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Note: Feature story in a series of Women Entrepreneurs in the Corridor region

**Interactive art studio available in Ringsted**  
*Visitors encouraged to come and play*

RINGSTED – Ken and Lezley Lowery have traveled the world, living in Spain, Turkey, Holland, Germany and the Philippines. After living in Minot, North Dakota, for 20 years, they moved to Ringsted to be with Lezley’s mom, Ruth Petersen.

Nearly three years ago, the Lowery’s opened The Artist’s Table, an interactive art studio where visitors can come and be creative. “I want people to come, pilfer through the cupboards and find materials to use,” said Lezley. Indeed, her cupboards are packed with art supplies. Some of the art people can create in her studio includes glass etching, stained glass, painting, both on canvas and pottery, jewelry making, tile stamping, and much more. Visiting artists have also held classes at The Artist’s Table, including photography, watercolor, origami, jewelry making and more.



Ken and Lezley Lowery opened The Artist’s Table, an interactive art studio, in Ringsted nearly three years ago.

“We had the chance to live our dream,” said Ken of their move to Ringsted. Buying the building for the studio was much less expensive than in Minot. Lezley has a library of art books to give people ideas on what to create. Books range in subjects from painting to jewelry making, felting to papermaking, and everything in between. Visitors are encouraged to grab some books, relax on one of the couches and decide what to create. Lezley has frames available for artists when they’re done with their painting or drawing.

Lezley, an artist herself, makes jewelry, paints, and will work with any medium that intrigues her, including leather. “Everything I make is one of a kind,” said Lezley. The only duplicate she’s ever made is matching necklaces for her mother and herself.

They also have a gift shop in the front of the studio where Lezley sells her jewelry, and they sell the items they collected while living overseas for more than 15 years. Ken is more of a collector than an artist. “When I see something I like, I buy it,” Ken said. Ken’s specialties include baseball cards, knives and belt buckles. Amongst his knife collection is an 1860’s police military bayonet from Sicily.

The Lowery's will be closing the gift shop at the end of the year to focus on the art studio. Visit The Artist's Table at 117 West Maple in Ringsted. Contact Lezley at 712-221-7684 and [artiststable@yahoo.com](mailto:artiststable@yahoo.com).

### **Entrepreneur Networking**

The Iowa Lakes Corridor has combined the Women in Business Club with the Entrepreneur Networking group called Club E. Business owners meet every other month to share ideas, challenges, successes, and grow professional relationships. Those interested in attending should contact Brian Dalziel at the Corridor office at 712-264-3474 or [bdalziel@lakescorridor.com](mailto:bdalziel@lakescorridor.com). The next Club E meeting is Monday, December 5. Entrepreneurs throughout the Corridor region are encouraged to attend.

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