

Studio Tour Happenings

The Artist's Studio: A Timeless Treasure Three Days: Sept 1, 2, 8

by Deborah Hughes

To kickoff this year's Moab Artists Studio Tour, the 2018 Artists invite you to a brief studio tour through time.

Our first stop takes us back 17,000 years to Lascaux Cave, dubbed the "Sistine Ceiling of the Caveman," near Montignac, France. Artists of the Magdalenian culture painted hunting scenes in rich blacks, reds, yellows and white on the walls and ceilings of the cave. Illuminated by flickering light from oil lamps, the illustrated animals seem to gallop through the labyrinth of studios deep underground.

Back across the pond and back through the years and the dust of the desert Southwest, we stop near canyon walls to view studios of rock from the recent past. The artists who pecked and painted petroglyphs and pictographs on canyon walls chose to work en plein air – sheep leap, deer dance, symbols swirl. Much of their pottery, some decorated with black, white, and red designs, remains hidden in the deep sands of time.

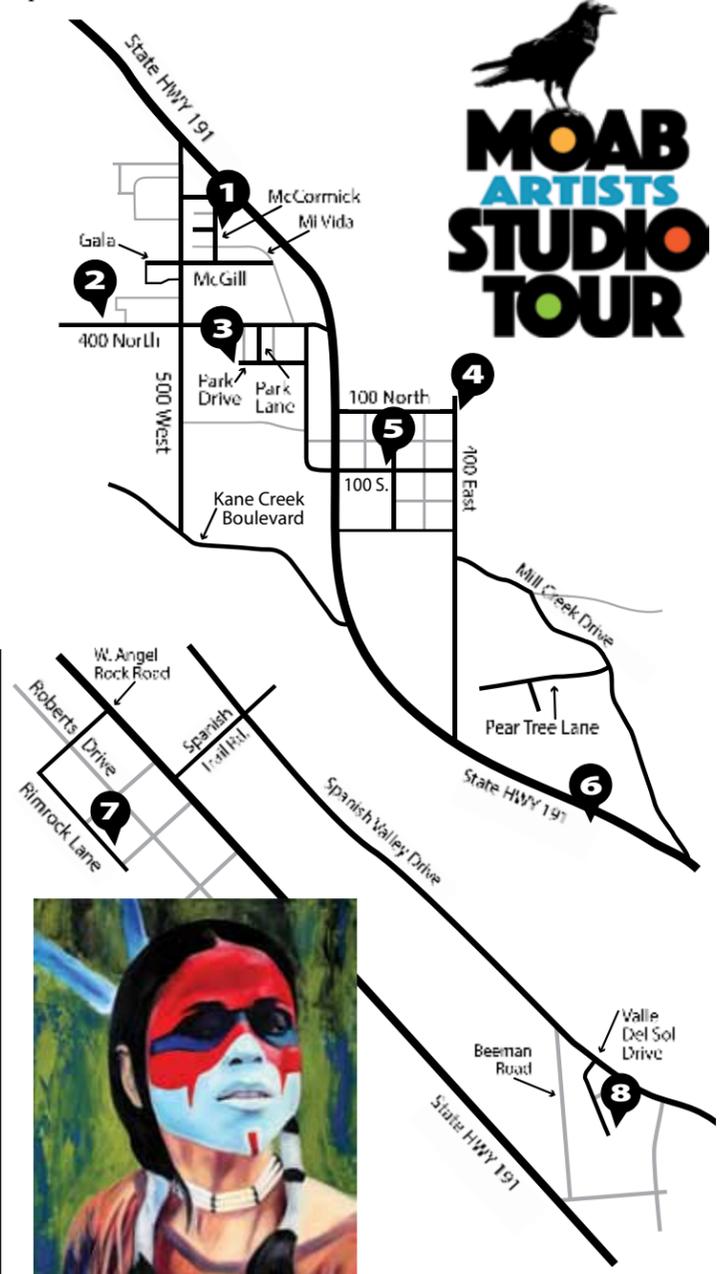
Here in Moab and Castle Valley, artists use brushes, potter's wheels, sculpting knives, aperture dials, jewelry jigs, and words to re-imagine the many moods of life in the red rock desert. Some of the artists have separate studios, some separate rooms, some corners of rooms, and some a kitchen table. Like the Magdalenian peoples and early residents of the Colorado Plateau, Studio Tour artists LIVE to create art.

Once a year during the Moab Music Festival, artists of the Moab Artists Studio Tour invite the public to visit their personal studios. This year, Moab Artists Studio Tour will celebrate its 15th anniversary. During the tour, some artists will be demonstrating their art techniques. See our website moabstudiotour.com for artist demonstration times. Music Festival attendees, other visitors, and local residents are all welcome to attend for free.

The Studio Tour is unique because it allows visitors an intimate glimpse of the artist through viewings of earlier works and works in progress. Visitors can see the artist's tools and inspirational tokens that reveal the artist's process. Away from stressful openings and public venues, more meaningful conversations about creativity and art are possible.

We are limited by time and other factors from touring the studios of artists from long ago. The caves are closed to the public and many rock art sites are not easily accessible. The Moab Studio Tour offers visitors the exclusive experience of seeing artists' work spaces and the artists at work. Support and be a part of Art in Moab!

Come join us, 10 am to 4 pm, Saturday, September 1st, Sunday, September 2nd, and Saturday, September 8th. For a listing of participating artists, demonstration times, and other information, please visit our website at: moabstudiotour.com.

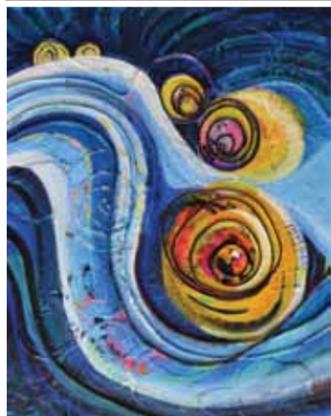


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Moab Artists Studio Tour

September 1, 2 & 8, 2018 10 am – 4 pm

- ➊ **Tim Morse** Oil and watercolor paintings 706 McCormick
- ➋ **Nick Eason** Wood sculpture 698 West 400 North
- ➌ **Sarah Hamingson** Pastel paintings 321 Park Drive
- ➍ **Phil Wagner & Robin Straub** Oil paintings 99 North 400 East
- ➎ **Sandi Snead** Oil & pastel paintings 195 East 100 South
- ➏ **Barb Gregoire** Pottery
Karen Chatham Watercolor, acrylic, pastel, and alcohol ink paintings – leaf castings – ceramics
Deborah Hughes Photography – framed and matted prints – books of poetry and images
All 3 artists showing at Desert Sun Ceramics 1320 S. Highway 191
- ➐ **Joanne Savoie** Ceramics 3241 Rimrock Lane, Spanish Valley
- ➑ **Helen Becker** Oil & acrylic paintings; charcoal drawings 4283 Valle Del Sol Drive, Spanish Valley
- ➒ **Yrma van der Steenstraeten** Paintings – Art Prints – Cards – Jewelry 328 Castle Valley Drive



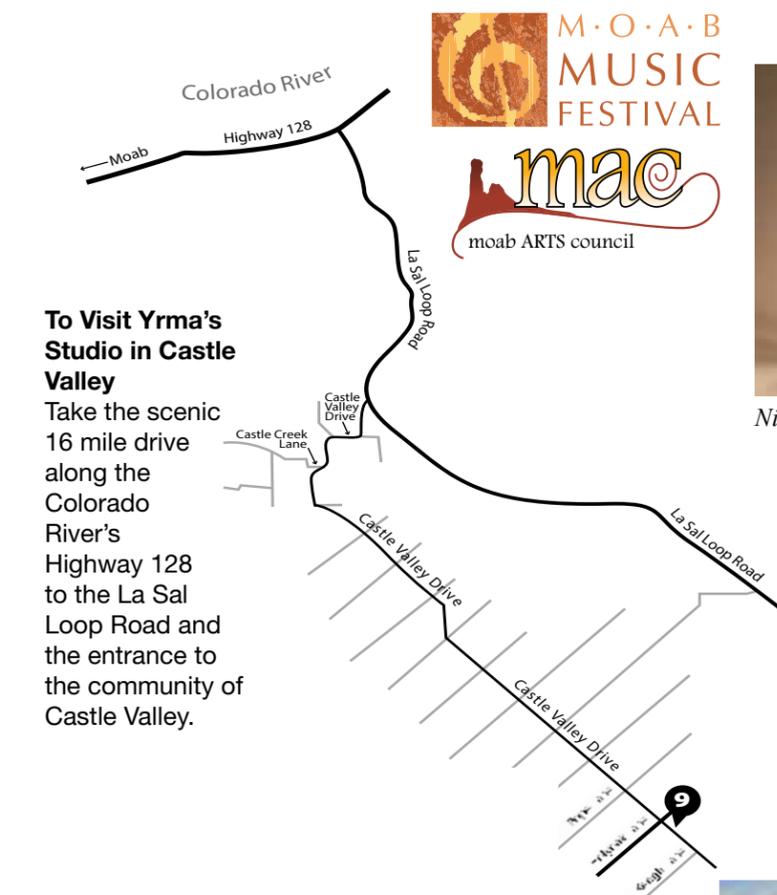
Helen Becker



Tim Morse



Joanne Savoie



To Visit Yrma's Studio in Castle Valley

Take the scenic 16 mile drive along the Colorado River's Highway 128 to the La Sal Loop Road and the entrance to the community of Castle Valley.



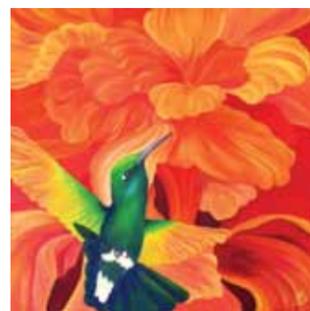
Barb Gregoire



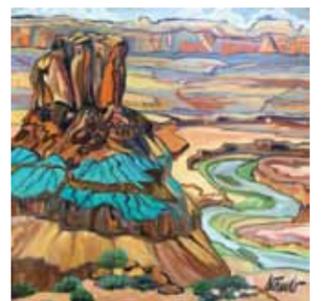
Nick Eason



Karen Chatham



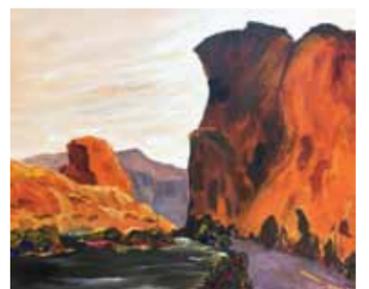
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