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Support our *Local Artists*  
and  
Enjoy our *Free Entertainment*  
*at*

## ArtFest MidWest “THE OTHER ART SHOW”!!


June 27-28, 2009

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

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

### Show details!

- 236 artists selected to participate:  
103 from the State of Iowa!  
220 from Midwest!  
Let's show our support for them!

- Check [www.artfestmidwest.com](http://www.artfestmidwest.com) for complete artist list
- **ALL NEW! “FireWorks”--A Welding Sculpture Demo!**  
( outdoors, north main entrance)—  
Throughout the weekend, Matt Kargol and Glenn Williams will amaze you with their metalworking showmanship! Both are veterans of the welding sculpture competition circuit and will guarantee a spectacular presentation! These award-winning Midwestern professors of sculpture and art education know how to engage and astonish! Follow the progress of their awe-inspiring creation from start to finish!
- Ongoing traditional glassblowing demo all weekend—Art Ciccotti will dazzle spectators with his skill in tending his furnace night and day, molding and shaping his glass! (outdoors, north main entrance)
- Expanded outdoor “ARTIST DEMONSTRATION AREA” (outside north entrance)—metal forging, caricatures, jewelry, metal sculpture & more!  
Booths 234-240
- Iowa’s **largest** fine art show!
- Seventh annual juried show!
- June 27-28, 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 \$4000 in 2008!
- 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) & 12<sup>th</sup>. & Walnut St. downtown Des Moines during the following hours:  
11-6 Sat. & 11-5 Sun.
- Expanded indoor Iowa artist demonstration area—ongoing demos all weekend  
Booths 213-218--  
Kristin Hill (Davenport), pottery  
Gordon Kellenberger (High Amana), pastel  
Jo Myers-Walker (Gilbert), painting  
Val Neumann (Williamsburg), pottery  
Rachel Sims (West Des Moines), dichroic glass jewelry  
John Weyer (Sperry), woodturning

- Check out our featured artist—glass designer, Dan Fenn booth # 67 (photo at [www.artfestmidwest.com](http://www.artfestmidwest.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.  
    Draw your school of the future!: 10-6 Sat. & 10-5 Sun.
- 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): 30,000
- Features local and regional artists
- We are looking for volunteers--please contact us -- [suestookey@att.net](mailto:suestookey@att.net), 515.278.6200

### **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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