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a new outdoor fine art show!
ArtFest West!
October 9-10, 2010

Village of Ponderosa
(just west of West Glen)
West Des Moines, Iowa

ArtFest West was conceived during the summer of 2009 as an endeavor to offer a fine arts show in the one of the fastest-growing suburbs in the state—West Des Moines, Iowa. The show is a complement to June's ArtFest Midwest 'The Other Art Show' held at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. In addition to providing a venue for local Iowa artists, it also offers affordable art. The Village of Ponderosa, an innovative mixed-use real estate development located in the heart of West Des Moines, seemed the perfect choice of venue.

Media: artist list at http://stookeyshows.com/images/AFW_7-25-10.pdf &
photos at http://stookeyshows.com/afw_gallery/index.html

- **First annual outdoor show, located at Village of Ponderosa
(just west of West Glen)**
- **Free admission & parking**
- **100 artists—40% from Iowa, 96% from Midwest!**

- **“One Nite Stand”, R & B/Jazz Band**
(voted one of Des Moines' Best Bands 3 years in a row,
according to Cityview's "Best" poll!)
Saturday 1-5 pm & Sunday 12-4 pm
- Free “KidzDuArt” & “Metro Arts Green Arts Education for Kids” family art workshops! 11-5 pm Saturday, 10-4 pm Sunday
“Make-a-Puppet!” and "Scary Spooky Halloween Masks"
- Juried art show
- Show hours: 10-5 Saturday, 10-4 Sunday
- **“FireWorks”**—An All-New Glassblowing Demo!

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!

- **Silent Auction of artists’ work to benefit**  Orchard Place
- **Affordable artwork!**
- **Artist mediums: ceramics, fiber, glass, mixed media, printmaking, drawing, photography, jewelry, watercolor & oil, wood and sculpture**
- **Partner show with June’s ArtFest Midwest ‘The Other Art Show’ at Iowa State Fairgrounds**
- **Contact Stookey Companies, P.O. Box 31083, Des Moines, IA;**
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ArtFest West will be held annually in the fall in West Des Moines, IA. Stookey Companies is a Des Moines-based family-owned and operated business that has been in existence for over 20 years. The company also promotes a fine art show at Valley West Mall just prior to Valentine’s Day in West Des Moines, Iowa; and ArtFest Midwest ‘The Other Art Show’ (last weekend in June)—Iowa’s **LARGEST** fine art show!