The art of making art

Painter and sculptor Joe Fig has made a career out of depicting places where art is made. His new book “Inside the Artist’s Studio” (Princeton Architectural) presents his paintings and sculptures of artists and their workspaces and his interviews about their creative process and daily routines. Most of the 24 individuals featured live in New York, but a few, like Fig, are in Connecticut, and one, Tom Friedman is in Massachusetts. The images are compelling, and the advice Fig’s subjects offer is not just for young artists but is surprisingly universal. Kate Gilmore suggests: “Be humble when you get good things, because tomorrow you won’t.”

Works by Fig, including some sculptures from his book, are on display through Dec. 19 at Carroll and Sons Gallery, 450 Harrison Ave., Boston.