

CAPE ANN Museum

“A View from My Window” invites students to create art that responds to Edward Hopper’s time on Cape Ann Area eighth graders make artworks for a collaborative show ahead of Museum’s upcoming Hopper exhibition in July 2023



Examples for “A View from My Window” created by the CAM Teen Council. CREDIT: Cape Ann Museum

GLOUCESTER, MASS. (November 2022) – In preparation for the upcoming exhibition, “Edward Hopper & Cape Ann: Illuminating an American Landscape” at the Cape Ann Museum in July 2023, the Museum is working with every area eighth grader to create original works of art inspired by Edward Hopper. The program, “A View from my Window,” invites middle schoolers at public schools in Rockport, Gloucester, Essex, and Manchester to share their perspectives of Hopper’s work based on views from their own homes. The works will be on view from April 8 to May 28, 2023.

Renowned American painter Edward Hopper and his wife, Jo Nivison Hopper, visited Gloucester in the 1920s to paint the local scenery. Hopper’s Houses, now a recognizable part of the Gloucester landscape, were painted from the outside looking in. While other artists were focusing on the boats, ocean and beaches, Hopper was painting the homes and buildings around Gloucester from the street, from a distance and from above. He painted everything from cottages, shacks, outhouses, and mansions, paying close attention to the shadows the light cast on the buildings. His work mastered the way light plays off the angles and edges of the architecture.

The Museum's student program is a prelude to *Edward Hopper & Cape Ann*, the first-ever major exhibition devoted to Hopper's Gloucester years, featuring work in all media inspired by his time on Cape Ann. The show opens on July 22, 2023 and runs through October 16, 2023.

"Hopper and the art scene in Cape Ann are an important part of the area's history for local students to learn about," said Miranda Aisling, the Museum's Head of Education and Engagement. "After a successful partnership with the students last year to present 'Sculpting Self,' a collaborative exhibition inspired by Walker Hancock, we are excited to share Hopper's work with the students and see what they create."

Aisling is visiting three area schools with classes of eighth graders from November 2022 to March 2023 to introduce them to Hopper's work, explain the project, and help the students create their own work depicting their view.

"I drew the view of Rockport Harbor from my dad's apartment," said Ava Mae Mierz, a student at Rockport Middle School. "I love waking up and looking out when eating my breakfast. I really enjoyed using the paint and appreciating the beautiful views."

"A View from My Window," will be displayed in the Museum from April 8 – May 28, 2023, incorporating panels of plexiglass from each student looking back at Hopper to create a visual array of sites around Cape Ann as seen by the students who live there.

"For nearly 150 years, the Cape Ann Museum has shared the power of stories to thrill, to teach, to inspire, to forge connections with others, and to celebrate the inexhaustible human spirit that defines Cape Ann," said Oliver Barker, the Museum's Director. "We are so delighted that *A View from My Window* provides an important opportunity engage and create a meaningful link between the Cape Ann inspired works of Edward Hopper and those students for whom Cape Ann is today home."

The Cape Ann Museum, founded in 1875, exists to preserve and celebrate the history and culture of the area and to keep it relevant to today's audiences. Spanning 44,000 square feet, the Museum is one of the major cultural institutions on Boston's North Shore welcoming more than 25,000 local, national, and international visitors each year to its exhibitions and programs. In addition to fine art, the Museum's collections include decorative art, textiles, artifacts from the maritime and granite industries, three historic homes, a Library & Archives and a sculpture park in the heart of downtown Gloucester. In Summer 2021, the Museum opened the 12,000 square foot Janet & William Ellery James Center at the [Cape Ann Museum Green](#). The campus also includes three historic buildings – the White-Ellery House (1710), the recently acquired Babson-Alling House (c.1740), and an adjacent Barn (c. 1740), all located on the site at the intersection of Washington and Poplar Streets in Gloucester.

The Cape Ann Museum is located at 27 Pleasant Street in Gloucester and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$15.00 adults, \$12.00 Cape Ann residents, seniors, and students. Youth (18 and under) and Museum members are free. Cape Ann residents can visit for free on the second Saturday of each month. For more information please call (978)283-0455 x110 or visit www.capeannmuseum.org.

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