gardens.

The artists that will be featured downtown are not only adult artists, but youth. All About Hair will feature the work of Carla Cary, a 12-year-old from Paso Robles. Young Curry Photography will feature jewelry by Kaylinda Mabry, a senior at Paso Robles High School.

The tour is free and open to the public. It is an effort by local merchants and artists to bring something special to the city and area. More information will be posted at www.youngcurryphotography.com/news.

First time businesses participating in the Atascadero Art Tour are All About Hair, Central Coast Cooks and K-Jon's Fine Jewelry.

Mark your calendars for the 2009 Atascadero Art Tours to be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 13

Friday, May 15

Friday, Aug. 28

Friday, Dec. 4

Participating galleries, businesses and artists include:

- Aah! All About Hair, 6195 El Camino Real. Featured artist: Carla Cary.
- The ARTery, 5890 Traffic Way. Featured artist: Bobbi Nunez.
- Atascadero Historical Society, 6600 Lewis Ave. Featured artists: Paige Peake Wright, Ann B. Wright and Christine Walsh.
- B-W Gallery, 9315 Santa Clara Rd. Featured artist: Doug Howard.
- Central Coast Cooks, 5735 El Camino Real. Featured artist: Marjorie Hill.
- Creative Cabinetry Solutions, 5863 Traffic Way. Featured artist: Jayne Behman.
- Doster Gallery & Gifts, 5970 Entrada Ave, Ste. A. Featured artists: Steve Weaver and Nancy Hill.
- Endless Summer Unique Jewelry, 5990 Entrada Ave. Featured artist: Carol Houston.
- Hydro-Smart, 5825 Traffic Way. Featured artist: Dan Eister.
- K-Jon's Fine Jewelry, 5255 El Camino Real. Featured artists: Patti Doolittle, Vel Miller, Mike Simpson, Terri Rose, Susan von Borstel, Caly Garris, George Stewart and John Peterson.

- Lavender Rose Garden, 9965 El Camino Real, Ste. C. Featured artists: Nancy Koren and Donna Johnson.
- Living Well Gallery & Spa, 6280 Palma Ave. Featured Artist: Ronda Robb.
- McKenzie's, 5835 Traffic Way. Featured Artist: Persia DuBois.
- Peabody & Plum, 6755 El Camino Real. Featured artist: Lauren Birkhahn.
- Red Tree Gallery, 5850 Traffic Way. Featured Artist: Maggie Pickering, Cindy Wilson, Karen Wilkins, and Jenna Garzaniti.
- Tuesday's Jewels, El Camino Real. Featured artist: Deborah Kyle Hintergardt.
- Wilkins Photo & Art Gallery, 6405 El Camino Real. Featured artists: Bob Wilkins, Bonnie Wilkins and Kerri McNerlin.
- Young Curry Photography, 5970 Entrada Ave., Ste. C. Featured artists: Kaylinda Mabry.

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