

Calendar of Events

December 1, 2018
- December 22, 2018

Pop Up Holiday Art Shop

ArtHaus Gallery
508 West Water Street
Decorah, IA 52101

1:00 - 5:00 PM
ArtHaus, 563-382-5440
info@arthausdecorah.org

ArtHaus, downtown Decorah's home for the visual, performing, and literary arts, is changing up their annual Holiday Art Fair and instead are putting on a pop-up shop from Dec 1-22. On Saturday, December 1 the gallery will kick off at 10 am and will feature the work of some of the region's most talented. The gallery at 508 W. Water St. will be filled with artwork for sale. From Monday- Saturday from 1-5 the shop will be open until Dec 22. There is no admission to browse the fair; cash, check and charge card are accepted. The Holiday Art Fair is sponsored by Decorah State Bank and Trust.

December 8, 2018
- December 9, 2018

Empty Nest Winery December Event

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1352 Apple Road
Waukon, IA 52172

Empty Nest Winery, 563-568-2758
emptynestwinery@gmail.com
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December 9, 2018

Winneshiek Wildberry Winery December Event

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1966 337th Street
Decorah, IA 52101

Winneshiek Wildberry Winery, 563.735.5809
sales@wwwinery.com
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Dec 9th - Brunch 10 am

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December 9, 2018

Wooden Goblet Turning
Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center
28097 Goodview Drive
Lanesboro, Mi 55949

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Jennie Dieterman, 5074672437

skillsschool@eagle-bluff.org

Learn to turn a wooden goblet suitable for food use or decoration. Various designs, including-long stemmed goblets, will be discussed. This is a hands-on course.

Note: Wood will be provided, but you are more than welcome to bring your own if you'd prefer. All class participants will need a full face shield. There will be a limited number available to borrow during class.

if you found this class in the catalog, please note the date has changed to December 9th

December 9, 2018

Luren Singers Christmas Concert
Trinity Lutheran Church
203 E Main St
Spring Grove, MN 55974

3:00 PM

"My God and King"

Gathering Music and Postlude by the Thankful Brass

Free will offering to Houston County Food Shelf and Houston County Care and Share.

December 9, 2018

Luther College Candlelight Service
Luther College - Center for Faith and Life
700 College Drive
Decorah, IA 52101

9:00 PM

Luther College Ministries is holding a Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols at 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, in the Main Hall of the Center for Faith and Life on the Luther campus.

The service is open to the community with no charge for admission.

December 9, 2018

Trades of Hope - Party with a Purpose

First United Methodist Church

302 West Broadway Street

Decorah, IA 52101

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The youth group of the First United Methodist Church invites everyone to a "Party with a Purpose" where attendees will have the chance to change people's lives through fair trade fashion and home decor.

The mission of Trades of Hope is to give women around the world the opportunity to create a sustainable income in order to lift their families out of extreme poverty. These women become artisans and then are able to sell their crafts through parties and events hosted by women in the US.

Trades of Hope entrepreneur, Kasey Ruff, will be there to share stories of hope, the products made by artisans, and the opportunity to order items for the holidays.

There will be light craft and meal available as well.

December 10, 2018

NAMI Family Support Group

The Spectrum Network

607 Washington Street

Decorah, IA 52101

5:30-6:45 PM

namineiowa@gmail.com

NAMI Northeast Iowa will be holding its monthly family support group, led by trained family members of people with mental health conditions for family members, caregivers, and loved ones of individuals living with a mental health condition.

December 11, 2018

December YP Event

T-Bock's

206 W Water St

Decorah, IA 52101

5:15 pm

Rachel Huisman, 563-382-3990

rachel@decorahareachamber.com

Join us this month to hear from Ben Grimstad, President and CEO of Decorah Bank and Trust Company.

Learn about Ben's journey in becoming CEO of Decorah Bank and Trust Co., in 2002. How his leadership has led the bank to recently be the winner of the Iowa 2018 Top Workplace Awards. The bank is owned by the Grimstad family and its employees through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan so the decisions we make are long term in nature. There is no need to focus on short term earnings because the bank is not for sale. We believe that by treating our customers and employees fairly and with respect they deserve, the bank will prosper in the long run.

December 12, 2018

Free Walk-In Informational Sessions about Donlon Pharmacy Weight Loss Program

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December 12, 2018

Happy Hour Book Group

Rubaiyat

117 W Water St

Decorah, IA 52101

5:15 PM

Decorah Public Library, 563-382-3717

The Happy Hour Book Group will meet at Rubaiyat on Wed. Dec. 12th at 5:15 p.m. to discuss Delia Owens' "Where the Crawdads Sing." For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life.

December 13, 2018

Winneshiek Wildberry Winery December Event

Winneshiek Wildberry Winery Tasting Room

1015 Paine Street

Decorah, IA 52101

Winneshiek Wildberry Winery,

sales@wwwinery.com

Dec 3rd - Wood Art 6 pm

Dec 6th - Painting Party 6:30 pm

Dec 13th - Chalk Art 6:30 pm

Dec 15th - Wood Art 2 6 pm

December 13, 2018

The Reluctant Radical Film Screening

Northeast Iowa Peace & Justice Center

119 Winnebago St

Decorah, IA 52101

6:30 PM

neipjc@gmail.com

Come out to the PJC for a fascinating film. In this documentary, climate activist Ken Ward struggles to follow his conscience. "If a crime is committed in order to prevent a greater crime, is it forgivable? Is it, in fact, necessary?" Attendees are encouraged to bring an open mind and snacks if you so desire!

December 13, 2018

The Science of Measurement and Climate Change

Luther College - Dahl Centennial Union

700 College Drive

Decorah, IA 52101

3:00 PM

For the past two years, Luther College adjunct faculty Philip Iverson and Iowa State University professor emeritus Jim Iversen have been compiling information about the science and measurement of climate change and will present a lecture on their research at 3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, in the Mott Room of the Dahl Centennial Union.

This event, titled "The Science of Measurement and Climate Change," is open to the public with no charge for admission.

December 14, 2018

The Art of Cheese Making

Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center

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9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Jennie Dieterman, 5074672437

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December 15, 2018

Burning Bright Community Benefit Concerts

First United Methodist Church

302 W. Broadway St.

Decorah, IA 52101

4:00 & 7:00 PM

Otter Dreaming, 563-387-6050

otterdreaming@gmail.com

Exultation! Twenty Years of Burning Bright

Burning Bright, a group of Decorah-area professional and amateur musicians, offer their annual benefit concerts. Kathy Reed and Otter Dreaming co-direct the event. Along with the adult choir, the concert will feature children and youth choirs, other small vocal ensembles, and various instruments, both as accompaniment and as stand-alone groups, including fiddle, guitar, recorder, banjo, piano, bodhrán, and other percussion.

Each year the musicians donate concert proceeds to various nonprofit organizations. This year's beneficiaries include the Farmers' Market Coupon Program for clients of the Decorah Community Food Pantry; Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a local effort to assist immigrants and their families; Northeast Iowa Peace and Justice Center's Immigration Working Group, which provides legal consultation for immigrants; Re-Member, which works with the Oglala Lakota Nation on the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, to improve the quality of reservation life; and New Hope Jeremiah Project, which focuses on programs for children and feeds hundreds of members of its Cape Town, South Africa, community.

Tickets for both performances are now on sale at the Oneota Community Co-op (415 W. Water St.). Tickets, if available, may also be purchased at the door; but advance purchase is recommended since performances are often sold out.

December 15, 2018

Winneshiek Farmers Market - Indoors!

Danan Lansing Memorial Building

900 E Main St

Decorah, IA 52101

8:30 AM - Noon

Root vegetables, greens, apples, baked goods, crafts, honey, meats, wine, & gifts!

Come support your local markets and stock up for the winter.

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Decorah Students Host Robotics Competition

Decorah Middle School, Gymnasium

405 Winnebago Street

Decorah, IA 52101

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Decorah will once again play host for a Robotics competition, this time Saturday, Dec. 15, in the Decorah Middle School gymnasium.

Robotics teams from South Winneshiek, Aplington-Parkersburg, Mason City, Starmont, Wapsie Valley, Jesup, and the two Decorah teams will compete.

December 16, 2018

Intertwine - Textile Enthusiast Gathering

Vesterheim - Westby-Torgerson Education Center

502 W Water Street

Decorah, IA 52101

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Darlene Fossum-Martin, 563-382-9682

dfossum-martin@vesterheim.org

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Big Driftless and Cardboard Robot Present:

Cardboard Robot + Big Driftless

110 Winnebago Street

Decorah, IA 52101

6:00 PM Open house; 8:00 PM music

contactbigdriftless@gmail.com

Open House Holiday Shenanigans + An Evening With Ira Wolf and Lee Henke

December 17, 2018

Caregiver Support Group

Aase Haugen Nursing Home

4 Ohio Street

Decorah, IA 52101

10:00 AM

LifeLong Links, 866-468-7887

This Caregiver Support Group is a free resource for individuals caring for an elderly spouse, grandparent, mother, father, relative, non-relative, or neighbor.

Group members receive education on caregiving, share success stories and coping strategies, and discuss useful resources through the caregiver journey.

Held on the 3rd Monday of every month.

December 18, 2018

Sons of Norway Annual Juleboard Christmas Party

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

701 Iowa Ave.

Decorah, IA 52101

6:00 PM

Carol Maki, 563-277-1197

Sons of Norway Valdres Lodge will hold its annual Christmas party at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall.

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December 20, 2018

Decorah Community Meal

First Lutheran Church

604 W Broadway Street

Decorah, IA 52101

5:00 - 6:30 PM

First Lutheran Church, 563-382-2638

Everyone in the community is invited to enjoy an evening meal at no charge. This is a time for fellowship with old friends and a chance to meet new ones. Delicious entrees are furnished by Sodexo (Luther College food service) and McCaffrey's Dolce Vita. Local churches and organizations provide salads, desserts, and volunteers.

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History Book Group
Decorah Public Library - 2nd Floor
202 Winnebago Street
Decorah, IA 52101

6:30 PM

Decorah Public Library, 563-382-3717

The History Book Group will discuss Barbara Tuchman's "The Distant Mirror" at 6:30 p.m. Thurs. Dec. 20th on the 2nd floor of the library. The fourteenth century reflects two contradictory images: on the one hand, a glittering age of crusades, cathedrals, and chivalry; on the other, a world plunged into chaos and spiritual agony. Barbara Tuchman examines not only the rhythms of history but the texture of domestic life in this time: what childhood was like, what marriage meant, and how money, taxes, and war dominated the lives of serf, noble, and clergy alike.

December 21, 2018

Friday Book Group
Decorah Public Library - 2nd Floor
202 Winnebago Street
Decorah, IA 52101

2:00 PM

Decorah Public Library, 563-382-3717

The Friday Book Group will meet at 2:00 p.m. Fri. Dec. 21st on the 2nd floor of the library to discuss Faith Sullivan's "What a Woman Must Do." When Celia Canby—Kate's niece, Bess's mother, and Harriet's cousin—is killed in a car accident, it's up to Kate and Harriet to raise Bess. Ten years later, on the day of the accident, the local newspaper in Harvester, MN, dredges up the story of the accident for a careless "Way Back When" piece, subjecting the women to another round of grief. Headstrong and closed off, Bess yearns to escape Harvester before she "goes bad." But when she begins to trace the same path of mistakes her mother made—a risky relationship with a local married man—everything seems on the verge of falling apart.

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December 25, 2018

Christmas Dinner to be served at Winneshiek Medical Center

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

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December 26, 2018

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January 3, 2019

Commercial Manure Applicator Workshop

Winneshiek County Extension and Outreach Office

325 B Washington Street

Decorah, IA 52101

9:00 AM - Noon

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach – Winneshiek County will offer the Commercial Manure Applicator Certification/Recertification Workshop on Thursday, January 3, 2019, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Winneshiek County Extension and Outreach Office.

Please register by Dec. 26, 2018, to our office at 563-382-2949. If you can't attend the workshop on Jan. 3rd, you have three options to complete your training requirements: 1.) you can contact Winneshiek County office any time after January 3rd to schedule an appointment to watch the training video, 2.) you can view the program online, or 3.) you can contact the local DNR field office to schedule an appointment to take the certification exam.

If you have questions regarding this workshop, please contact the Winneshiek County Office at 563-382-2949.

January 11, 2019
- January 12, 2019

Photo Organization and Editing

Eagle Bluff

28097 Goodview Dr

Lanesboro, MN 55949

Day 1: 4pm-7pm Day 2: 10am-1pm

Jennie Dieterman, 5074672437

skillsschool@eagle-bluff.org

Interested in organizing your growing library of photos? Looking for a user-friendly program for editing and organizing your photos? Join Nick Chill as he demonstrates some best practices for organizing and editing your photo library using Adobe Lightroom. Adobe Photoshop Lightroom is a powerful photo organization and editing tool. It is pivotal to many of today's professional photographers' workflows.

Note: Nick will be demonstrating on a big-screen TV for everyone to view. You may bring your own laptop containing Lightroom to follow along, or simply come with pen and paper to take notes. A computer with Lightroom is not required to attend this class.

Day 1: 4pm-7pm Day 2: 10am-1pm

Preregistration required

January 12, 2019

Amish Experience: Pie Making Demonstration

Eagle Bluff

28097 Goodview Dr

Lanesboro, MN 55949

8:30am-12pm

Jennie Dieterman, 5074672437

skillsschool@eagle-bluff.org

If you love pie, you'll love learning the how-tos of pie-making from an experienced Amish instructor. Your instructor will whip up several different types of pies from scratch while teaching you about using a wood stove to achieve the perfect bake. Sample the delicious results with fresh coffee and great conversation. Not only will you gain insight into the Amish lifestyle, but you'll also create warm (and tasty) memories. The class meets at Eagle Bluff and travels via Eagle Bluff van to the home.

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Preregistration required

January 12, 2019
- January 13, 2019

Turning Natural Edge Bowls and Platters Workshop

Eagle Bluff

28097 Goodview Dr

Lanesboro, MN 55949

Day 1: 8:30am-5:30pm Day 2: 8am-5pm

Jennie Dieterman, 5074672437

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Learn how to turn a natural edge bowl and a small platter. Natural edge bowls are winged bowls with the bark still in place. A platter is essentially a shallow bowl. Both projects are a little more advanced than the beginning bowl class. Some experience with bowl turning is required.

Day 1: 8:30am-5:30pm Day 2: 8am-5pm Class length on days may vary depending on personal projects.

Note: A suggested prerequisite for this class is the Wood Bowl Turning Workshop. Wood will be provided, but you are more than welcome to bring your own, if so desired. For a natural edge bowl, the wood should be half of a log no bigger than 8" in diameter. Wood can be wet or dry. Bring your bowl gouges and any bowl turning tools you may have. All class participants will need a full face shield. A few will be available to borrow.

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Glass Bead Creation

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9am-12:30pm

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The art of bead making is one that has been around for thousands of years. From bones to clay to glass, all kinds of beads have been created and enjoyed through the ages. Experience these traditions firsthand by learning how to create your very own glass beads. Instructor and artist, Laremy Ellsworth, will demonstrate how to make a glass bead. Class will cover bead designs, colors, tools, and safety, including how to properly heat up glass. By the end of class, you will have 1-2 glass beads that you created!

Note: This class may take longer than the noted time, as beads need time to cool. You will need to bring a pair of non-polarized sunglasses for eye protection.

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January 12, 2019

Winter Survival

Eagle Bluff

28097 Goodview Dr

Lanesboro, MN 55949

1-4pm

Jennie Dieterman, 5074672437

skillsschool@eagle-bluff.org

Stranded on a remote country road. Falling through thin ice while ice fishing. Lost and disoriented during a weekend hunting trip. Winter in Minnesota can be fun and exciting, but it can turn into an emergency very quickly! Over 1,200 people die from cold-related injuries every year! Don't be a statistic! Through hands-on teaching by an experienced outdoor instructor, participants will learn basic survival strategies, including: emergency shelter-building, fire skills, selecting the best clothing and equipment, how to build an emergency survival kit, and first aid treatment for cold-weather injuries. Have fun, gain important knowledge and skills, and be prepared for the next "Polar Vortex".

Note: This class will be outside between 2-3 hours.

Preregistration required

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The Art of Cheese Making

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The Fine Art of Oil Painting

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Get the personal help you need to take your painting to the next level. With artist Joan Finnegan, you'll focus on developing your own artistic vision and pushing beyond any painter's block you may be experiencing. The subject focus of this class is lifelike landscapes. Whether you're new to oil painting or an advanced artist looking to brush up on techniques, this class will provide you with the knowledge and skills you need to elevate your work.

Note: Class will be held outdoors if weather allows. You will need to bring your own supplies. Please email for the complete list of supplies needed.

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Ever wanted to learn how to make your own pasta? Have you ever looked at store-bought boxed noodles and wondered how they're made? In the homemade noodles demonstration, you'll have a chance to learn expert pasta making skills from an Amish cook! This is an opportunity to visit an Amish home, meet your hostess, and learn how to make your very own pasta noodles. Take home a bag of freshly made noodles and get to know our local Amish community. The class meets at Eagle bluff and travels via Eagle Bluff van to the home.

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Confinement Site Manure Applicator Workshop

Allamakee Extension and Outreach Office

218 7th Ave SE Suite #102

Waukon, IA 52172

1:30 PM

Iowa law requires confinement site manure applicators to meet certification requirements for manure handling and land application. Certification requirements include attending two hours of annual training for each year of the three-year license or passing a certification exam once every three years. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach – Winneshiek County is providing the opportunity along with Allamakee County so you can attend the annual training on January 30, 2019 at 1:30 PM at the Allamakee Extension and Outreach Office in Waukon. Or you can complete the on-line training modules.

We encourage you to contact our county Extension office to determine meeting options in the event of bad weather. Registration is not required for this meeting, but you may wish to contact our Extension office at 563-382-2949 to ensure there will be adequate space and training materials available. Please bring your certification card with you or be prepared to share your certification number so we may assist you with paperwork.

February 17, 2019

Intertwine - Textile Enthusiast Gathering
Vesterheim - Westby-Torgerson Education Center
502 W Water Street
Decorah, IA 52101
2:00 - 4:00 PM
Darlene Fossum-Martin, 563-382-9682
dfossum-martin@vesterheim.org

February 23, 2019

Taxidermy 101
Eagle Bluff
28097 Goodview Drive
Lanesboro, MN 55949
9am-12pm
Jennie Dieterman, 5074672437
skillsschool@eagle-bluff.org
In this introductory class to the ancient art form of taxidermy, you'll learn basic techniques of preparing, stuffing, and mounting animal skins. A brief introduction will set the stage for you to create your very own mouse rug or stuffed mouse in an action setting of your choice. All equipment and materials are provided, and you get to keep your mouse! Don't worry if you're feeling squeamish; most people find the process far less gruesome than they imagined.
Preregistration required.

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April 5, 2019
- April 7, 2019

Women's Weekend Out 2019
All over Decorah!
All Day!
Make plans now to participate in WWO 2019! More than 40 participating locations with fun sales, promotions, events, drinks, photo ops, and more!

July 9, 2019
- July 13, 2019

Winneshiek County Fair
Winneshiek County Fairgrounds
900 E Main St
Decorah, IA 52101

Winneshiek County Fair - Edna, 563-382-2019

Grandstand entertainment includes:

Tuesday: stock car races at the Upper Iowa Speedway.

Wednesday: Rogue Rodeo from Albia. Named the Iowa Rodeo Cowboys' Association's Best New Rodeo in 2016, its motto is "Old Roots, New Boots."

Thursday: National Tractor Pullers' Association (NTPA) tractor pull.

Friday: "Back to Classic Rock Night." Northeast Iowa's Challenger will open for headliner Cherry Pie, from Milwaukee, Wis. Challenger is a "classic modern rock" band made up of Dave Carmody (lead guitar and back up vocals), Joe Grimelli (rhythm guitar and backup vocals), Charlie Meyer (bass guitar and back up vocals) and Brent Woodson (drums and lead vocals). A fun, family-friendly festival band with over 18 years of experience, Cherry Pie plays all of the biggest "Hair Band" hits and ballads of the '80s, in addition to a few anthems from the '70s. The band employs a top tier sound, lighting and special effects crew.

Saturday is "Country Music Night," with details to be announced at a later date.