

NEW BRIGHTON



Bill Murphy's "The Paramount," is a lithograph that will be on display at his 27th annual open studio event. Murphy is inviting Staten Island art enthusiasts to his New Brighton home to see his collection. *Courtesy/Bill Murphy*

Home is where the art is

Teacher will open his abode to enthusiasts for annual showcase

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The mere thought of a pack of strangers walking around your home would terrify most.

Veteran Staten Island artist Bill Murphy is not most.

A crowd of 75 art lovers attended his open studio last year at his New Brighton residence. On Sunday, Murphy will host his 27th annual showcase,

again letting in dozens of Staten Island art enthusiasts.

"I usually have this event during this time of year because the holidays are coming up," said Murphy. "People that come out like to give my art as gifts. I try to make it as affordable as possible."

Murphy, who teaches art at Wagner College, has been in the business for more than 25 years. He says his artistic preference is landscape work and lithographs.

The studio sale will feature watercolors and lithographs of Staten Island.

"My inspiration comes from the world," Murphy told the Advance. "I work from life, from things I see and things I experience."

Those who attend the event can pick up a full color 2017 calendar — 8.7 inches by 11 inches and spiral-bound — featuring Murphy's work for \$35.

Murphy encourages Staten Islanders — and other artists — to come out and see the pieces he has been working on for the past year.

IF YOU GO

Murphy's open studio is located at 28 Park Place in New Brighton from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is free to the public and refreshments will be served. For additional information and to view more Murphy's work, check out this website: ABurningLight.com.