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### **OMAHA'S ARTSEEN ENCOURAGES DIALOGUE BETWEEN ARTISTS AND PUBLIC**

Building on the success of the Artist Demonstration Village and Omaha Gallery Market presented at past festivals, Omaha's ArtSeen will showcase the artwork of Omaha and Southwest Iowa artists with participating galleries selling member artwork, taking commissions, distributing promotional literature, offering demonstrations and providing artist information.

Four ArtSeen tents hosted by Passageway Gallery, Hot Shops Art Center, Omaha ClayWorks and the Artists' Cooperative Gallery will be interspersed among the Artists' Market booths along Farnam Street from 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Streets. Working artists will be on-site at each booth interacting with the public and offering demonstrations during regular Festival hours.

Hot Shops Art Center ceramic artist Tim Barry and blacksmith Ron Loken are just two of the artists who will be offering demonstrations. The public will be invited to join Barry in a variety of activities including throwing clay, decorating pots with small animals, faces and other decorations and helping to create a clay village.

"People will be able to interact with the material and the artist in a way that cannot be done in a museum," said Barry, who has been working with clay since 1974. "Touching something helps you know the 'feeling' of the art. It's amazing what people do when you put a piece of clay in front of them."

For more clay-throwing demonstrations, the public can visit the Omaha ClayWorks tent where Dan Toberer, one of the artists who co-founded Omaha ClayWorks in 2000, will display his talent.

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In addition, the following demonstrations will be offered:

### **Artists' Cooperative Gallery**

#### **Friday, June 22**

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Pete Wroblewski	Lost Wax / Bronze Casting
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Susan Sutherland Barnes	Clay
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Marcia Joffe Bouska	Mixed Media Sculpture

#### **Saturday, June 23**

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Dottie Seymour	Paper Making
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Sally Dreyer	Stone Carving
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Jeffery Smith	Surrealism / Acrylics

#### **Sunday, June 24**

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Bob Schipper	Stained Glass
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Robert Dewaele	Wood Carving

### **The Passageway Gallery**

#### **Friday, June 22**

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Sue Pickering	Watercolors
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Gerry Klein	Bending glass
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Bev Valentine	Portrait drawing and oil painting

#### **Saturday, June 23**

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Sandy Hagen	Lampwork
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Bill Chapo & Kathy Lippold	Cut & paste collage
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Frank Daharsh	Lampwork
6 p.m. to 7 p.m.	Bev Valentine	Portrait drawing and oil painting
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.	Meridith Merwald-Gofta	Silversmith and wax techniques

#### **Sunday, June 24**

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Marlene Meier	Pottery
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.	Gerry Klein	Bending glass
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Sandi and Paul Nichols	Pottery

For more information regarding the Omaha Summer Arts Festival presented by First National Bank, and Omaha's ArtSeen please visit the web at [www.SummerArts.org](http://www.SummerArts.org)

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