



*Sample itinerary focusing on studio ceramics*

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*HEART OF THE BERKSHIRES | A Guided Visual Arts Experience in Western MA*

*Every year, cultural tourism attracts visitors from all corners of the globe who come to the Berkshires drawn by the opportunity to experience contemporary art and culture at world-class institutions, including: museums, theaters, and our galleries.*

**WHAT TO EXPECT:**

Director Leslie Ferrin of Ferrin Contemporary and Project Art, a specialist in contemporary clay 1950- will curate a four day/three night tour of Western MA with a focus on ceramics.

Guests will make connections with key people for behind-the-scenes experiences with curators and artists. They will experience the Berkshire's slow food movement at a range of fabulous dining experiences. Special meals sampling local crafted beers, farm produce and presented on locally made tableware will take place.

Studio visits include: Artists-in-Residence at the Studios at MASS MoCA; various artists working in the Hilltowns of Western Massachusetts, including ceramicists Mark Shapiro and Mara Superior; sculptors: Sergei Isupov and Kadri Pärnamets; and potter Eric Smith.

*Generously Organized by FERRIN CONTEMPORARY with support from participating artists and galleries.*



## DAILY ITINERARY:

Arrive at Albany Airport

Recommended lodging in North Adams: PORCHES INN or Hotel Downstreet, both are a 1-block walk to MASS MoCA.

### Thursday: Galleries and Museums in North Adams MA

2:00 Docent intro tour of MASS MoCA ceramics

3:00 Self-guided walk of MASS MoCA

4:00 Welcome reception at Ferrin Contemporary, explore Building 13 Artist Book Foundation, Eckert Fine Art, and Assets for Artists studios

6:00 dinner as a group at nearby restaurant

### Friday: Galleries and Museums in Stockbridge & Lenox MA

9:00 Depart for Southern Berkshires

10:00 Choice of one or two of the following in Stockbridge:

[TURNPARK ART SPACE](#), *self-guided*

[NORMAN ROCKWELL MUSEUM](#), *guided or self-guided*

[CHESTERWOOD](#), Home and Studio of Daniel Chester French, *guided or self-guided*

12:30 Lunch at Red Lion Inn

1:30 Visit [SCHANTZ GALLERY & explore Stockbridge](#)

*Jim Schantz/Kim Saul- Contemporary Glass, exhibiting works by 50+ internationally renowned glass artists and covering a remarkable range of styles and subjects.*

3:30 [SIENNA GALLERY & explore Lenox](#)

*Sienna Patti at Sienna Gallery, representing emerging and established studio artists who bridge the worlds of art jewelry, craft, and contemporary design with innovative use of materials and mediums.*

5:00 Return to North Adams

6:30 Dinner on your own or as a group

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## CONTEMPORARY

### Saturday: Artists Studios in the Hilltowns, Lunch at Project Art

9:00 depart for Hilltowns

10:00 - 11:30 [MARK SHAPIRO](#) Studio tour, South Worthington: *woodfired stoneware pottery, personal collection, demonstration*

12:00 [PROJECT ART](#) – Cummington - enjoy lunch and a tour of Project Art & the studios of artists and sculptors Sergei Isupov & Kadri Pärnamets. Also view special exhibitions of selected works from Ferrin Contemporary current projects.

2:00 Depart for Williamsburg

2:30 [MARA SUPERIOR](#) – Williamsburg - tour of artist built house/studio of Roy & Mara Superior – wood sculpture of Roy Superior, porcelain by Mara Superior

3:30 depart for North Adams

4:30 Choice of one of two of the following:

More time to explore MASS MoCA

Visit a studio

Take a walk around [TOURISTS'](#) sculpture-lined trail

Relax—it's been a long day!

6:30 Dinner on your own or as a group

### Sunday: Last day

10:00 Choice of docent led tours of one or two of the following in Williamstown:

[The Clark](#)

[Williams College Museum of Art](#)

Studio Visit of local artist

11:00-12:00 Lunch on your own

2:00 Return to Albany Airport