



2021 Ames Artists' Studio Tour

Saturday, October 9 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The 2021 Ames Artists' Studio Tour will be held on Saturday, October 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. During this free, self-guided tour, patrons may choose to visit any number of the eleven (11) participating studios and discover the original art – paintings, glass, jewelry, ceramics and so much more – created by Ames area artists in their studios and workspaces. Participating artists will demonstrate their craft, share techniques, and discuss what inspires their work. Visitors are welcome to ask questions and purchase artwork. Visit the artists in any order you please! Find a full map of participating artists here: www.amesart.org/ames-artists-studio-tour.html.

This year's headquarters for the Studio Tour is **Morning Bell Coffee Roasters** (111 Main St., Ames). Morning Bell staff and Arts Council volunteers will be ready to answer your questions. While there, enjoy some fresh roasted coffee, espresso, and other specialty items.

For the safety of our artists and their guests, masks will be required when indoors or when a distance of six feet cannot be maintained. Thank you for understanding.

Artists participating in this year's tour include:

DOWNTOWN STUDIOS

Jennifer Drinkwater (312 ½ Main St., Ames) *The What's Good Project* celebrates the meaningful stories from where we live. Inspired by the conversations she has with folks around the country, artist Jennifer Drinkwater creates original paintings about what's good in each of their communities. A portion of each art sale is donated back to these communities. whatsgoodproject.com [not accessible]

Melissa Stenstrom (Melissa Stenstrom Jewelry, 507 Main St., Suite 1, Ames) Melissa makes jewelry using silver, gold, gemstones, and pearls. She works with a range of techniques such as anticlastic raising, forging, fabricating, casting, and engraving. Always up to a new challenge and looking for new skills to master, Melissa is constantly studying and looking for her next jewelry adventure. melissastenstrom.com [not accessible]

Kyle Renell (Kyle Renell Arts, 208 5th St., #304) Kyle is living, making art, and surviving the pandemic in Ames. Working primarily in acrylic painting and graphite/colored pencil, Kyle will be showing and explaining finished and in progress pieces from her current series *COVID and Chaos*. kylerenell.com [accessible]

Susan Norris (916 Kellogg Ave., #4, Ames) By the end of this year, Susan will have created 365 small mixed media, found object assemblages using foraged fabrics, objects, mementos, and household packaging. Each piece begins with a 4" x 4" square of corrugated cardboard cut from boxes she uses to carry home her groceries from the local coop. These assemblages are displayed in her apartment, each attached to a jute "clothesline" with a clothespin. Instagram [@eccentricoldwoman](https://www.instagram.com/eccentricoldwoman) [not accessible]

Alicia Wilkinson (921 Carroll Ave., Ames) Alicia is a painter, mixed media artist, and Senior Registered Interior Designer in Ames. She creates acrylic paintings with thick textures and other mediums while exploring the beauty of color. Her inspiration comes from her Creator as she processes through deep pain and incredible joys in her life alongside the desire to bring transformation into other people's lives. Her work embodies her heart for justice in the world and drives her to create work that brings restoration and renewal on the Earth. Instagram [@aliciawilkinson_artist](https://www.instagram.com/aliciawilkinson_artist) [not accessible]

CAMPUSTOWN STUDIO

Creative Artists' Studio of Ames [CASA] (130 S. Sheldon Ave.) CASA is a group of artists who work in clay, fiber, encaustics, metal, paper, ink, and watercolors. CASA seeks to provide space for artists to work, to learn, and to share their expertise with the public. This year, in response to COVID, the participating artists will be set up outdoors. Facebook @creativeartistsames [accessible]

NORTH AMES STUDIO

Valerie Williams (Daily Dish Pottery, 5847 Arrasmith Trl., Ames) Valerie specializes in bowls that are functional and light, graceful and very usable. She never liked stoneware - too heavy, and she didn't like the scratchy feeling of the fork on the matte glazes. So when Valerie started throwing clay, she knew she wanted thin walls on her pots and a very smooth glaze. But, Valerie found an affinity for stoneware. She loves the malleability of the clay and the communication she feels with the material when she's throwing. Valerie's dishes are practical, because they are made the way she uses them. Her glazes are smooth to the touch, and the bowl, mug, and plate sizes are just right for serving, and for your snacks and meals. And they are pretty, because your eyes should be just as pleased as your fingers. dailydishpottery.com [accessible]

EAST AMES STUDIO

Bill Rickard (Prairie Rivers Woodworking, 328 S. Hazel Ave., Ames) Bill is a woodworker who will be showing his work, including furniture, assembled art, and greenwood carvings, as well as providing demonstrations of traditional greenwood carving, such as, for spoons and bowls, using hand tools including axes, adzes, knives, and other carving implements. Facebook @prairieriverhandcrafts [accessible]

WEST AMES STUDIOS

Brett Brinkmeyer (1007 Arkansas Ave., Ames) Brett works in graphite and ink. The drawings he does are abstract and formless, allowing a person to see many different things, depending on their unique perspective. He also creates electronic and acoustic music, and writes different types of poetry. During the tour, Brett will display large and small drawings, and be working on a large drawing during the event. He will also have live interactive electronic music running, with a vocal mic to allow visitors to distort their voice while it integrates with live and organically developing computer music. [not accessible]

Art Ciccotti (Ciccotti Art Glass, 2306 258th St.) Art Ciccotti is a mostly self-taught glassblower who has spent years learning the techniques and skills born of this ancient craft. By making visual reference to things found in the natural world – flowers, weather, and animals – he attempts to reflect the natural beauty to which everyone can connect. ciccottiartglass.com [not accessible]

STORY CITY

Naomi Friend (Naomi Friend Studio, 16117 550th Ave., Story City) Naomi Friend uses Cyanotype combined with digital photography to create a meld of old and new images and methods. She takes digital pictures and uses Photoshop to create digital negatives, or a reverse tone image printed on transparency. The negative is layered on paper, fabric, or wood sensitized with the chemistry and exposed under UV light or the sun. The result is washed in water and the print is finished. Naomi further alters the print using mixed media techniques, primarily painting. Her subject matter celebrates wild, native, and naturalized Iowa. The studio will be open for the first time. State Park Stickers and cyanotype artwork will be available for purchase. naomifriend.com [not accessible]

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