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Voices Studios announces the opening of

Fly Over Country

Original works by artist Susan Becker

Exhibitions open Friday, June 7, 2024

First Fridays Opening Reception 5:30 -- 9:30p.m

Exhibit will continue through July 28, 2024



Local artist Susan Becker is proud to present *Fly Over Country*, a captivating exhibition showcasing her diverse and imaginative artwork. Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Susan has cultivated her creative spirit across multiple mediums, from oil and soft pastel to gouache/mixed media, paper mâché, and tile mosaic sculpture and wall pieces.

Susan's artistic journey has been as diverse as the images she portrays. Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, she later studied at the University of Wisconsin Platteville, earning a degree in Business. Despite her academic background, Becker's true passion lies in the arts. Throughout her adult life, she has cultivated an imaginative and creative lifestyle, exploring various mediums to express her artistic vision. Finally settling in Bellevue, Iowa, she and her husband, Tom, transformed a nineteenth-century one-room schoolhouse into their home and studio.

"Fly Over Country" encapsulates Susan's unique perspective on the stories of the American heartland. Her work reflects not only technical skill but also a deep connection to the rural environment that has shaped her life for over three decades.

In the words of the artist:

As a child I was a picky eater. When I turned my nose up at the dinner table, refusing to take even a bite of the supper prepared by my mother, not easily slighted she would breezily reply, "that's fine honey . . . there will be more for the rest of us."

I've adopted a similar attitude when I hear the Midwest dismissed as "flyover country". I like the Midwest. The coasts may have glitzy cities and ocean views, but for sheer livability --- room to breathe, manageable traffic, fewer folks per square inch --- I'm proud to call the Midwest home.

I've always felt a strong connection to my surroundings --- a sense of place --- and our corner of Iowa has provided me with more than an abundance of natural beauty and artistic inspiration. My take on flyover country? It's about being out of doors, listening, looking up, and delighting in the winged creatures flying overhead.

Voices Studios is pleased to have the artists present for the **Opening Reception** on Friday, June 7, with **Artist Talks beginning at 6pm**. All are invited and welcome to attend this exhibition.



Voices Studios is located at 1585 Central Avenue, Dubuque, IA. Be a part of the gallery's evolving exhibitions that create dialog, engage the community, and enrich the experience of the arts in Dubuque.

Voices Studios is a contemporary art gallery specializing in innovative art by emerging and established artists from around the globe.