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# July 2009

*Celebrating the Arts in Fairfield for 44 Years!*

## 2009 Exhibit Calendar

January 2 – February 28

“Handblown Glass” By Art Cicotti

March 6 – April 30

“Watercolors” By Ann Porter

May 1 – June 30

“Liberty Iron Works” By Dale Merrill

July 3 – August 31

“Pastels” By Cecile Houel

September 4 – 30

“Membership Show”

By FAA Artists

October 1 – 31

“Contemporary Visions In Fiber”

By Iowa Art Quilters

November 6 – December 31

“Stoneware & Porcelain”

By Mary Weisgram

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## “Pastels and Oils” by Cecile Houel

The extraordinary pastels of Cecile Houel will be shown at the Fairfield Arts & Convention Center beginning at the July 3 Art Walk and running through August 31. An artist reception will be held at 6pm for FAA members and their guests. The show will be open during the week day 9-5 and during special events.

Cecile Houel is a transplanted artist from France who now calls both Normandy and Burlington, Iowa home. She and husband/fellow artist, David Garrison split their time between his Burlington home and her 16th century Normandy farm house.

Houel was born in Brittany of a Tunisian mother and a Breton father. She completed her secondary studies in Paris. She has studied art history at the School of Louvres with an emphasis on Islamic arts.

Houel says her art began as a hobby and then turned to a passion. She prefers pastels as her main medium. “Pastels seem more spontaneous and there is an ability to capture the fall of light on a subject. With pastels I seem more able to speak out about humanity. I can capture the truth in each person and find the means to express the emotion found in that face.”



The ability to see the varied richness of character in the human face has led her to specialize in portraits. She now leads workshops in France and in the US in portraiture and has a number of portrait commissions in the area.

Although she enjoys portraits she is also an accomplished still life and landscape artist. Her works may be seen on her web site [www.cecile-houel.com](http://www.cecile-houel.com).

She is the Vice President of Bueil Union Artists in Normandy, France, member of Art du Pastel, France, member of the Pastel Society of America, member of the Portrait Society of America. Her works have been seen in exhibitions from New York to Illinois to Colorado and throughout France.

Houel will be returning from France, shortly prior to the FAA exhibit.

