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MAQUOKETA ART EXPERIENCE ANNOUNCES NEW DATES FOR SECOND SEASONAL LANDSCAPE PAINTING WORKSHOP

Eastern Iowa Arts organization hosts weeklong workshop with renowned artist Fred Easker,

including a visit to Grant Wood's Studio at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art.

<http://www.maquoketa-art.org/workshops.html>

Maquoketa, Iowa, February, 2010: Maquoketa Art Experience hosts the second of four seasonal landscape workshops, each featuring a noted landscape artist as the instructor.

Dates: April 5- 9, 2010

Location: Maquoketa Art Experience Studio and Gallery, 124 S. Main Street, Maquoketa, IA 52060

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Cost: \$395 - Space is limited, and a \$200 deposit is required to reserve a space for the workshop.

For more information or to register: Call 563-652-9925

Workshop deposits can be mailed to PO Box 993, Maquoketa, IA 52060

This spring workshop is the second of four seasonal workshops focusing on the natural resources and beauty of Eastern Iowa. This five-day spring landscape workshop with painter Fred Easker is open to all skill levels. Using the rolling and beautiful landscapes around Maquoketa as inspiration, participants in the workshop will explore historical precedents in American landscape painting and composition with a focus on new strategies for using photography as a creative tool for the development of paintings. The workshop will include a visit to Grant Wood's studio in Cedar Rapids, the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art as well as interaction with other artists who use their local landscape as the foundation of their work. Participants should bring a digital camera.

Biographic Information:

Fred Easker is a Cedar Rapids native who has been painting the Iowa landscape for more than fifteen years. His work is included in museum, corporate and private collections throughout the Midwest and has appeared in a number of periodicals and books. Like most artists he had previously worked at other things including teacher, museum educator and director of an historic house museum which was completely renovated under his guidance. He actively participates in the life of his community working on boards and organizations involved in the arts and humanities and was awarded the Friend of the Arts Award from Marion Fine Arts Council in 1993. Easker resides in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He was an Arts Midwest/NEA Regional Visual Arts Fellowship recipient in 1997. The artist holds a BA and MA in Art Education from the University of Iowa. More information about Fred Easker can be found on his website: www.easkerart.com