



What the Weekend Looks Like

This retreat is designed to balance learning, exploration, and community with workshops, open studio time, and opportunities to connect throughout.

Day 1 (Friday)

10:00am – Check-In & Coffee

11:00am – Opening Remarks

11:30–1:30pm – Workshop Block A

Expert-led talks around the business of art

1:30pm – Potluck Lunch

2:30–5:30pm – Workshop Block B

Mixed-level workshops, including:

- Watercolor with Tracy Ingham
- All-new scratchboard workshop with Danna Fruetel

5:30pm – Dinner on your own

6:30–8:00pm – Artist Trading Cards Open Studio

(All supplies provided—come create, experiment, and connect)

Day 2 (Saturday)

9:00am – Coffee

9:30am–12:30pm – Workshop Block C

Advanced techniques, including:

- Charcoal with Scott Krohn
- Exploration stations for those who prefer a more open, self-directed experience (or a morning to sleep in and drink coffee on the river)

12:30pm – Lunch & Table Talks

2:00–5:00pm – Workshop Block D

Advanced techniques, including:

- Charcoal with Scott Krohn
- Brushless acrylic with Tracy Ingham
- Gouache for experienced painters with Cailyn Graham

5:00–6:00pm – Supply Swap / Exploration Time

6:00pm – Dinner on your own in Waterloo

7:30–8:30pm – Artist Panel

Sustaining a Creative Life

Artist Retreat Weekend Info

Register Here:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/iowa-artists-first-annual-art-retreat>

OR

Email: [Stephanie @stephanie@stephanieswilleyart.com](mailto:Stephanie@stephanieswilleyart.com)



Check out Scott's incredible charcoal work here:

<https://www.scottkrohnart.com/charcoal>

Day 3 (Sunday)

10:30am–1:30pm – Plein Air / Urban Sketching

2:00pm – Lunch & Closing Remarks

3:00pm – Group Photo & Goodbyes

Iowa Artist State Show Results 2026

Best in Show
Ornamental Cabbage by Diana Turnage



Richard Heggen Award
Vivian by Bob Peterson



Doris Frandsen Award
Pals by Diana Turnage



First Place
Sunset by Asya Wiegert
Traveling Across Montana by Carol Jo Smidt
The Light of Truth by Anthony Franklin
Springing from the Heart by Danna Fruetel



State Show Results Continued

Second Place

The Desert by Sandy Trampe
Memories by Bev Clapsaddle
Free as a Bird by Joe Beck
Safely Home by Tracy Edens



Third Place

Roadside Ditch by Susan Baer
Stair Stepping by Doyle Wilson
Wandering by Carol Miculinich
Pronto by Jill Sneed



Honorable Mention

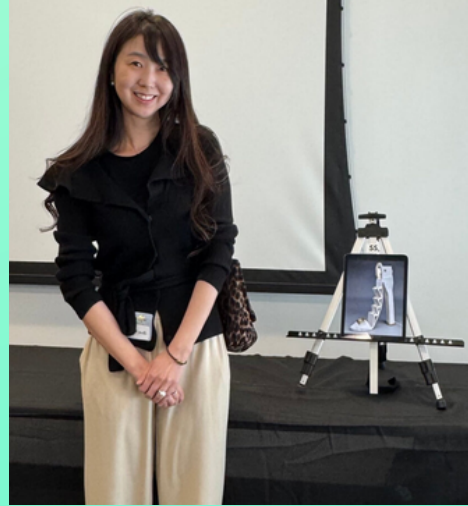
Within by Julie Hughes
Romantic Hex by Kathryn Roe
Bridging the Gap by Stephanie Swilley
Herman's Garage by Laurretta Kelley



State Show Results Continued

3D Award of Excellence

Jacobs High Heel by Christine Song



3D Honorable Mention

One Holy Night by Bev Hamman

Harvest Brown by Sue Kuennen

People's Choice

Traveling Across Montana by Carol Jo Smidt



Save the Date: Iowa Artists Summer Gallery Hop

2026 Iowa Artists 2D Exhibitions (These two venues do not have a safe way to display 3D Art since they are not Galleries)

Venue: Des Moines Public Library

Exhibition Dates: June 30th - August 30th

Submission Deadline: May 15th – 3 submissions per artist*

Space capacity: 50 entries

Reception Date: There will not be a reception

Venue: Greater Des Moines Botanical Gardens - Evergreen Gallery

Exhibition Dates: June 30th - August 30th

Submission Deadline: May 15th – 3 submissions per artist*

Space capacity: 30 entries (Must be botanical in nature)

Reception: TBD



Show Your Iowa Artists Pride (and Support the Community)

Have you picked up your Iowa Artists t-shirt yet?

Not only are these shirts a great way to show your support for the organization, but they're also a fundraiser that helps us provide more workshops, programs, and opportunities for our members!

We encourage everyone to wear their Iowa Artists shirt to regional and state shows so we can easily spot each other and celebrate our community. It's a fun way to show that you're part of the Iowa Artists network!

If you don't have one yet, you can purchase yours at the link below and help support future workshops and events.

https://www.zazzle.com/iowa_artist_t_shirt-256712017280743353

General Group Information

Iowa Artists Board Members

President - Stephanie Swilley
Region 7

Vice President - Open

Treasurer - Diana Turnage
Region 7

Secretary - Megan Wassom
Region 2

Membership Chair - Wendy Ebbers
Region 2

State Show Chair - Kelly Schwartz
Region 6

Newsletter - Danna Fruetel
Region 6

Digital Chair - Linda Andrews
Region 8

Workshop Chair - Open
Members-At-Large

Jon Rudsill
Region 10

Bob Peterson
Region 8

Susan Kuennen
Region 3

Tracy Ingham
Region 2

Treasurers Report

Net Assets Approx: \$13,881



Time to enjoy the summer!!

If you haven't already be sure to register yourself on the Iowa Artist Registry

<https://iowaartistdirectory.org/>

This is not part our our group but a great way for others to find you if they need a certain type of artist.

