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Hello,

Please run this as a Public Service announcement and/or Press Release and include it in any suitable calendar of events or press venue. This is a free event by a 504a non-profit organization. Any coverage you give the Tour is greatly appreciated by the Artists and the surrounding community.

View or Email for more images at www.lowaArtTour.com

Thank you,
Darla Ellickson, NIAST Inc. Director

2026.3.26 NIAST Press Release

Radio or TV Announcement - Bulletin Board Text:

"Find hidden art in Northeast Iowa • 29th Annual NE Iowa Artists' Studio Tour Oct 9, 10, & 11 "

Oct. 9, 10 & 11, 2026 - Open daily 10am to 5pm. Free. 41 Artists at 31 Studio Locations!
Self-guided driving Studio Tour all within 40 miles of Decorah.

Website features an interactive Google map, plus brochure with map to print.

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Press Release - Medium Version:

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Join us for the 29th Annual Studio Tour on October 9, 10 & 11, 2026. This year 10 new Artists will join many of last year's exhibitors for 41 artists total at 31 studio locations. New exhibitors this year are 3 Emerging Artists, with their host Artists, and a Guest Artist. They will open their doors for a behind-the-scenes studio view not usually offered to the general public. Drive-yourself around the scenic driftless and experience many well-known award-winning artists displaying and selling pottery, paintings, woodcuts, baskets, jewelry, woodworking, sculpture, collage, fiber arts, and more. Tour participants can set their own pace while driving from studio to studio.

Check the website in June for the updated 2026 Tour information. The website features an interactive Google map to studios, plus the full-color brochure with map, GPS, and lodging and dining along the route. Separate download-to-print, letter-size maps, GPS coordinates and lodging/dining will also be available as web downloads. The tour is free of charge and sites are all within 40 miles of Decorah, in Iowa. Workspaces are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. all three days. **The Northeast Iowa Artists' Studio Tour (NIAST Inc.) is Iowa's first and longest running tour of artists' studios in the state.**

For more information or for a brochure, call **Winneshiek Development and Tourism 563-382-6061**, visit www.iowaarttour.com or email tour@iowaarttour.com.

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Press Release - Long Version:

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Traveling into the rural area, one discovers sculptors, painters, basket weavers, metal-smiths, woodcarvers, fiber artists, woodworkers, and more. Some Artists will be holding raffles in their studios for a chance to Win Art! Visit with the actual creator and sign up. Each artist's studio space and techniques are as individual as the artist, and experiencing this first-hand, is the foundation of the Tour itself.

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In 2025, 15,000 brochures were distributed through area businesses, participating artists' client mailing lists and at art shows. Information about all the Artists, images of their art, handicap accessibility, plus map, GPS and lodging and dining information are available in the Tour brochure. Maps, GPS coordinates, brochures and lodging/dining information will be available as web downloads in June. Additional information will be available online shortly before the tour to inform of any updates at facebook and at www.iowaarttour.com.

This free-to-the-public event is self-supporting, funded by artist entry fees, sponsors, grants, donations, and advertising businesses. Another opportunity this year is to be a "Friend of the Arts" which includes an event listing on the Tour website and Facebook. For more information on how you can support the Arts and Culture as a sponsor in NE Iowa contact tour@iowaarttour.com.

This is your a chance to share into the artist's world of creativity; an opportunity to see new work, artwork in progress, demonstrations, and to visit with the artist and connect with Art in scenic NE Iowa.

For a brochure with the Tour map, call **Winneshiek Development and Tourism 563-382-6061** or email: tour@iowaarttour.com. For more complete information about the artists, ongoing events, and downloads view the official Tour website: www.iowaarttour.com.