



822 ½ 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 203

Owner Sarah Robb opened The *Blank Canvas* as a venue for artwork, photography, jewelry and fabric designs created by Quad City Area artists. Hours are afternoons on Thursday, Friday and Saturday or by appointment – 563-271-9470.

Since the opening, Sarah has been involved in a number of projects.

- As the Lead Artist for Mural Design with the Metro Arts 2009 Summer Youth Program, Sarah and her team of 15 high school students recently finished a mural at the corners of 4<sup>th</sup> and Pershing Streets in downtown Davenport.
- The City of Colona commissioned Sarah to produce a mural on the outside wall of the Colona Public Library
- Sarah has produced commissioned pieces in a variety of mediums, and continues to be a featured artist at various QCA galleries and fund-raising events, including QC Arts *Grapevine* and *Living Lands & Waters*.
- Her original artwork has been displayed for purchase at the East Moline Farmers' Market.

The gallery will be offering beginning and advanced classes in both painting and drawing and materials & techniques. Classes begin in September and range in cost from \$20.00 – 30.00 per session. Please call to reserve private or group sessions and to verify class times.

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## FABULOUS ART FRIDAYS

*An Opening Reception for our Featured Fall Artists*

Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00pm

### Kara Fedje

Kara weaves colorful strands of yarn into tapestries, creating two-dimensional works of art that are both abstract and representational. A native of the Quad Cities, she started weaving in 2001 at Augustana College under the direction of Rowen Schussheim-Anderson. Since then she has taught several art classes, worked at Quad City Arts, and plans to attend graduate school this fall. Her work is a unique blend of traditional weaving with contemporary colors and compositions.

### Nicole Cisne Durbin

Nicole attended Millikin University in Decatur, IL and received a BFA in Studio Art and Art Therapy with a concentration in Photography and Ceramics. Her current work consists of jewelry making and a new collection of photographs from Ireland. Over the years, Nicole's photography has taken many forms from body-painting installation shoots, to nature scenes. Overall, Nicole constantly views the world as a potential photograph by narrowing in on shapes, colors, and lighting to capture an image that people may see every day, but through her lens, that same image becomes a piece of artwork; an image frozen in time.

*Enjoy specialty blends of coffee and desserts while browsing the work of local artists. The gallery features a variety of oil, acrylic, and mixed-media pieces; photography; jewelry; and fabric designs.*

*For additional information, contact Sarah @ 563-271-9740 or [sarah@robbdesigns.com](mailto:sarah@robbdesigns.com).*