

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** the craft community has been an important component in Vermont's social and economic culture for more than fifty years; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1993 the Vermont Crafts Council initiated a statewide tour of studios wherein crafts people and artists across the state opened their studios to the public; and
- WHEREAS,** the goal of Open Studio Weekend is to foster an appreciation for the creative process and the role that artists and craftspeople play in the vitality of Vermont's communities; and
- WHEREAS,** the studios of glass blowers, jewelers, printmakers, potters, furniture makers, weavers, ironworkers, painters, sculptors, quilt makers and wood carvers will be open to the public; and
- WHEREAS,** many galleries will host gallery talks and feature special exhibits and events; and
- WHEREAS,** in touring studios, visitors will travel the back roads and villages, developing an appreciation for Vermont's diverse communities; and
- WHEREAS,** 2012 is a milestone for Open Studio Weekend as its organizer, the Vermont Crafts Council, marks the 20th year of this annual event with the studio tour set for May 26th and 27th;
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May 2012 as

CRAFT MONTH



in Vermont and urge all residents to participate in these important events.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 4th day of April, A.D. 2012

/S/
Peter Shumlin
Governor