



In December, nearly 35 years after doors first opened at the now renowned Spindleworks Art Center, a new branch of the program will begin. SpinOff Studio, located in the heart of Historic Hallowell Maine, will carry the same core values and philosophy as Spindleworks, while emerging independently from the creative interests of its participants and in collaboration with the surrounding community.

The Studio

The rear windows of 184 Water Street look out onto the beautiful Kennebec River. Artists will be able to sit on the back porch, and even on the banks of the river, to find inspiration from the surroundings. The tin ceilings remind guests they have entered a historical building, and the intimate space welcomes them to visit with the artists while they work.

The Setting

Hallowell, “Maine’s smallest city”, full of history and charm, is a perfect setting for SpinOff Studio. A main street with cultural resources at a stone’s throw, as well as a rich artisan community, offers much for the SpinOff artists to explore about this friendly community. Hallowell and neighboring Gardiner’s Cultural Resources include:

- *Brahms Mount*
- *Vaughn Woods*
- *Hallowell Clay Works*
- *Harlow Gallery*
- *Hubbard Free Library*
- *Slate’s*
- *Gaslight Theater (“Oldest continuously performing community theater in Maine”)*
- *Slate’s*
- *Merrill’s Bookshop*
- *Kennebec River Artisans*
- *ArtDogs Studio*
- *Johnson Hall*
- *ArtWalk Gardiner*

The SpinOff Team

Liz McGhee, Manager of Spindleworks will oversee SpinOff Studio and ensure that the philosophy and spirit of the Brunswick program carries north to Hallowell. Jonathan Price, long time Spindleworks staff returns to Independence Association to be the SpinOff Studio Team Leader, managing daily operations at the 184 Water Street site. As well as a gifted sculptor, Jonathan is a painter, musician and even a motorcycle repairman. Jonathan brings years of experience in the field, as well as passion and dedication to this position.





The SpinOff Studio Program

As a program of Spindleworks, SpinOff Studio will provide the same rich environment for learning and creative growth and have the same focus on community inclusion, as its big sister in Brunswick. The Hallowell branch will be intimate in size. Supporting no more than 6 artists at a time, staff will be able to offer participants close attention as they explore their community and spread their artistic wings.

Program hours will be divided between time in the studio and “in the field”. Wherever and whenever possible we will collaborate with the creative community, and maximize opportunities to learn from the historical, human and natural environments. Participants can expect:

- *Visiting artist workshops*
- *Gallery and museum trips*
- *“Lunch with an Artist” series*
- *Opportunities for display and sale of artwork*
- *Opportunities to learn skills based on individual interests*
- *A variety of art mediums and resources including: graphic arts, fiber, small scale sculpture, literary arts and music.*
- *Group and individual activities that promote personal development skills, community inclusion, creative fulfillment, and professional artistic accomplishment*

Program Hours

SpinOff Studio will be open to participating artists from 10am-3pm, Monday-Thursday, and 9am-1pm Friday. Artists can apply to attend 2-5 days per week. Spindleworks artists are eligible for consideration.

Artists Wanted!

Independence Association is now accepting applications from SpinOff Studio program hopefuls.

Requirements:

- *Proven interest in exploring one or more artistic mediums.*
- *18 years or older.*
- *Eligibility and funding through the Maine Department of Health and Human Services.*
- *A desire and willingness to be part of a community of artists.*
- *Completion of a successful 4 day assessment period at the Spindleworks Program in Brunswick.*

For applications please visit www.independenceassociation.org, or call Laurie Cyr at 725-4371.

For further questions about the program, please contact Liz McGhee at 725-8820

SpinOff Studio will open in the first week of December. Stay tuned to

www.spindleworks.org

for more details and information about our opening celebrations!

