

Regional Artists



Donna Carver ✨
Willmar

Donna Carver, Topaz Tiger Studio, does not remember a time when she was not working in the painting, craft and sewing arts. She has worked with paint, canvas, yarn, fabric, wood and other materials, creating her own original designs. She took an Art Instruction School course but is mostly self-taught, with many years of practical experience.

Numerous original sewing and craft designs have been published in national sewing and craft magazines and Donna has sold hundreds of original design baby quilts at craft fairs. She has painted more than 20 murals on the walls of her condo and participated in the Willmar Arts Society annual Studio Hop and Small Works Auction. Many of her original floral, animal and holiday designs are featured online at www.zazzle.com/topaztiger and www.greetingcarduniverse.com/topaztiger.



Joel and Torri McKinney ✨
Walnut Grove

Joel McKinney founded Blackhawk Studios in 1988, which includes three lines of products and services. Blackhawk Studio's Commercial Studio offers several lines of handmade ceramic tile, tile murals, etched glass, cast and fabricated metal and ceramic architectural accents, with an extensive array of custom design services. The Media Studio offers a full range of graphic design and Web services, as well as Educational Multimedia (e-learning) production, including digital video. The Fine Art Studio features weavings, sculpture, paintings, and both cast and fabricated Jewelry.

Victoria (Torri) Hanna McKinney is a weaver and fiber sculptor, and has been weaving since the early 1970s. Her work is found in collections near and far. Joel and Torri have a full ceramics studio, bronze casting foundry, digital media facility, weaving studio with several types of looms and multipurpose studio space for additional projects. Information can be found online at www.blackhawk-studios.org.



Suzanne Napgezek ✨
Willmar

Suzanne Napgezek is a native of northern Wisconsin and a graduate of the University at Madison. She is a member of The Willmar Area Arts Council and the Minnesota Watercolor Society. In the 13 years she has been painting, she has exhibited in Russia, Germany and Israel and her paintings are in homes throughout the U.S. Wildlife, native plants, and the lure of the unspoiled outdoors provide inspiration and themes for much of her work.

Building layers of transparent watercolor brings a glow to Napgezek's florals and landscapes. Whimsy, grandchildren, birdlife and travels also provide endless subject material to keep her engaged, challenged and continually learning. See more of her work at www.suzannenapgezek.com.



Greg Hoogeveen ✨
Luverne

Greg Hoogeveen's love for nature and photography are blended together to capture images that are both simple and dynamic. His background in design and color helps frame his subject in interesting and visually appealing works of art. What you see in his photographs are exactly what nature presents to him. Greg's images capture a frame of time that he loves to share with others.

Greg graduated from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. with a B.A. in art. Since graduation he has worked in the field of advertising and marketing and now owns and operates his own studio, Digitell Studio, while working a full-time job. Find information at www.digitellstudio.com. Greg, his wife and two children live in Luverne and it is here that Greg finds his inspiration to capture the outdoors in all its beauty.