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Support our 45 Local Des Moines Area Artists!

ArtFest MidWest “The Other Art Show”
June 28-29, 2008

Media: Press releases & downloadable photos (including demo. artists' work) at www.artfestmidwest.com

Check out ArtFest Midwest pg. 22-23 Intro magazine (Conv. & Visitor's Bureau publication): http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/businesspub/intro_2008spring

Check www.artfestmidwest.com for complete artist list

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 sixth year this June. It is offered as an alternative, affordable art show—a complement to the downtown show.

Following is a list of 47 local Des Moines area artists participating in ArtFest Midwest, “THE OTHER ART SHOW”-----

Adel: Diana Vondra, dichroic glass & stone jewelry Dvondra922@aol.com, Donna Oelmann, jewelry www.donnajeandesigns.com


Altoona: Karen & Stephen Steininger, pottery (967-5226) www.thepottersltd.com, Larry Mendenhall, photography www.quiet-places.com

Ankeny: Nancy Griffin, painting (964-8010); Pat Hykes, watercolor & oil (964-0955); Fredda Wright, pastel (964-0274), Daleanne Anderson imdaleanne@mchsi.com,

Jeff Bonker, acrylic painting jeffbonker@gmail.com
Bondurant: Carrie Anderson, photography carrie.anderson1@mchsi.com, Kristin Aulwes,
acrylic painting/copper/minerals kaweuve@gmail.com
Carlisle: Rosemary Fee, reverse glass painting on windows Rosy120@aol.com
Clive: Laurie Rhiner, colored pencil mybirds2c@mchsi.com
Dallas Center: Teena Case, acrylic/mixed media www.teenacase.com
Des Moines: Tera Belinsky-Yoder, glass www.beadygirls.com ; Lori Bonz, ceramics
loribonz@netzero.com; Nancy Briggs, pottery briggspottery@mchsi.com; Jessica Dady,
chainmaille jewelry spikeygoddess@mchsi.com; Ron Durnavich, acrylic painting
dconstruction1026@msn.com; Stacey Edwards, wood
stace7777@aol.com; Victoria Herring, photography www.journeyzing.com;
Michael Holmes, acrylic holmesart@mchsi.com; Kay K. Kendall, paper
billnk@mchsi.com; Victor McCullough, painting www.mcculloughartist.com;
Michael Roate, live caricatures www.iroatethis.com;
Ken Smith, watercolor (288-6210); Cathy Soutter, glass cjdesigns@ishsi.com; Suzanne
LaTour Stevens, glass (279-2209); Amy Wood Thomas, mixed media
www.amywoodthomas.com; Rachel Tone, jewelry
www.racheltone.com ; Abigail West, jewelry www.earthwindandwaterdesign.com ;
Beverly Westra, jewelry beverlywestra@msn.com; June Wildash, mixed media
www.wildashworks.com
Grimes: Tammy Coy, jewelry tammycoyart@aol.com; Nadine Hawbaker, watercolor
wnhawbaker@gmail.com
Indianola: Grant Dyer, stained glass grantdyer@msn.com;
Norwalk: Gayla Low, soft sculpture gaylalow@aol.com
Urbandale: Jenny Henderson, jewelry; Carole Osburn, handmade paper
www.fiber-concepts.com
Waukee: Jerald Steele, watercolor steelejs@dwx.com
West Des Moines: Vanja Borcic, painting vanjasart@hotmail.com; Tao Gannon,
watercolor bargainlibrary@hotmail.com; Rhene Applegate, glass beaded jewelry
aevumjcc@msn.com; Allison Hall, acrylic allisonleigh@mchsi.com; Charlotte Hamity,
transparent watercolor c.hamity@gmail.com; Janice Pedersen, transparent watercolor
jstar@dwx.com; Jackie Stoken, photography www.stokenphotography.com

Show details!

- 225 artists selected to participate:
 - almost 50% from Iowa
 - 92% from Midwest
- Check www.artfestmidwest.com for complete artist list
- Expanded outdoor “ARTIST DEMONSTRATION AREA”—traditional glassblowing, metal & pottery sculpting, lampwork jewelry, paper folding, live caricatures, copper soldering & jewelry design
- Iowa’s largest fine art show!
- Sixth annual juried show!
- June 28-29, 10-6 Saturday & 10-5 Sunday
- Iowa State Fairgrounds, Varied Industries Building
- Same weekend as Des Moines Arts Festival

- Artwork Silent Auction to benefit  Orchard Place
- Affordable, alternative show
- Free admission, parking and shuttle between Des Moines Arts Festival and ArtFest Midwest—park at the Fairgrounds for both shows!
- Expanded indoor Iowa artist demonstration area
- Expanded “KidzDuArt” fun!
- Chosen as a “Show-Stopping Startup” in 2003 and described as “overall this show is a hit” by Sunshine Artist Magazine
- Estimated attendance 2003 (by Sunshine Artist Magazine): 30,000

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 15 years. Stookey Companies also promotes a fine art show at Valley West Mall in West Des Moines, Iowa.

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