

2016 Nature Calls

Artists & Exhibitors:



Susan McCulley, Wildlife Art

Julia Licht, Fused Glass

Tori & Justin Engelhardt, Wild Hill Honey

Lynn Jarvis, Snowflake Woodcrafts

Vanessa Wodtke, Bloom Wild, LLC

Jana Sawin Peterson, Autumn Prairie Designs

J Mark Lary, Second Chance Woods

Doug Johnson, Johnson's Mill

Reez & Hoi, Heartland Salsa



About the Artist

Susan McCulley

I have always had an affinity for animals so after a recent resurgence in my desire to create artwork, it has been no surprise that wildlife consistently emerges as the main theme for my drawings. Although I can find interest in just about anything, animals are by far my favorite subject matter. I feel there is little else that can compare to the natural, honest energy given off by an animal, be it a family pet or one never meant to be touched by human hands. If we are lucky enough to be included as part of their world, whether for years or just a few moments, we are that much richer for the experience.

Although art classes while in college allowed me to experiment in mediums such as oil and printmaking, I am primarily self-taught at my current medium of choice, the pencil. Although slightly unconventional, I enjoy partnering the smoothness of graphite along with the rich blackness of charcoal for contrasting effects.

This is her second year exhibiting at Nature Calls.

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About the Artist

Julia Licht

Artery

Julia grew up in Sioux City surrounded by a family of artists. Her father painted and many members of his family painted as well. Her family traveled extensively, visiting museums and art galleries all over the US. Through these experiences she learned to appreciate all forms of art.

Three dimensional art has always been a favorite of hers, as an adult she started doing stained glass windows and lamps. Her fascination with glass then moved to fusing glass. She still works with a combination of stained and fused glass. She creates detailed and unique designs in her bowls using various methods, including the “boiling” technique.

Julia is married to Peter who is also an artist. His medium is clay and he also helps out with design and patterns. They have three children Jacob, Emily and Michael. There is never a dull moment at home.

They have participated in Nature Calls for several years.

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About the Artist

Lynn Jarvis Snowflake Woodcrafts

Lynn lives in rural Hornick, Iowa and enjoys creating products out of wood. He has been making bird houses, knife holders and cutting boards for years. You may have seen his work at the Sioux City Farmer's Market and the Woodbury County Fair as well.

His inspiration is his hands, head and heart.

He has a BS in Biology and is the recipient of the DAR American History Award and Citizenship Award.

This is his third year to participate in Nature Calls.
We are sure you will enjoy his fine craftsmanship!

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About the Artist

Justin & Tori Engelhardt
Wild Hill Honey

Wild Hill Honey offers raw and creamed honey, produced by chemical-free bees.
We do not heat or filter our honey.

Our source of inspiration is our desire to produce pure, wholesome,
100% natural honey.

Both Justin and Tori are from Sioux City.

Wild Hill Honey is produced by hives kept right here in Sioux City. It's as local and
you can get. When you taste our honey, you're tasting nectar gathered from flowers
in your yard.

This is their third year to participate in Nature Calls.

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About the Artist

Vanessa Wodtke
Bloom Wild, LLC

Vanessa Wodtke uses only natural plant oils and botanicals. There are no petro-chemicals or by-products used in her soaps or products. All are achieved with essential oils.

Her products include soaps, scrubs, bath bombs and butters.

The goat's milk for our soaps is from our very own hand-milked herd. We like to keep fewer than ten in our herd, including milking dams and their kids. Currently we have 3 dams milking and 4 kids.

We make all products sold on the website with plant based oils.

All of our scents are derived from essential oils.

We try to either grow our own or purchase clays and botanicals from local sources.

We have been at this for 10+ years and through trial and error we have found, what we believe to be the best ingredients and providers for those ingredients. We will always be honest about our products, without giving away any trade secrets!

This is her third year to exhibit at Nature Calls.

Her source of inspiration is her family.

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About the Artist

Jana Sawin-Peterson Autumn Prairie Designs

Jana Peterson was born and raised on a farm near the Loess Hills by conservation-minded parents. Beginning at a young age, she and her family spent hours fishing, hiking, rock hunting, gardening and creating arts and crafts. Even as a child, Jana's projects were crafted by thinking "outside the box." Jana has a passion for rocks and continually searches for treasures along the river, in gravel pits—anyplace one can find unusual rocks and agates. She and her dad cut and polished the agates and started the foundation of her collections and jewelry interest.

After a few different traditional business careers Jana moved back to western Iowa and became an apprentice jeweler. Several years of repairing, sizing and setting of gem stones in traditional jewelry have again given way to creating "outside the box."

Jana's jewelry is made of precious and semi-precious stones and "just plain rocks with soul." She believes that all the earth's natural resources are precious and receives her inspiration for her artwork from nature.

Jana now lives on one of her family's century farms with her husband Craig and daughter Autumn, who is the seventh generation to live there. Her family is extremely supportive and always willing to go for a walk to enjoy the outdoors and search for precious treasures.

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About the Artist
J Mark Lary
Second Chance Woods

J Mark Lary is an artist from Sioux, Iowa.

He salvages and recycles wood, turning it into bowls, hollow forms, salt & pepper mills, and turned ornaments.

He is inspired by the shapes, color and texture of nature. Working with wood is something he has done most of his life; working in the home building industry, and in a custom cabinet shop.

Now in woodturning he looks at salvaged wood as the medium for turning, bringing out the colors and grains that are present but never seen by most people in a forum that is pleasing to the naked eye.

His work is unique in the way that nature has spent 100 in the making, to salvage it from the fireplace or a landfill to survive, and have another purpose that is pleasing to the eye.

He has never trained as a formal artist. At times he struggles with getting things the way he would like. He is looking for inspiration from other forums of art. He's not sure where this path will take him, but he is looking forward to the journey.

This is his third time to participate in Nature Calls.

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About the Artists
Doug W. Johnson
Anne Johnson & Lee Johnson
Johnson's Mill

Doug Johnson creates natural slab furniture, fine wood furniture and wood crafts. His source of inspiration includes both historical styles and Live-Edge Wood.

His hometown is Sioux City. Ann and Lee both were born in Fort Collins, CO.

Doug received his BS degree in Construction Engineering from Iowa State University. Anne has a BA in Photography at Morningside and Lee has a BS in Mechanical Engineering and a MA in Education at Iowa State University.

They are 4th and 5th Generation Woodworkers and Builders.

This is their first time to participate in Nature Calls.

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About the Artists
Reez Kinchella & Hoi Le
Heartland Salsa

Heartland Salsa creates locally grown food with an exotic twist. They rocked the 2015 Chili & Salsa Cookoff at the Hardrock Hotel & Casino last year. They were voted Best Salsa by the Hardrock; #1 People's Choice and #1 Overall Best Salsa at this Big Brothers Big Sisters Event.

This is their first time to participate in Nature Calls.

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