

## Press Release

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### For Immediate Release:

## South Central Minnesota Studio ArTour

**Northfield, MN October 2010** - The South Central Minnesota Studio ArTour will take place October 23 and 24 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

The self-guided tour consists of 29 artists and 14 studio stops throughout the communities of Northfield, Faribault and Morristown and the surrounding countryside. A tour map and online gallery is available at [www.southcentralartour.com](http://www.southcentralartour.com).

The vibrant autumn scenery of south central Minnesota's gentle rolling hills makes for a perfect weekend drive to take in fall color as the tour weaves through the area's flourishing art communities. The annual event, now in its sixth year, has consistently drawn visitors from a wide range of Midwest towns and cities to view exceptional pieces created by the area's local artists, some of whom are nationally recognized.

Visitors can step inside artists' personal studios to gather a glimpse of inspiring work in the making. Artists will be giving demonstrations in an array of art media including pottery, handmade books, jewelry, paintings, wood turned bowls, felting, metal sculptures, upcycled toys, blown glass ornaments and beads to name a few. In addition there will be several kiln openings. Take a closer look at unique art processes like wheel and slab pottery, Kumihimo beaded necklaces and Serti Batik textiles.

But the art doesn't stop there. Northfield has a multitude of art shops and galleries for visitors to explore as well as a full itinerary of events planned for that weekend including Northfield's Harvest STOMP! - a contra dance, Riverwalk Market Fair that showcases regional fine art and fine craft as well as a local farmers' market, and Cemetery Stories where actors portray important figures of Northfield's past. Check out the calendar at [www.visitingnorthfield.com](http://www.visitingnorthfield.com) to plan your fall getaway today.

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