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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.

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Thank you,
 Darla Ellickson, NIAST Inc. Director

2024.7.29 NIAST Press Release

Radio or TV Announcement - Bulletin Board Text:

"Find Art on Your Scenic Driftless Drive • 27th Annual NE Iowa Artists' Studio Tour Oct 11, 12 & 13"

Oct. 11, 12 & 13, 2024 - Open daily 10am to 5pm. Free. 42 Artists at 30 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:

"Find Art on Your Scenic Driftless Drive • 27th Annual NE Iowa Artists' Studio Tour Oct 11, 12 & 13 • Iowa's Largest, Longest running Studio Tour"

Join us for the 27th Annual Studio Tour on October 11, 12 & 13, 2024. This year 9 new Artists will join many of last year's exhibitors for 42 artists that will open their doors for a behind-the-scenes studio view, not usually offered to the general public, at 30 studio locations. 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.

Find the nearest Artist and pick up a brochure! 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 are 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

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Traveling into the rural area, one discovers wood and metal sculptors, painters, basket weavers, metal-smiths, woodcarvers, fiber artists, potters, and more. 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 2023, 15,000 brochures were distributed through area businesses, participating artists' client mailing lists and at art shows on a national level.

Many Artists will be holding raffles for their work in their studios affording you an opportunity to Win Art! Visit with the actual creator, sign up and have the chance to win direct! For more information on participating Artists and the artwork offered, see the Win Art symbol in the brochure.

This free-to-the-public event is self-supporting, funded by artist entry fees, sponsors, grants, donations, and advertising businesses. Be a "Friend of the Arts" and support the arts and culture in northeast Iowa. For more information email 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**. For more complete information about the artists and view and print the official brochure: www.iowaarttour.com.