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### Explore Central Florida for a "cultural adventure" on the first weekend of December

The popular *Off the Beaten Path Florida Arts Tour* has expanded this year to three Central Florida counties drawing art enthusiasts from around the country to see behind the scenes into the working lives of professional artists. Now in Volusia County, Lake County and Seminole County, the annual self-guided Tour invites the curious to follow three different maps to explore the studios and featured work of select artists in North Central Florida.



Lake County Tour Stop #5, Brenda Heim Studio

Also new this year, the Tour is to be held on two different weekends: December 3-4 in Lake and Seminole Counties, and February 25-26 in the greater DeLand area of Volusia County. Studios and cultural institutions will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. Unlike the typical art festival event, the *Off the Beaten Path Tours* feature studios of esteemed artists whose public artworks are seen in government buildings, hospital lobbies, resorts, and banks, as well as in parks and tourist destinations.

Various genres of artwork range from unique ceramics to large-scale paintings and metal sculptures.



The Tour draws families, tourists, curators, collectors and commissioners of art from near and far, and the event is now being called "a cultural adventure" after writer for *Visit Florida* and author for *National Geographic*, Gary McKechnie, coined the phrase in an article he entitled, "Florida's Artistic Treasure Hunt." The article is available under "News & Media" on the event website, [FloridaArtsTour.com](http://FloridaArtsTour.com).



DeLand Tour Stop #5, John Wilton Studio

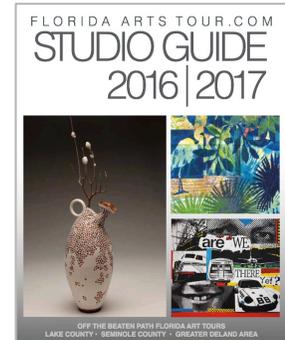
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*Lake County Tour 2014, Janice Roane Studio*

During the Tour every year, artists open their doors to the public providing guided walkthroughs while some studios offer informative demonstrations and light refreshments. Most works are available for sale.

Another new addition with this year's expansion is a full-color *Studio Arts Guide* with the maps of studio locations and listings of every participating artist with images of signature works. The 36-page guide is free and available at supporting museums and organizations and can also be downloaded as a PDF file from the website: [FloridaArtsTour.com](http://FloridaArtsTour.com).



*The Off the Path Florida Arts Tour* is sponsored in part by the DeLand Fall Festival of the Arts, the City of Casselberry, the Charles B. and Mary M. McLin Foundation, the First National Bank of Mount Dora, and Quammen Health Care Consultants.

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