



experience
craftsmanship



The Colonists believed in hard work and excellent craftsmanship; this tradition lives on today.



FORM FOLLOWS FUNCTION IN AMANA COLONIES ART

In the communal Amana Colonies, homes were furnished with things Colonists made themselves from materials at hand. Textiles from the woolen and calico mills, walnut, oak and cherry from hillside forests, willow from the riverbed and other materials easily found or procured were used to create the furniture and furnishings in homes, shops and kitchen houses.

Thick wool rugs, striped in bright blues or warm, brown tones, graceful walnut furniture handmade and hand rubbed to a satin finish, hand stitched cotton comforters, sturdy baskets to catch laundry or balls of yarn, embroidered linen, needlepoint wall hangings... Amana style, so obvious to the eye but so hard to describe in a sentence or two, is the wedding of functional design and pleasing form in objects created for practical use.

Today this legacy continues as dozens of artists and artisans work in both traditional and contemporary art and craft forms. The Amana Arts Guild, founded in 1978, strives to continue traditional crafts, as well as create opportunities in the Amana Colonies for emerging artists. It's not unusual to see a painter at his easel in a scenic corner of one of the villages, or to find a weaver at work in her studio. Throughout the seven villages, there are galleries to see and studios to visit.

The Arts Guild Center and Folklife Shop, in High Amana, sponsors art exhibits, workshops and special events and sells original handmade pieces. In addition, the Amana Arts Guild hosts an annual Festival of the Arts the second Saturday of August to showcase traditional Amana Colonies crafts and innovative contemporary art, as well as offering hands-on art activities for kids, entertainment and ethnic foods.

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