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Central Florida artists open studios for annual tour, first weekend in December



Professional artists in Lake County, Florida, open their studios to the public for the *Off the Beaten Path Florida Arts Tour* on Saturday and Sunday, December 2-3, 2017.

The self-guided tour is free as patrons follow a map, either printed or online, and look for the *Off the Beaten Path* tour signs at each location. The event is frequented every year by local patrons, art buyers, curators and out-of-town visitors seeking an immersive, interactive, cultural adventure.



Landscape oil painting by artist Elizabeth Ferber

At the studio locations, visitors—including children—are welcomed to meet artists in their natural work environments, watch demonstrations, and see the tools, equipment, and processes used to create diverse works of art. The list of destinations also includes some cultural venues such as museums.

The studios will be open Saturday, December 2, from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, December 3, from 12 pm to 5 pm.

The Lake County tour leads visitors to various stops through the towns of Sorrento, Eustis, Weirsdale, Umatilla, Leesburg, and Mount Dora in North Central Florida.

Most of the works on display are available for purchase so the tour provides an opportunity to shop for original works of art and unique holiday gifts. The varied types of offerings include paintings, sculptures, jewelry, textiles, woodworks, photography, and pottery.

The annual tour is accompanied by a 48-page, color *Studio Guide* featuring easy-to-follow maps and listings of each tour stop with artist information. The *Studio Guide* is available, free of charge, at various public venues and on the website at FloridaArtsTour.com.

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The *Off the Beaten Path Florida Arts Tour* is an annual event that has expanded over the years to include new areas and multiple weekends. The tour now covers several areas in Central Florida. Combined, the tour includes 49 different locations and 63 artists.

More information including tour maps and the downloadable *Studio Guide* can be found at the event website: FloridaArtsTour.com.

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"Sister Moon" by Lois Crisp Stover

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