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## **THE ARTISTS' MARKET AND OMAHA'S ARTSEEN ALLOW PUBLIC TO PURCHASE ART AND OBSERVE CREATIVE PROCESS**

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The Artists' Market and Omaha's ArtSeen provide many opportunities for Summer Arts Festival patrons to peruse and purchase art while they learn about the techniques used to create a variety of artforms. Booths featuring the work of 135 juried artists, plus demonstrations by exceptional local artists, will stretch five blocks along Farnam between 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets.

The Artists' Market will offer a variety of works in an array of media including jewelry, ceramics, fiber, glass, leather, sculpture, metal, paint, wood and more. Participating artists were selected by a jury of local and regional art professionals from a competitive pool of applicants. In addition, the artists who received best of show, second and third place and the top merit award winner for each medium in 2009 were invited to return for this year's event.

Applicants were evaluated based on technical competence, basic design and originality. This year's Artists' Market artists hail from 27 states. Nebraska has the highest number of artists represented at 17, followed by Colorado and Missouri, each with 16 artists.

Ceramic artist Barry Jepsen of Harveyville, Kansas has participated in all but two years of the Festival. He creates beautiful stoneware pottery for everyday use. "I really like the idea that my work is used every day by lots of people rather than sitting on a shelf collecting dust," he said. "Omaha is a terrific community that supports the arts," he added. "Without the public's support, the Festival simply could not be successful."

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Omaha's ArtSeen, with four locations spread throughout the Artists' Market, facilitates dialogue between local artists and the public. ArtSeen sites operated by Passageway Gallery, Omaha ClayWorks, the Old Market Artists Gallery and the Kent Bellows Studio and Center for Visual Arts will exhibit and sell artwork, accept commissions, distribute promotional literature and artist information and offer demonstrations.

"Omaha's ArtSeen brings credibility to Omaha artists and galleries by showcasing their work," said metal smith Meredith Merwald-Gofta, who has been involved with ArtSeen since it began in 2007. "I don't think the public knows the caliber of talent we have here in our community."

Artists from the Kent Bellows Studio and Center for Visual Arts will provide daily demonstrations. The schedules for Old Market Artists Gallery, The Passageway Gallery and Omaha ClayWorks are as follows:

### **Old Market Artists Gallery**

#### **Friday, June 25**

11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.	Deirdre Johnson	Pottery
12 p.m. to 12:40 p.m.	Deirdre Johnson	Pottery
1 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.	Deirdre Johnson	Pottery
2 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.	Rhoni Moore	Contemporary Painting
3 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.	Rhoni Moore	Contemporary Painting
4 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.	Dan Klima	Wood Carving
5 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.	Dan Klima	Wood Carving
6 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.	Lisa Maciejewski	Wire Jewelry
7 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.	Lisa Maciejewski	Wire Jewelry

#### **Saturday, June 26**

11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.	Diane Mattern	Concrete Sculpture
12 p.m. to 12:40 p.m.	Diane Mattern	Concrete Sculpture
1 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.	Diane Mattern	Concrete Sculpture
2 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.	Julie Kinkade	Wheel Thrown Pottery
3 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.	Julie Kinkade	Wheel Thrown Pottery
4 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.	Peg Watkins	Glass work/fusing
5 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.	Peg Watkins	Glass work/fusing
6 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.	Dan Klima	Woodworking
7 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.	Dan Klima	Woodworking

**Sunday, June 27**

11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.	Deirdre Johnson	Wheel Thrown Pottery
12 p.m. to 12:40 p.m.	Deirdre Johnson	Wheel Thrown Pottery
1 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.	Diane Mattern	Concrete Sculpture
2 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.	Diane Mattern	Concrete Sculpture
3 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.	Dan Klima	Woodworking
4 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.	Dan Klima	Woodworking

**The Passageway Gallery**

**Friday, June 25**

11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.	Jeri Martinez	Pastel
12 p.m. to 12:40 p.m.	Jeri Martinez	Pastel
1 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.	Jeri Martinez	Pastel
2 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.	Sandy Hagen	Boro Glass Pendants
3 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.	Sandy Hagen	Boro Glass Pendants
4 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.	Sandy Hagen	Boro Glass Pendants
5 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.	Jeri Martinez	Watercolor
6 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.	Dan Waltz	Photography
7 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.	Dan Waltz	Photography

**Saturday, June 26**

11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.	Steve Dunn	Painting
12 p.m. to 12:40 p.m.	Steve Dunn	Painting
1 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.	Nancy Lepo	Origami
2 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.	Nancy Lepo	Pen & Ink Drawing
3 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.	Nancy Lepo	Pen & Ink Drawing
4 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.	Paul Nichols	Wheel Thrown Pottery
5 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.	Marlene Meier	Wheel Thrown Pottery
6 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.	Marlene Meier	Wheel Thrown Pottery
7 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.	Jeri Martinez	Oils

**Sunday, June 27**

11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.	Fred Baze	Repairing Leaded Glass
12 p.m. to 12:40 p.m.	Fred Baze	Repairing Leaded Glass
1 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.	Fred Baze	Foiling Stained Glass
2 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.	Dan Waltz	Photography
3 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.	Dan Waltz	Photography
4 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.	Jeri Martinez	Oils

**Omaha ClayWorks** (Artists will demonstrate clay throwing or pottery.)

**Friday, June 25**

11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m.	Tom Harnack
12 p.m. to 12:40 p.m.	Tom Harnack
1 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.	Mark Deane
2 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.	Mark Deane
3 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.	Tom Harnack
4 p.m. to 4:40 p.m.	Tom Harnack
5 p.m. to 5:40 p.m.	Andy Smith
6 p.m. to 6:40 p.m.	Andy Smith
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For more information regarding the Omaha Summer Arts Festival presented by First National Bank, the Artists' Market and Omaha's ArtSeen, please visit [www.SummerArts.org](http://www.SummerArts.org). Artists interested in participating in the Artists' Market or serving as a Summer Arts Festival juror may also visit the website for more information.

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