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## **Free Tour of Loomis Art Studios Features a Unique Array of Art**

The 13th Annual Loomis Art Loop is a free open studio tour that takes place in the rural community of Loomis. On the weekend of May 7th & 8th (Mother's Day weekend) from 10 am to 5 pm, see the work of 16 artists at 6 locations. Meet professional artists at each stop who are ready to show you their work, share their techniques, and "talk art." Download a map for the tour, read artist profiles, and find website links at [loomisartloop.com](http://loomisartloop.com). Each location is within 10 minutes of the next, making for a leisurely way to enjoy fine art and the picturesque Loomis Basin area.

Art in a variety of media will delight visitors. This year's tour includes the following artists in their studios along with guest artists: Paula Amerine, Lisa Bone, Cindy Bonito, Sean Bonito, Victoria Brooks, Judy Butler, Sandy Delehanty, Brenda Dominguez, C. John Dominguez, Steve Harrington, Doug Horton, Louise Noel, Jen Norpchen, Janet Paehlig, Ann Ranlett, and Sherron Totter.

Paintings include watercolor, oil, acrylic, and pastel. Drawings in colored pencil, graphite and scratchboard are the specialties of some of our artists. The clay arts on display will include pottery, ceramics, raku, and horse hair imprinted. Other three dimensional works are found metal sculptures, fused glass, and fanciful gourd creatures. Unique jewelry created of metal and stones, beads, and fused glass is offered at three of the studio locations. Guests will also be treated to fiber

art, silk painting, relief printing, and photography.

A free preview of what is to come on the Loomis Art Loop will be held on Saturday afternoon, April 16 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in “The Art Barn” at the Horton Iris Garden. Visitors can watch artists demonstrate their techniques and enjoy the dazzling array of iris blooms offered by The Horton Iris Garden.

*Attachments: 2 photos. More photos available at <http://bit.ly/Loop2016>*