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Art Center & Gallery Hours:
Tues. - Fri.: 10:00am - 6:00pm
Sat.: 12:00pm - 9:00pm
Closed Sunday & Monday

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Important Dates

2012

Jan. 19th
The Hodgepodge
"Meet the Artists" RECEPTION

Feb. 25th
LAST DAY
The Hodgepodge

Mar. 1st



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We have moved!

On June 21 we moved to a 6,000 sq. ft. facility in south St. Anthony, just off Hwy 20. Our new address is:

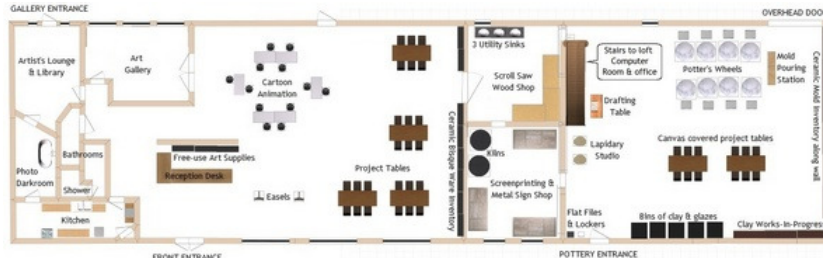
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The new facility allows for studios in 10 artist mediums as well as a lounge & library, an art gallery and a community kitchen. We have the equipment we need and will be setting up these studios asap. Studios offered are:

- Ceramics Studio (~2,000 ceramic molds, glazes, low-fire kilns)
- Potter's Wheels (kick and electric, humid clay storage)
- Painting (easels ... bench, standing & tabletop)
- Drawing (drafting table, straightedge board for crosshatchers, rendering light tables)
- Cartoon Animation (bank of light tables, copy stand, digitizing computer stations)
- Woodworking (3 scroll saws, basic woodworking tools & saws)
- Screen printing (commercial size studio, up to 5 ft. images)
- Metal Sign Studio (5 ft. vinyl baker table)
- Photography Darkroom (large format up to 4" x 5")
- Computer Loft with 20+ computers (Photoshop, 3D Rendering, homework stations for students)



We have a one year lease. This will give us the time we need to gauge community support in St. Anthony; volunteerism, local donations, local artists taking advantage of our studios and gallery offerings and the local school district's acceptance of our help within the schools or after school. We want to stay in St. Anthony. Help us help the community!



(click on image to view larger)

Current Calls To Artists!

Artists are invited to submit up to 5 pieces of artwork (more if small works, fine crafts, custom jewelry, etc.) for exhibition in the Pioneer Days Art Show. Space permitting, every artist's work will be included. All mediums are acceptable, including assemblages. Two dimensional artwork must be wired, ready to hang with a frame or wrapped canvas (no side staples). Maximum size (including frame) is 5 ft. high by 6 ft. wide, however, smaller pieces are preferred.

Theme: This art show occurs during St. Anthony's Pioneer Days. We want artwork inspired by the pioneers and the region's history. Attend any of our Monthly Artist Meetings (see schedule [here](#)) to get access to our archives of historic photos of St. Anthony to use as reference photos.

To submit artwork: Please read and sign the Exhibition Application and the Liability Waiver/Sales Agreement ([download](#)) and bring artwork in during the Drop off dates (below).

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per piece or volunteer for 1/2 hour per piece.
Contact us if submitting more than 5 piece.

No entry fee for K - 12 student artwork.

Drop off date: Tuesday, June 19 - Saturday, June 30

Meet The Artists Opening Reception: Thursday, July 5, 5pm - 9pm

Show Dates: Thursday, July 5 - Saturday, July 28

Pickup art date: Saturday, July 28 - Tuesday, August 28

Questions? Please email Kara at info@idahoartlab.org or call (208) 932-0893 [easily remembered as 208-93-208-93]

Next deadline is Saturday, July 21 for the Dunes & Cartoons show. To view all of our Call to Artists deadlines, go to www.idahoartlab.org/call-to-artists.php



Arts In Education
"Meet the Artists" RECEPTION

April 7th
LAST DAY
Arts In Education

Apr. 12th
Western Art Show
"Meet the Artists" RECEPTION

May 19th
LAST DAY
Western Art Show

May 24th
A River Runs Through It
"Meet the Artists" RECEPTION

June 16th
LAST DAY
A River Runs Through It

June 21st
Small Works, Big Deal Fundraiser

July 5th
Pioneer Art Show
"Meet the Artists" RECEPTION

July 28th
LAST DAY
Pioneer Art Show

Aug. 2nd
Dunes & Cartoons
"Meet the Artists" RECEPTION

Sept. 1st
LAST DAY
Dunes & Cartoons

Sept. 6th
Crash Into Fall
"Meet the Artists" RECEPTION

Sept. 29th
LAST DAY
Crash Into Fall

Oct. 4th
The Grim Museum
&
The Hodgepodge
"Meet the Artists" RECEPTION

Nov. 3rd
LAST DAY
The Grim Museum
&
The Hodgepodge

Nov. 8th
Holiday Art Show
"Meet the Artists" RECEPTION

Dec. 4th
LAST DAY
Holiday Art Show

Dec. 6th - Jan. 11th
Gallery available
for weekly rental

A Message from the Director

Hello all,

This has been a crazy year with many unexpected twists and turns! We quickly outgrew the building we were in and moved to our new 6,000 square foot facility on June 21. This new building is perfect for our needs. Please drop by the new Lab at 2355 S. Yellowstone Hwy. I don't think we could have built a better space for our studios. You are going to love it! It is bright and spacious and has such great vibes the moment you walk in.

Our gallery has been open 15 months and the art center has been open 10 months, giving us enough time to find our focus and realize how we can best help our community. We had expected the Lab to be busy with professional and aspiring artists but, instead, we have become a place where the local youth can find acceptance and hope and where those with special needs can learn life skills, get a hug and feel at home.

Artists rarely volunteer and it is a struggle to fill the art gallery each month. Volunteerism mostly comes from local teenagers, PSR workers and home school families. Local teenagers come in after

school and help us with pouring molds, cleaning greenware and posting fliers around town. In March alone we had 69 volunteer hours by teens! The Psycho Social Rehabilitation (PSR) specialists love using the Lab to help their behaviorally challenged clients and often have their clients help with little chores we can't find the time to get to. We have implemented a Child Protection Policy. There must be two adults present when a minor is volunteering. We don't want to ever turn away a teenager who wishes to volunteer. During the school year this was a struggle, as it forced Dan and I to both be present every afternoon when school was out. Now that summer is in full swing and our adult volunteers are harder and harder to find, we are really concerned that we won't be able to stay on top of things. Please volunteer if you can.

Dan and I continue to each volunteer 40 - 60 hours a week. The salary hasn't come yet what with the set-back of the move but we are loving what we do and manage to make ends meet with the income from Dan's art classes and sales of Dan's Dung & Dunger blockprint artwork. He's in Yellowstone selling his art as I write this. I'd like to give a HUGE thank you to Monte Later and Kimberly Weatherston for volunteering for a 4 hour block each week. It's amazing what we get done each week when we have the help. The Weatherston family helped us move. I don't know what we would have done without their help. The St. Anthony Work Camp and Juvenile Probation each dedicated a day to help with all the heavy stuff. Thank you all so much!

This next year will determine where our energies will be focused and whether or not we can remain in St. Anthony. I am interested to see what the future holds. If you can help out, I know you will find the Lab a very rewarding place to be. Our volunteers are changing lives and those whose lives are being changed are changing lives. It's amazing to see. I hope you will be a part of this beautiful chain of hope. There is so much more than just art being created here.

See you at the Lab!

Kara Hidalgo
Executive Director



Nature Art Expo at the Nature Conservancy

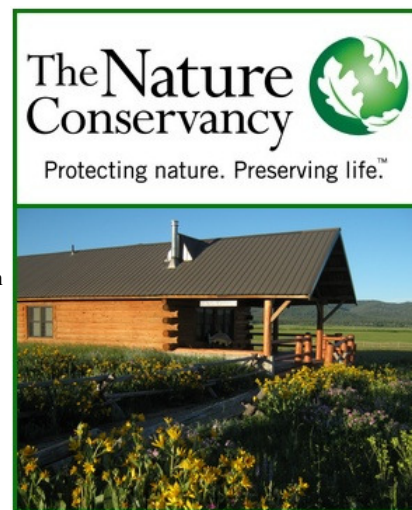
This year is the 2nd Annual **Nature Art Exposition** at the Nature Conservancy's Flat Ranch in Island Park. Once again, we are working with TNC to organize this fine art show during Island Park's "Pioneer Days" Antique, Collectibles and Crafts Show. The dates are Friday, July 20 - Saturday, July 21, 10am - 5pm.

We are offering free space at the Nature Conservancy's Flat Ranch Preserve. Bring your own table. There is no commission taken. Spaces are first come, first serve. There are eight 6' x 8' spaces still available on the Visitor Center deck. These spaces are ideal for people with collapsible tables only (no tents). The deck is shaded in parts, and not in others. Four of these spaces will be in full sun exposure during the entire day, so these people would need some kind of shading device. There are seven 6' x 8' ground spaces near the deck. This is a dirt/yard surface. These people would more than likely want to have a tented/shaded set-up.

Theme: The natural world. Please show artwork that reflects the Nature Conservancy's core values.

Medium: Original artworks, painting, photography, pottery, sculpture, glass, and other fine arts.

Please contact Kara Hidalgo at the Idaho Art Lab at info@idahoartlab.org or call (208) 932-0893 [remember as 208-93 208-93]



FREE and Low Cost Workshops now being offered

We are finalizing our summer workshops now. Most Beginner Workshops will be offered at no charge. Bob Bauer of BM&F Enterprises has sponsored our first 3 months. This sponsorship will pay for the supplies needed for most classes.

Upcoming Workshops & Meetings!

Saturday, June 30, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm : Yarn Dolls for the kids, free

Tuesday, July 3, 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Meeting for Illustrators & Cartoonists, free (bring what you are working on)

Saturday, July 7, 1:00 pm-2:00 pm: Pioneer Art Workshop for the kids, free

Saturday, July 7, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm: Live Figure Drawing, \$10 each (\$5 to model, \$5 to Lab). Native American woman in Native American dress

Tuesday, July 10, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm: Meeting for Acrylic & Watercolor Painters, free (bring what you are working on)

Saturday, July 14, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Sand Dunes Art Workshop, free

Saturday, July 14, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm: Meeting for Acrylic & Watercolor Painters, free (bring what you are working on)

Saturday, July 14, 4:00 pm- 7:00 pm: Scroll Saw Workshop, \$35.00 (supplies included)

Tuesday, July 17, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm: Meeting for Ceramicists & Sculptors, free (bring what you are working on)

Saturday, July 21, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Digital Photography for beginners, free (bring your digital camera)

Saturday, July 21, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm: Meeting for Ceramicists & Sculptors, free (bring what you are working on)

Tuesday, July 24, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm: Meeting for Oil Painters, free (bring what you are working on)

Saturday, July 28, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm: Drawing Dragons Workshop, free

Saturday, July 28, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm: Meeting for Oil Painters, free (bring what you are working on)

Saturday, July 28, 4:00 pm- 7:00 pm: Scroll Saw Workshop, \$35.00 (supplies included)

Registration Required for Workshops (no registration needed for meetings)!

Drop off Workshop Registration (click [here](#)) at the Lab

2355 S. Yellowstone Hwy., St. Anthony, Tues–Fri 10am–6pm, Sat noon–9pm

To see our currently scheduled Workshops in detail visit our Workshops page at www.IdahoArtLab.org/workshops.php.

Ceramics & Pottery Studio UPDATE

We opened the Ceramics and Pottery studios in February. The new building gives us all the space we want to display ready-to-glaze bisque ware pieces. **We are in need of strong, deep shelves** to store the ~2,000 ceramic molds we have. As you can see from the picture, the shelving we have is not going to be sufficient. Please be on the lookout for strong, deep shelves for us. We need about 60 feet of at least 5 feet high heavy duty shelving to have a place for all the molds.



We have a kick potter's wheel and an electric wheel here at the Lab and have been offered several more once we are able to clear out the molds that are currently taking up all the floor space. We also have grant money to purchase an electric wheel that will accommodate those with physical challenges. We are excited about this as we have a few artists who struggle using our homemade potter's wheels. Here is more information about our Pottery Studio.

- **Pottery Lesson**

- \$35 for a 4 hr. session
- 1 hr. lesson, 3 hrs. practice time on wheel
- (Class limit: 2 students)

- **Pottery Class**

- \$100 for 4 Pottery Lessons
- 4 hours of lessons & 12 hrs. of practice time on the wheel
- (Class limit: 2 students)



Volunteer Family of the Month: Weatherston Family

We would like to sincerely thank the **Weatherston family** of Rexburg (Steven & Heidi and their children Kimberly, Steve and Missy)

The Weatherston family volunteered hundreds of hours to help us move. In the end, they were as sore and bruised and exhausted as we were. I truly don't think we would have made it out of the Bridge



Street building by the June 30 deadline without them. Steven works for the Saint Anthony Work Camp and volunteered to supervise a work crew allowing us to get the help of 6 strong work camp volunteer inmates. The screen printing and vinyl baker table would have been impossible to move without the help of these strong volunteers. Thank you also for doing such an amazing job on catering our Small Works, Big Deal Show. Your artistic cupcake and cake creations were a hit! You are so appreciated Weatherstons! Thank you, thank you, thank you.



Volunteer of the Month: Monte Later

Monte Later discovered us this last spring and quickly became a trustworthy partner and faithful volunteer. You will find Monte staffing the Lab on Wednesday afternoons allowing Daniel to teach his afternoon art classes undisturbed.

Monte has been such a wonderful mentor to Daniel and I, imparting years of knowledge about business, networking and fundraising and helping us analyze decisions we must make. We've had some tough ones lately. We are enjoying his friendship very much! I am sure this is a friendship to last a lifetime and am so grateful that his curiosity brought him into the Lab. Monte is a true lover of the arts and a wonderful asset to the Idaho Art Lab team.

Thank you Monte!



Current Needs

We are in need of the following items:

- Heavy duty, deep shelves at least 5 feet tall (to store our ceramic molds in)
- Wet/Dry Shop Vacuum (10+ gallon)
- Art Supplies for kids to hang out and do art (crayons, markers, paper, etc.)
- Taller Kiln (our current kiln is only able to fire 23" high)
- Entertainment center (ours collapsed under the weight of all the art books)
- Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers ... oh, and volunteers

Upcoming Regional Visual Art Events



The Idaho Art Lab has the following art exhibits scheduled:

Thursday, July 5, 5:00 - 9:00pm

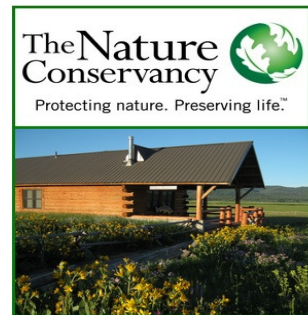
Pioneer Art Show OPENING. Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments and live music. Free! Deadline to submit artwork is Saturday, June 30, 9:00pm. This show runs through July 28.

Thursday, Aug. 2, 5:00 - 9:00pm

Dunes & Cartoons OPENING. Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments and live music. Free! Deadline to submit artwork is Saturday, July 21, 9:00pm. This show runs through Sept. 1st.

Thursday, Sept. 6, 5:00 - 9:00pm

Crash Into Fall OPENING. Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments and live music. Free! Deadline to submit artwork is Saturday, August 25, 9:00pm. This show runs through Sept. 29th.



Friday, July 20, 10:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday, July 22, 10:00am - 5:00pm

The Nature Conservancy and Idaho Art Lab team up once again for the 2nd Annual Nature Art Exposition at The Nature Conservancy's Flat Ranch Preserve in Island Park (on Hwy 20 just north of Mack's Inn). Artists, get your free booth space now by contacting Kara Hidalgo at info@idahoartlab.org or (208) 932-0893.

Stop by the Flat Ranch during Pioneer Days Antiques Weekend and browse the works of local artists on the porch of the Visitor Center. Artists from southeast Idaho will display and sell original artwork with nature themes for two full days at the Flat Ranch. Light refreshments provided by local businesses.



Saturday, July 21, 6:30am to 2:00pm

The Community Foundation and participating nonprofits, such as the **Teton Arts Council**, will host a celebration of community spirit and support in Driggs City Park in Driggs, Idaho. The 5th Annual Tin Cup Challenge will incorporate a competitive marathon, marathon relay, half-marathon, 10k and 5K as well as a 5K recreational run/walk. If you have questions or specific concerns about volunteering for the Tin Cup, please contact Jeanne Anderson, this year's Tin Cup Event Coordinator, at

jeanneanderson@silverstar.com or (208) 360-6518.





**Saturday, July 28, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm &
Sunday, July 29th, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm**

The *Eagle Rock Art Guild's Annual Sidewalk Art Festival* is a two day event that is held at Tautphaus Park between Boulevard and Rolandet Streets in Idaho Falls. It is made possible through the volunteers of the *Eagle Rock Art Guild*, the oldest art organization in the state of Idaho. The quality and variety of the artwork is exceptional. The Art Festival is held on the fourth weekend in July and attracts over 15,000 people each year. Admission to the festival is FREE. The Art Guild also sponsors a large variety of food vendors and live entertainment. The Art Guild also provides an extensive advertising program in support of the *Annual Sidewalk Art Festival*. For more information, go to www.eaglerockartguild-idaho.org/sidewalk.html



Thursday, August 9 - Saturday, August 11

Free art and music for the entire family ... toddlers to teens. The Snake River Roaring Youth Jam is the biggest family arts festival ever to hit Idaho Falls. Organized by the Idaho Falls Arts Council and sponsored by Mike's Music, the "Roaring Youth Jam" is three

fun-filled days of art, theater and music for kids of all ages...and their families too! To learn more, go to www.idahofallsarts.org/snake-river-roaring-youth-jam



June 21 - August 18

Now Showing... Influences in Clay: Rich Briggs & Jason Brown

An exhibit revealing the variety of techniques clay artists incorporate into both functional and sculptural pieces as a means of self-expression. With few wood burning kilns left in the state of Idaho, the exhibit also addresses kiln building and aesthetic choices from this ancient firing method and its continued use in the 21st century.

Also Featuring: former BFA students, the Artwork of Gloria Miller Allen and The Museum Artists Exhibit
For more information, go to www.theartmuseum.org



**Saturday, September 8th, 10:00am-6:00pm &
Sunday, September 9th, 10:00am-5:00pm**

The Pocatello Art Center presents the Sagebrush Arts Fest, a destination event, this year to be held on the campus of Pocatello High School, at the corner of N. Arthur and W. Fremont. Please read the [Letter to Exhibitors](#) to see the exciting reason for the move. There is no fee to view the quality arts and crafts that are available for sale during this weekend event. There are free art activities for children.

The PAC invites fine artists and craftspeople to apply to participate in this event. Please read the "[Exhibitor Information](#)" page where you can find the link to the on-line application form. Print and mail it to the address at the bottom of the form to reserve your space for 2012.



The Idaho Watercolor Society's Traveling Show schedule in East Idaho is:

Carr Gallery, Idaho Falls **September 7 - 28**

Pocatello Art Center, Pocatello **October 3 - 29**

Go to www.id-ws.org for more information about the Idaho Watercolor Society

See you at the Lab!