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## NEWS RELEASE—June 3, 2010 For immediate release

### Eighth Annual! **ArtFest MidWest ‘The OTHER Art Show’!!** June 26-27, 2010


ArtFest Midwest was initiated in 2003 as a response to several local artists’ requests for a show that would include Iowa artists. The show is always held the same weekend as the Des Moines Arts Festival and will celebrate its eighth year this June. It is offered as an alternative, affordable art show—a complement to the downtown show.

**Media: [Press releases & downloadable photos](#) (including Iowa demo. artists’ work) at [www.artfestmidwest.com](http://www.artfestmidwest.com)**

### Show details!

- 235 artists selected to participate:
  - 98 from the State of Iowa!
  - 211 from the Midwest!
  - Let’s show our support for them!
- Check [www.artfestmidwest.com](http://www.artfestmidwest.com) for complete artist list.
- **“FireWorks”**—An All-New Glassblowing Demo!  
( outdoors, north main entrance)—  
Tony Curiel and his son Jonathan (Spencer, IA) are both renowned for their glassblowing and lamp work expertise. “Curiel is one in an elite list of prolific glass artists that include Dale Chihuly.” (from “Author Selected to Work with

**World Acclaimed Glass Artist, Tony Curiel, on New Book” by Amelia Painter). Curiel actually worked with Dale Chihuly at one point in his career. Throughout the weekend, the Curiel's will amaze you with their glasswork showmanship and will guarantee a spectacular presentation!**

- Iowa's **largest** fine art show!
- Eighth annual juried show!
- June 26-27, 10-6 Saturday & 10-5 Sunday
- Iowa State Fairgrounds, Varied Industries Building
- Same weekend as Des Moines Arts Festival
- Silent Auction of artists' work to benefit  Orchard Place, raised \$4100 in 2009!
- Affordable, alternative show!
- **FREE** admission, parking and shuttle between Des Moines Arts Festival and ArtFest Midwest—park at the spacious lots at the Fairgrounds for both shows! Buses run approximately every 20 minutes between the Varied Industries Bldg at Fairgrounds (north entrance) & downtown Des Moines during the following hours: 11-6 Sat. & 11-5 Sun.
- Expanded indoor Iowa artist demonstration area—ongoing demos all weekend  
Just inside main north entrance--  
Kristin Hill (Davenport), pottery  
Chris Abigt (Ottumwa), painting  
Ron Dinsdale (Huxley), sculpture  
Val Neumann (Williamsburg), pottery  
Rachel Sims (West Des Moines), dichroic glass jewelry  
John Weyer (Sperry), woodturning
- Check out our featured artist—mixed media artist James Ochs (Iowa City) (media photo at [www.artfestmidwest.com](http://www.artfestmidwest.com))
- Partner show with our new outdoor fine art show (ArtFest West) to be held at Village of Ponderosa in West Des Moines October 9-10 (See [www.stookeyshows.com](http://www.stookeyshows.com))
- New “KidzDuArt” fun! Sponsored by VSA arts of Iowa and Iowa Architectural Foundation (n.w. corner of Varied Industries Bldg.):  
“Make-a-Puppet!” workshop: 11-5 Sat. & Sun.  
BUILD (Building Understanding of Iowa Landmarks through Discovery), “Build Your Favorite Landmark!” 10-4 Sat. & 11-3 Sun.
- Chosen as a “Show-Stopping Startup” and described as “overall this show is a hit” by Sunshine Artist Magazine

- Estimated attendance (by Sunshine Artist): 30,000
- Features local and regional artists

## **About ArtFest Midwest 'The OTHER Art Show'**

ArtFest Midwest THE OTHER ART SHOW began in 2003, after several local Des Moines artists expressed concern about being excluded from the annual downtown art show in June. Stookey Companies is a Des Moines-based family-owned and operated business that has been in existence for 20 years. Stookey Companies also promotes a fine art show at Valley West Mall in West Des Moines, Iowa, and a new outdoor fall art show at Village of Ponderosa.

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