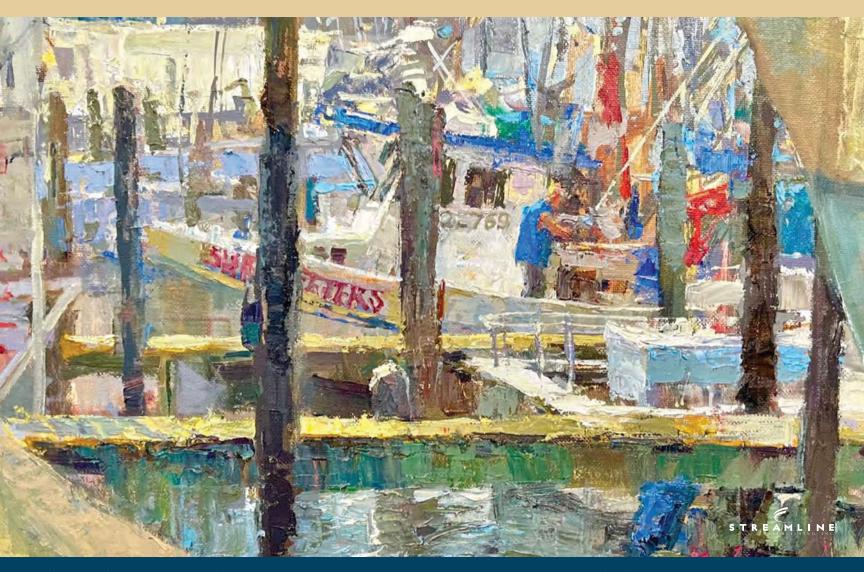
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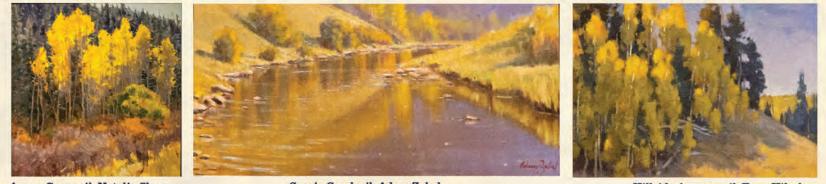
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According to art historian Jean Stern, plein air painting is the largest movement in art history ... and growing.

If you study art history as extensively as I have, you'll learn that evidence of plein air painting goes back a few hundred years. Over time, painters have been inspired to take sketchbooks, brushes, and canvas outside, and small plein air movements have arisen. The best known were Impressionism, Post-Impressionism, and the Barbizon School. But each of these involved just a handful of artists.

Of course, America has its own rich history with the Hudson River School, which involved sketching, oil sketching, and, in some rare cases, full paintings on location. Later, artists like Theodore Robinson, J. Alden Weir, and a small number of others who had lived and studied in Paris brought their impressionist styles back to America. As a result, plein air movements grew up in the East and in the West.

But never in the history of art has there been a movement this large, a movement that has become a lifestyle. I like to say it's the new golf. Whether amateurs, hobbyists, or professionals, thousands of artists are living the lifestyle of outdoor painting. Plein air painting has become a sport, and, like golf, it is mentally challenging and stimulating, it's social, and it's relaxing and allows you to forget everything else for a while. It involves being outdoors in beautiful places, provides some exercise, and can even lead to world travel.

But unlike golf, it means using your creative brain and is an outlet for developing your artistic ability. And for some it can provide an income, or at least the gratification of being occasionally involved in shows or sales.

We are seeing hundreds of thousands adopt this lifestyle, which means more painters' groups, more events and shows, and more people being exposed to and collecting original art. They are also joining the exotic trips *PleinAir Magazine* has created (Cuba, Africa, New Zealand, and this March, Japan), and attending retreats that are all painting and no workshops, like my Adirondack and Fall Color Week events. Of course they want to be part of a community and want to learn and grow, which is why the Plein Air Convention & Expo regularly attracts a massive crowd of painters. We've seen thousands of new faces joining our events since the pandemic.

Our *PleinAir Podcast* has also been bringing more people into painting, with over 1.5 million downloads from more than 100 countries. Just like last time, we expect hundreds of new plein air painters to show up at our next convention — people who have never painted before and who will buy all their supplies at the event. And we're seeing more young people coming into the plein air lifestyle; our PleinAirMag Instagram site is exploding with new people. And as a result of the daily YouTube show on painting that I call *Art School Live*, we've reached 5 million people worldwide to promote painting.

Our role is to not only create experiences that scratch people's itch to participate, but to hold up the best examples of quality and encourage growth and high standards.

This annual guide is evidence of the continuing success of this movement. We all play a role in keeping it moving forward, helping it grow, and keeping standards high so that plein air does not become known for fast, low-quality artwork but for high-quality paintings, often created after years or decades of experience. When we started this magazine there were fewer than five plein air events worldwide. Today there are hundreds. We've listed the biggest, most meaningful events here.

We can keep this movement growing and alive for generations to come by helping others discover plein air painting — reinforcing my new goal of helping 10 million people learn to paint, because painting outdoors changes lives. We each play a role in this movement by exposing others, teaching in order to raise quality, holding highquality shows, and promoting plein air painting worldwide. Thank you for your role in this giant movement!

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BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH PAINTING EVENTS & ORGANIZATIONS



Mike Major and Hans Quinonez paint the views at the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association's Sounds with Plein Air Paint Out — a community outreach event organized to support the 21st Annual Laguna Beach Music Festival.



An artist attracts onlookers at Plein Air Grand Marais (photo by Allison Eklund).

visit to a plein air painting event immediately busts two common myths about the art world. Rather than angsty artists holed up in their studios for weeks on end, you'll find painters happy to engage, lined up along small-town streets or dotted around local parks.

Collectors mingle amongst the artists and admire paintings fresh off the easel. But they're not the stuffy, overdressed sort from television and film. They're everyday people who appreciate the artists' views of familiar landscapes. It's a community experience.

HOW FESTIVALS WORK

Typically, events involve artists painting on weekdays in designated areas and then submitting their completed works for an exhibition and sale over the weekend. The organizers invite or jury top artists; offer opportunities to learn about materials, equipment, and techniques; encourage collectors to buy plein air paintings; and celebrate the idea of painting specific locations. These events are "win-win" opportunities for the organizers, patrons, cities, and artists.

The easiest events to participate in are those that don't require advance registration and are open to anyone who shows up and pays a nominal fee. These community-oriented events are often fundraisers, Gospel singers and dancers perform for Plein Church during the Forgotten Coast en Plein Air event (photo by Michael Yelvington, FOMO Photography, St. George Island, FL).





Painters capture the scene of the live performance (photo by Michael Yelvington, FOMO Photography, St. George Island, FL).

and the artists donate all or a large percentage of the money they receive from selling their paintings. These events offer artists an opportunity to test their level of interest in timed plein air events. Even at invitational or juried events, there is often an opportunity for amateur or semi-professional artists to paint and compete in the twohour quick draws.

MEMBER & INVITATIONAL EVENTS

These events can be as casual as a "paint-out" for artists who belong to a plein air group and just need someone to pick a location and date, or they can be as high-powered as the Laguna Plein Air Painters Invitational event in California. The artists that participate in the Laguna event are selected by committee and sent invitations to participate.

Another type of invitational is organized by an art school, commercial gallery, or civic group that wants to hand-pick the participating artists.

Ordinarily most of the participants are connected to the host organization, but others submit examples of their work and ask to be invited. One of the largest of these invitationals is the Door County Plein Air Festival in Wisconsin, which, according to the group's bylaws, must invite a significant number of artists who did not participate in the previous year's event.

JURIED SHOWS

This is the most common type of plein air festival. The organizers put out a call for applications, artists submit digital images through an online jury system, and an outside person or persons selects as many artists as can be accommodated. There is almost always a fee to apply, and it is usual for an artist to submit digital photographs of three paintings. Most artists submit their best plein air paintings, especially those that have won awards in previous events, but others make sure to enter paintings that will catch a juror's eye and are easy to understand and appreciate in a split second.

Plein air events of these types are almost always fundraisers for the host organization or some designated charity like a school, art center, or foundation. Commercial galleries will also host events as a way to make money, bring attention to their regular stable of artists, or bring out collectors who might become clients of the gallery.

PUBLICITY EVENTS: QUICK DRAWS, NOCTURNES, LANDMARKS

One of the best ways to build an audience for a plein air event is to schedule timed activities and have them take place in a specified location. That makes it easier for people to find and observe a group of artists working on location, and these events are perfect material for



A visitor goes in for a closer look at the paintings completed for the Crested Butte Plein Air Invitational.

local newspapers to feature. Two-hour quick draw and nighttime (nocturne) painting events help to bring attention to artists and the event in which they are participating, and they offer another opportunity to sell paintings, since most of these timed competitions end with completed work being displayed and offered for sale.

In another variation, plein air artists are expected to spend a day painting in a specific town, historic district, or near a historic landmark. The motivation is essentially the same: the scheduled events encourage people to travel to that designated location, get to know the artists, and purchase paintings.

When time is limited by the rules of a quick draw competition or by the disappearing light at dusk, artists tend to paint on smaller panels and quickly block in the important pattern of light and shadows. It helps to identify a good location in advance of the event, perhaps even checking out locations after sunset a day or two before so the artist will know where the interior and exterior lights might work well in a nocturne.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Event organizers continually look for new and unique ways to involve the local community and share the experience of seeing artwork created firsthand with more people. Technology can play a part. Attendees of the North Carolina Plein Air Art Festival in New Bern, North Carolina, use a real-time cell phone app to find the locations of featured painters each day.

Locals and visiting artists can also come together for special community events that offer distinctive experiences and provide interesting painting subjects at the same time. Plein Church, a plein air gospel service, presents a spirited early-morning event for worshippers and painters alike on the first Sunday of the 10-day-long Forgotten Coast en Plein Air in March. Held on the waterfront in Apalachicola, this event features a lively gospel service with music and dancing, which plein air painters capture in their work. With shrimp boats gliding by and sea gulls wheeling overhead, this open air service also features a blessing of the easels.

SALES & AWARDS

Buying art is a very personal and individual decision that is hard to analyze. The final selection is influenced by individual taste, interest in the subject, ability to pay the asking price, and the level of energy during the opening of an exhibition. Likewise, the decision made by an awards judge (or jury committee) is just as personal and subject to the taste, standards, and — yes — sometimes the personal relationships between the judge and the competing artists. No judge will ever deliberately play favorites or



The community takes in the work created for the Olmsted Plein Air Invitational Quick Draw.



Members of the Ohio Plein Air Society show off paintings from their annual competition

William Suys captures a charming street scene during the Door County Plein Air Festival.



pay more attention to signatures than painted images, but human nature and personal taste will always influence their final decisions.

Several years ago, the staff of Plein Air Easton in Maryland conducted research and found that many folks who buy competition paintings were as interested in learning how to paint on location as they were in building a collection of plein air paintings. In particular, men and women who knew exactly when they would retire used the event in Maryland to explore the idea of becoming visual artists after they concluded their professional careers. The festival provided the perfect opportunity to see paintings develop from start to finish, ask questions about the decisions made by the artists, and buy the paintings that could remind them of the lessons offered by the painter findings that suggest education is one of the ways artists can attract interest in their paintings.

INTANGIBLE BENEFITS

There are many positive aspects to being a participant, volunteer, or supporter of plein air events, both on a personal and a professional level. One has the chance to talk with other artists, learn about materials and techniques, support the nonprofit partner of a festival, buy or sell paintings of hometown scenes, make progress in one's skills and style of painting, and establish friendships with creative people. Volunteers and staff members spend months in advance of an event trying to increase award purses, smooth the daily procedures, prepare for the exhibition, promote participation and sales, and offer every comfort possible to the artists. Families open their homes and provide accommodations, meals, snacks, and warm hospitality to the participating artists. Those volunteers and staff members offer a valuable service to artists, collectors, and community members, and are a key contributor to the success of these events.

COLLECTORS' PERSPECTIVE

Plein air painting events offer collectors a chance to acquire work that is imbued with authenticity and a connection to nature. Each piece represents a specific moment in time, with the artist responding to the changing conditions as they capture an intimate perspective on the scene. The paintings feel alive and energetic, conveying the artist's emotional connection to the subject.

Given the chance to interact directly with the artists, often while they're creating the work, collectors are familiar with the painter's experience, the location, and the conditions under which the artwork was created. This narrative adds depth and interest to the artwork and can be shared with others, making the art more engaging and meaningful.



Here's a look at some of the awardwinning work created at plein air events across the country this past year.



Highland Lakes Creative Arts, Paint the Town Marble Falls Simply Cottonwood (20 x 10 in., pastel) by Julia Fletcher



Paint Grand Traverse *Working on the Madeline* (20 x 20 in., oil on panel) by Kari Ganoung Ruiz



Plein Air Smokies Contrejour (18 x 14 in., oil on linen panel) by Charles Newman



Plein Air Painters Colorado High Canyons (9 x 14 in., oil on panelmounted linen) by Damien Gonzales



Plein Air Southwest Middle of the Day (12 x 16 in., oil) by Durre Waseem



Wayne Art Center 15th Annual Plein Air Festival & Exhibition Old Ridge Rd. (26 x 40 in., oil) by Henry Coe



Plein Air Painters of New Mexico 15th National Juried Show First Light (7 x 10 in., oil) by Lee MacLeod



Telluride Cornet Blues (24 x 18 in., oil) by Marc Anderson



Blowing Rock Art History Museum Grand Manor (14 x 14 in., oil on panel) by Katie Dobson Cundiff



Bluff Strokes Let the Light Shine In (20 x 16 in., oil) by Todd Schabel



Door County Plein Air Hollyhock and Bumble Bees at Anderson's (25 x 20 1/2 in., oil) by Bethann Moran-Handzlik



New Iberia, Shadows-on-the-Teche Morning Search (12 x 24 in., oil on panel) by Kari Ganoung Ruiz



Gilmer Plein Air Gilmer County Courthouse (20 x 17 in., pastel) by Preston King



North Carolina Plein Air 2023 Visiting their third sister (10 x 12 in., oil) by Durre Waseem



Ohio Plein Air Competition 2023 *Hemlock Falls* (12 x 16 in., pastel on LuxArchival sanded paper) by Karen Jennings



Outdoor Painter Society, Middle of the Day (12 x 16 in., oil) by Durre Waseem



2024 GALENDAR OF EVENTS



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BRUSHES BY THE BEACH Enjoy fall painting, beach, bay, historic homes, and working port.

JANUARY

January 12-February 4, 2024 **Paint the Desert** January 24-26, 2024 (Essential Techniques Day, January 23) **Watercolor Live Presented by** *PleinAir Magazine*

MARCH

March 3-9, 2024 Lighthouse ArtCenter Annual Plein Air Festival March 4-8, 2024 18th Borrego Springs Plein Air Invitational March 6-8, 2024 (Essential Techniques Day, March 5) PleinAir Live

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March 9-16, 2024 **Shadows-on-the-Teche Plein Air Competition** March 15-24, 2024 **Forgotten Coast en Plein Air**

APRIL

April 13-21, 2024 Olmsted Plein Air Invitational (Tenth Annual — Atlanta) April 15-20, 2024 Artists on Location April 21-27, 2024 Paint the Town April 21-27, 2024 Sixteenth Annual Winter Park Paint Out April 24-27, 2024 En Plein Air Frisco 2024 April 24-28, 2024 8th Annual St. Augustine Plein Air Paint Out

MAY

May 5-10, 2024 **Wayne Art Center 2024 Plein Air Festival —16th Annual** May 5-11, 2024 **Plein Air Southwest 2024** May 11-18, 2024 **Paint the Nebraska Sandhills** May 12-19, 2024 **North Carolina Plein Air Art Festival — New Bern** May 14-21, 2024 **North Carolina Plein Air Festival** May 15-18, 2024 **Paint Menokin** May 18-25, 2024 **Lost Sierra Plein Air Festival** May 18-25, 2024 **The Arts of Great Falls** May 20-24, 2024 **11th Annual Plein Air Convention & Expo**

JUNE

June 1-7, 2024 **Boulder County Plein Air Festival** June 1-July 31, 2024 **Paint Under the Big Sky** June 2-9, 2024 **Paint Annapolis 2024** June 6-9, 2024 **Paint It! Ellicott City 2024** June 8-15, 2024 **Plein Air: A Paint Cedarburg Event** June 8-15, 2024 **Plein Air West Reading 2024** June 8-15, 2024 **Plein Air West Reading 2024** June 15-22, 2024 **Paint Adirondacks Presented by** *PleinAir Magazine* **June 15-0ctober 11, 2024 Berkshire Plein Air** June 30-July 6, 2024 **21st Annual Telluride Plein Air**

JULY

July 15-20, 2024 **Cashiers Plein Air Festival** July 17-27, 2024 **Driggs Plein Air Festival** July 20-28, 2024, **Art in the Open Festival** July 21-27, 2024 **Door County Plein Air Festival** July 26-27, 2024 **Georgetown Plein Air 2024** July 28-August 3, 2024 **Plein Air Montana 2024** July 29-August 3, 2024 **Frank Bette Plein Air Paintout**

AUGUST

August 7-10, 2024 **11th Annual Paint the Point** August 8-11, 2024 **De Smet South Dakota Harvey Dunn Plein Air** August 12-17, 2024 **Adirondack Plein Air Festival** August 12-17, 2024 **Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival** August 20-24, 2024 **2024 Blowing Rock Plein Air Festival** August 26-31, 2024 **Plein Air Glacier**



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September 8-14, 2024 Alla Prima Westcliffe September 9-14, 2024 Sonoma Plein Air Festival September 10-14, 2024 Suffolk Plein Air Festival September 11-14, 2024 Roger Tory Peterson Institute

Plein Air Festival

September 13-15, 2024 Plein Air Paint Out in Carmel, Indiana September 18-20, 2024 (Essential Techniques Day, September 17) Pastel Live Presented by PleinAir Magazine

September 19-21, 2024 7th Annual Black Hills Plein Air Paint Out September 20-22, 2024 21st Annual Plein Air Competition September 20-28, 2024 2024 Annual St George

Plein Air Festival

September 20-29, 2024 Escalante Canyons Art Festival September 21-28, 2024 Plein Air Smokies September 22-28, 2024 The 4th Floyd Plein Air Biennial

September 27-29, 2024 Culver & Lake Maxinkuckee

Visitor Center

September 27-October 26, 2024 25th Annual National Juried Exhibition

September 29-October 5, 2024 Bluff Strokes 2024 Paint Out September 29-October 6, 2024 Monuments and

Canyons Plein Air Event

September 29-October 6, 2024 Fall Color Week Presented by PleinAir Magazine

OCTOBER

October 2-4, 2024 Paint It Orange Plein Air Paint-Out October 3-5, 2024 Plein Air Abingdon October 3-20, 2024 Brushes by the Beach October 5-13, 2024 26th Annual Laguna Plein Air

Painting Invitational

October 5-13, 2024 Cape Ann Plein Air 2024 October 10-13, 2024 Bisbee Plein Air Festival and Competition October 10-13, 2024 Farm to Forest Plein Air Festival October 14-19, 2024 Hudson Valley Plein Air Festival October 14-19, 2024 Two Rivers Plein Air October 18-26, 2024 Sedona Plein Air Festival October 20-26, 2024 EnPleinAirTEXAS October 28-November 2, 2024 Plein Air Fairhope

NOVEMBER

November 6-8, 2024 (Essential Techniques Day, November 5) **Realism Live Presented by PleinAir Magazine**

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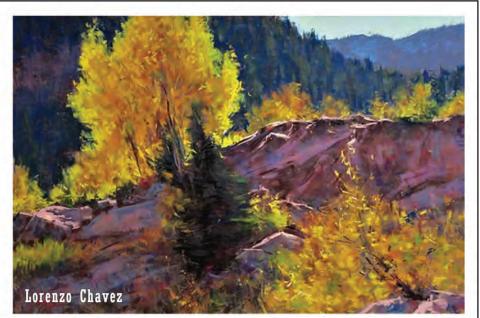
October 17-20, 2024 The Great Migration Paint-Out Plein Air Painting Competition, Exhibition, and Sale

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

September 21-23, 2024 (extended September 17-24) Plein Air **Down Under, Peel Region of Western Australia**

IRELAND

July 20-28, 2024 Art in the Open Festival



15th

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Trevor Wade Thomas - Quick Draw Award, 2023



Alabama

Plein Air Fairhope

Dates: October 28-November 2, 2024 Opening Reception: November 1, 2024 Entry Deadline: September 15, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Eastern Shore Art Center Venue: Eastern Shore Art Center City: Fairhope State: Alabama Format: Open Award Total: \$2,000

Contact: Adienne Clow Phone: 251.928.2228 E-mail: adrienne@esartcenter.org

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Arizona

Grand Canyon Celebration of Art

Dates: September 7, 2024-January 20, 2025 Opening Reception: September 14, 2024 Entry Deadline: Monday, January 15, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Grand Canyon Conservancy

Venue: Kolb Studio at the South Rim of Grand Canyon National Park City: Grand Canyon State: Arizona Format: Juried

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Grand Canyon Conservancy's Celebration of Art is a wonderful tradition at Grand Canyon National Park, providing a vibrant experience for visitors, a venue for artists inspired by the canyon, and a successful fundraiser to benefit an art venue at the South Rim. Since its inception in 2009, Celebration of Art has invited participating artists to paint "en plein air" for a week at Grand Canyon. The works produced during this time are shown alongside studio-produced pieces at the historic Kolb Studio in an exhibition and sale for four months, both in-person and online.

Bisbee Plein Air Festival and Competition Dates: October 10-13, 2024 Opening Reception: October 12, 2024

Entry Deadline: Friday, October 11, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Central School Project Venue: 43 Howell Ave. City: Bisbee State: Arizona

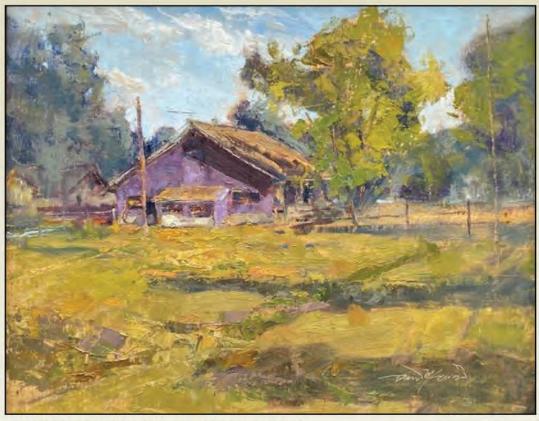
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Juror(s) of Awards: TBA Award Total: \$800 Contact: Laurie McKenna Phone: 520.732.0064 E-mail: bisbeecsp@gmail.com

Website: www.centralschoolproject.org/plein-air-festival

Oct. 10-13: Artists come each year to paint Old Bisbee's historic architecture, sprawling staircases, narrow streets, industrial mining remnants, and colorful homes set amidst the scenic Mule Mountains to compete for \$800 in prizes. On Saturday afternoon artists gather for the judging and prizes at Central School Project. The art-loving public is invited, and they purchase the work right off the easels and walls. We hold a jurors' show and meet-and-greet Friday night and other activities in conjunction with the competition. We guarantee serious painting and fun.

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Sedona Plein Air Festival

Dates: October 18-26, 2024 **Opening Reception:** October 25, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: Sedona Arts Center Venue: Sedona Arts Center City: Sedona State: Arizona Format: Invitational, Juried Juror(s) of Awards: TBA Award Total: \$10,000 Contact: Julie Richard Phone: 928.282.3809 E-mail: julie@ sedonaartscenter.org

Website: www.sedonapleinair.com

Sedona Arts Center invites you along to be inspired and experience master artists painting in the Shangri-La of the Southwest! Sedona is a sublime and stunningly beautiful environment steeped in art history. Sedona Arts Center dates back 66 years to the founding of Sedona's identity as an "art colony." Our community's iconic and creative event — Sedona Plein Air Festival is a weeklong celebration of extraordinary landscapes, world-renowned artists, unique workshops, and wonderful free events!

California

Paint the Desert

Dates: January 12-February 4, 2024 Opening Reception: January 20, 2024 Entry Deadline: January 8, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Desert Plein Air Association Venue: Artists Center at the Galen City: Palm Desert State: California Format: Open Juror(s) of Awards: Steven Biller, Crystal Curtis, George Stern Award Total: \$1,000 Contact: Diane Moore Phone: 760.485.6798 E-mail: desertpleinair@gmail.com Website: www.desertpleinair.org The Desert Plein Air Association is proud to announce the 3rd Annual "Paint the Desert" Festival is OPEN FOR REGISTRATION through January 8, 2024. Our previous Festivals have been a big success, and we are happy to build on that in 2024 by offering an expanded exhibition of three weeks. The 2024 "Paint the Desert" Festival will

be presented at the premier museum-quality galleries of the Artists Council at the Galen in Palm Desert. **18th Borrego Springs Plein Air Invitational**

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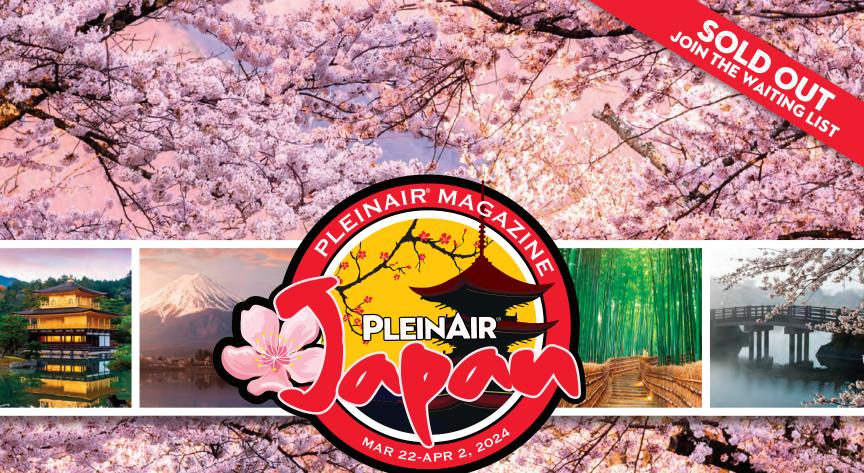
Dates: March 4-8, 2024 **Opening Reception:** March 9, 2024

Juror(s) of Awards: Rick J. Delanty Contact: Kay Levie Phone: 619.701.8132 E-mail: gallery@borregoartinstitute.org Website: www.borregoartinstitute.org Fourteen invited artists will compete in a paint-out March 4-8. A Quick Draw will be held March 6. Juror of Awards for 2024 is Rick J. Delanty. The awards presentation and reception will be held at the Borrego Art Institute Gallery on March 9, 3-5 pm. Paintings will hang in the Gallery through April 14, 2024.

Lost Sierra Plein Air Festival

Dates: May 18-25, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Bear Creek Frames Juror(s) of Award: Frank Serrano City: Quincy State: California Format: Open Awards: \$3,250 cash and prizes Contact: Mark V Reynolds E-mail: mark@lostsierrapleinair.com Website: www.lostsierrapleinair.com Come join us for our third annual plein air festival. Plein air artists of all abilities converge on the little-known area called the Lost Sierra to paint the vast vistas, small towns, and beautiful valleys. There will be painting demonstrations, workshops, and the artist reception and awards ceremony in the Veterans Hall in downtown Quincy. The festival will culminate with a quick draw

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Dates: July 29-August 3, 2024 **Opening Reception:** August 10, 2024

Entry Deadline: April 4, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Frank Bette Center for the Arts Venue: South Shore Center City: Alameda State: California Format: Juried Contact: Margaret Fago E-mail: communications@

Contact: Margaret Fago E-mail: communications@ frankbettecenter.org **Phone:** 510.523.6957 **Website:** www.frankbettecenter.org Experience the Island of Alameda.

In 2005 the Frank Bette Plein Air Paintout began hosting up to 40 juried artists for a week of painting tree-lined streets, stately Victorian homes and shops, picturesque marinas, historic naval ships and a former naval air station, as well as beaches, lagoons, parks, and the island city of Alameda, California. 19th Annual Frank Bette Plein Air Paintout, July 29-August 3, 2024. Apply: onlinejuriedshows.com

Sonoma Plein Air Festival

Dates: September 9-14, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Sonoma Plein Air Foundation Venue: Historic Sonoma Plaza City: Sonoma State: California Format: Juried Juror(s) of Awards: Juried Art Services Contact: Irene Cook E-mail: sonomapleinair@gmail. com Website: www.sonomapleinair.com Nationally acclaimed artists gather to paint for one week throughout the Sonoma wine country, Marin, San Francisco, and our spectacular coast. Artists enjoy housing, welcome reception, artists' luncheon, patron gala with silent art auction, and finally, a 1-day art show and sale on beautiful Sonoma Plaza. The festival has supported arts education and creativity development for Sonoma Valley youth since 2002. Sixty percent of sales to artists; 40% to the Foundation for funding local youth arts education. Juried entry applications accepted from early January to February 28, 2024 at sonomapleinair.com.

26th Annual Laguna Plein Air Painting Invitational

Start: October 5-13, 2024 Opening Reception: October 12, 2024, with Collectors Gala Sponsoring Organization: Laguna Plein Air Painters Association City: Laguna Beach State: California Award Total: Over \$50,000 Contact: Toni Kellenberg Phone: 949.291.0882 E-mail: toni@lpapa.org

Website: www.lpapa.org/laguna-plein-air-invitational Each year the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association invites the top award-winning plein air painters to gather in Laguna Beach for the annual Laguna Beach Plein Air Painting Invitational. The 2024 Laguna Invitational will take place the week of October 5-13, 2024, and include free and ticketed events throughout the week, with the Collectors Gala hosted at the Laguna Festival of Arts on Saturday, October 12, 2024. October 6: Annual Quick Draw Painting Competition; October 13: Invitational Art Show & Painting Demonstrations.

Laguna Plein Air Painters Association

Contact: Toni Kellenberg Phone: 949.291.0882 E-mail: toni@lpapa.org

Website: www.lpapa.org/laguna-plein-air-invitational In 1996, a group of local artists decided to band together to paint the coastline and canyons of Laguna Beach. That single get-together would evolve into one of the most prestigious highpowered plein air painting groups in the country. You can be a member of LPAPA no matter where you live. LPAPA members can submit for juried shows, attend member paint-outs, and access online workshops, podcasts, and more.

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Monterey Bay Plein Air Painters Association (MBPAPA) is a nonprofit organization of dedicated plein air painters inspired by the sea and landscapes of the extended Monterey Bay Area. We enjoy weekly paint-outs, host workshops and demonstrations, and hold three juried exhibitions each year. Our members are friendly and dynamic, a mix of leading landscape painters and local amateurs, learning and encouraging one another along the way. Membership is open to all. Visit our website: www.mbpapa.org

Fall Color Week Presented by PleinAir Magazine

Dates: September 29-October 6, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: *PleinAir Magazine* Venue: Asilomar Conference Center City: Pacific Grove, CA Contact: *PleinAir Magazine Phone:* 561.655.8778 or 800.610.5771 Website: fallcolorweek.com *PleinAir Magazine*'s Eric Rhoads lives in a place where fall color isn't great, so he created the

where fall color isn't great, so he created the Fall Color Week retreat in various locations during peak color season annually. It's a week of painting with old friends and new ones. We have our meals together, and we stay on the same property ... all for one price. This year we're taking a break from fall color and going on a Coastal Adventure in Southern California. We're going to paint locations like Old Fisherman's Wharf, Cannery Row, Carmel and Carmel Beach, Lovers Point, and Point Lobos. Come enjoy the beautiful coastal scenery without competition, just painting alongside your friends. No meals to cook, no one to care for, just roll out of bed, get fed, and paint all day. It's glorious.

Fallbrook Art Association

Contact: Julie Compton Phone: 805.794.0709 E-mail: pastelsbyjulie@gmail.com Website: www.fallbrookartassn.org

Gualala Arts

Contact: Kendra Stillman **Phone:** 707.884.1138 **E-mail:** kendragualalaarts@gmail.com **Website:** www.gualalaarts.org

Colorado

Boulder County Plein Air Festival Dates: June 1-7, 2024 Opening Reception: June 8, 2024 Entry Deadline: February 1, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: Open Studios Venue: Niwot Feed Store Gallery City: Niwot State: Colorado Format: J

uried **Juror(s) of Awards:** TBD **Award Total:** \$3,700 Contact: *Mary Horrocks* Phone:

303.748.9132 E-mail: mary@openstudios.org Website: www.openstudios.org Open Studios of Boulder County will host 25-35

juried plein air artists to paint the stunning vistas of Boulder County and its surrounding landscape. Capture the beauty of the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, historic architecture, creeks, lakes, ponds, and agricultural land of Boulder County. Exhibit and sale to run from June 8 to July 5 in the charming, art-savvy historical town of Niwot. See Café (callforentry.org) for application information.

21st Annual Telluride Plein Air

Dates: June 30-July 6, 2024 **Entry Deadline:** January 10, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: Sheridan Arts Foundation **Venue:** Sheridan Opera House **City:** Telluride **State:** Colorado **Award Total:** \$15,000

Contact: Ronnie Palamar Phone: 970.728.6363 Website: www.telluridepleinair.com E-mail: ronnie@sheridanoperahouse.com Each summer, over the Fourth of July weekend, the Sheridan Arts Foundation hosts 20-25 nationally renowned plein air artists in beautiful Telluride, Colorado, for a week of outdoor art. The Telluride Plein Air Festival has become an indispensable part of Telluride's Independence Day festivities, allowing locals and tourists alike to observe some of the nation's top plein air artists at work. The festival culminates in a threeday sale, where the artists display the work they have created all week long. The festival has over \$15,000 in cash and prizes and is a fundraiser for the historic Sheridan Opera House.

Georgetown Plein Air 2024

Dates: July 26-27, 2024 Opening Reception: July 27, 2024 Entry Deadline: July 12, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Georgetown Trust for Conservation and Preservation, Inc. Venue: Georgetown Old School, formerly Heritage Center City: Georgetown State: Colorado

Format: Qualified plein air artists Juror(s) of Awards: TBA Award Total: \$900

Contact: Ruth Rosenfeld Phone: 303.569.0289 E-mail: artschair@georgetowntrust.org Website: www.georgetowntrust.org Seventh annual plein air event in vintage, picturesque Georgetown, Colorado, 45 minutes west of Denver at 8,500-ft. elevation, in the Georgetown-Silver Plume National Landmark Historic District. A charming town of colorful Victorian buildings ringed by mountain views, Georgetown has long been a favorite of artists. Includes Quick Draw in historic downtown. Exhibit and sale through August 11. Registration and exhibition at the Old School (formerly Heritage Center), restored 1874 schoolhouse, 809 Taos Street. Late registration accepted. Join us for this painting event in the summer mountain air! Visit website for application information.

Alla Prima Westcliffe

Dates: September 8-14, 2024 Opening Reception: September 14, 2024 Entry Deadline: August 31, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Sangres Art Guild Venue: 3rd Street Gallery City: Westcliffe State: Colorado Format: Open Juror(s) of Awards: Lorenzo Chavez Award Total: \$5,000+ Contact: Terri Wiebke Phone: 719.331.2164 E-mail: terrilynn1229@yahoo.com Website: www.sangresartguild.org Alla Prima Westcliffe's 15th plein air event is held as aspens begin their annual golden glory, nestled between the Wet Mountains and the majestic Sangre de Cristo Mountains of Colorado. Painting opportunities abound, from our natural beauty of mountain and alpine vistas, historic ranches, trails, animals, flora, and small-town rural life. Alla Prima Westcliffe is preceded by an optional twoday "tuneup" plein air workshop with nationally renowned artist Lorenzo Chavez. Additionally, we are proud to be a designated International Dark Sky Community with pristine night skies. "Come for the mountains, stay for the stars."

Monuments and Canyons Plein Air Event

Dates: September 29-October 6, 2024 Opening Reception: October 4, 2024 Entry Deadline: April 1, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Colorado National Monument Association City: Fruita State: Colorado Contact: John Lintott Phone: 970.858.2808 E-mail: jlintott@coloradonma.org Website: www.coloradonma.org

Paint the scenic red rock canyons of Colorado National Monument and the surrounding highdesert beauty in Western Colorado. Colorado National Monument Association presents the 8th annual Monuments and Canyons Plein Air Event. Proceeds from the exhibition provide support for education, research, outreach, and park service special projects in Colorado National Monument. Many opportunities for artists besides the main exhibition: optional river float painting trip, and an extra exhibit in 2025.

27th Annual National Juried Exhibition and Sale Sponsoring Organization: Plein Air Artists Colorado Venue: TBD

Contact: Jennifer Riefenberg Phone:

303.250.2015 **E-mail:** info@pleinairartistscolorado. com

Website: pleinairartistscolorado.com

Plein Air Artists of Colorado (PAAC) was created for the love of plein air painting and for members to enjoy the camaraderie of painting outdoors. A founding principle is that PAAC creates opportunities for artists of all levels to paint outdoors together on a regular basis. Membership is for artists from all over, currently representing 36 states and beyond the U.S. Our annual juried exhibition offers examples of excellence in painting that can be achieved outdoors, "en plein air." Come paint with us!

Steamboat Art Museum

Contact: Dottie Zabel **Phone:** 970.870.1755 **E-mail:** sam@steamboatartmuseum.org **Website:** www.steamboatartmuseum.org Paint Steamboat Springs and the Yampa Valley fall splendor, offering landmark ranches, alpine and river vistas, historic towns, and exclusive painting sites. Three unique sales events: Kick-Off Quick Draw at the popular Farmers Market, Sunset Preview Reception, and Opening Reception and Awards. Exhibit and sale in the Steamboat Art Museum through November 2. Limited to 50 artists. Non-juried with professional and open categories. Early registration and museum membership discounts available. Registration opens January 15, 2024. www.steamboatartmuseum.org.

Estes Valley Plein Air

Contact: Mary Benke Phone: 970.227.7031 E-mail: marybenke27@gmail.com Website: www.artcenterofestes.com

Florida

Lighthouse ArtCenter Annual Plein Air Festival

Dates: March 3-9, 2024 **Venue:** Lighthouse ArtCenter

City: Tequesta State: Florida Format: Juried Juror(s) of Awards: Michele Usibelli Award Total: \$15,000+

Contact: Laura Zele Phone: 561.746.3101 E-mail: laura@lighthousearts.org Website: www.lighthousearts.org Nestled in the charming seaside town of Tequesta, Florida, Lighthouse ArtCenter welcomes over

20,000 visitors annually to its vibrant galleries

and art school. On March 3, 2024, the 11th Annual Plein Air Festival unites award-winning artists nationwide to capture local scenes in the open air. This weeklong festival includes artist demonstrations, events, and a variety of fresh art available for purchase.

Forgotten Coast en Plein Air

Dates: March 15-24, 2024 Opening Reception: March 15, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: Forgotten Coast Cultural Coalition

Venue: The Joe Center for the Arts City: Port St. Joe State: Florida Format: Invitational

Contact: Leslie Wentzell **Phone:** 800.378.8419 **E-mail:** info@forgottencoastenpleinair.com **Website:** www.forgottencoastenpleinair.com

Now in its 19th year of documenting authentic "Old Florida," Forgotten Coast en Plein Air is among the world's most prestigious plein air events. Artistic excellence and production of investment-quality art continues to be the trademark of this 10-day festival, which features 17 of the most accomplished international artists. Additionally, four "Florida's Finest en Plein Air" painters are honored Plein Air Ambassadors, providing painting stations that are available to the public. The Quick Draw competition is open to all artists, an expansive Wet Room, demonstrations, receptions, and "Lunch and Learn" artist talks.

Sixteenth Annual Winter Park Paint Out

Dates: April 21-27, 2024 Venue: Paint at the Museum and locations nearby State: Florida Contact: Kaley Craig Phone: 407.960.4718 E-mail:

marketing@polasek.org The Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens will host the 16th annual Winter Park Paint Out from April 21 to 27, 2024. The gallery and sculpture gardens will be free to the public during the weeklong event. Professionally acclaimed plein air artists will paint at the Museum and locations nearby. All are invited to observe the artists at work, view completed paintings in the gallery, and attend free painting demonstrations. Artwork created during the Paint Out will be available for purchase. The Winter Park Paint Out will culminate with a Garden Party on April 27, 2024. Purchase tickets at winterparkpaintout.org.

8th Annual St. Augustine Plein Air Paint Out Dates: April 24-28, 2024 Entry Deadline: April 19, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: The St. Augustine Art Association

Venue: 22 Marine Street City: St. Augustine State: Florida Format: Open

Award Total: \$3,000

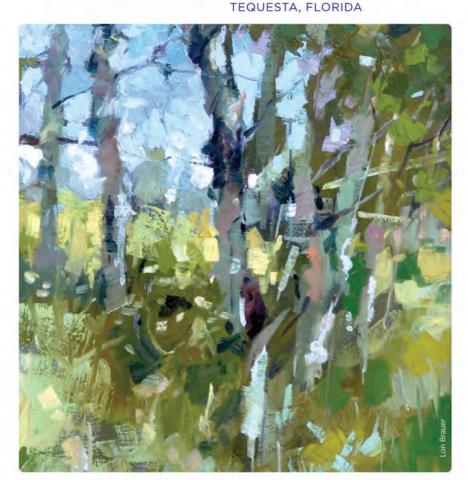
Contact: Jennifer Flynt **Phone:** 904.824.2310 **E-mail:** info@staaa.org

Website: www.staaa.org/plein-air-paint-out Artists! You're invited to the 8th Annual St. Augustine Plein Air Paint Out in the nation's oldest city. This event, a nod to St. Augustine's art history, celebrates the town's architectural and coastal beauty through the time-honored tradition of painting en plein air. Artists will be painting in and around St. Augustine at notable locations. Observers can visit the St. Augustine Art Association's gallery to view and buy works-in-progress and finished paintings.

Shawn Dell Joyce

State: Florida

Contact: Shawn Joyce **Phone:** 845.728.4001 **Website:** www.shawndelljoyce.com Have a plein air adventure! Discover beautiful, environmentally important places in Pinellas, Florida, and learn plein air painting from professional artist Shawn Dell Joyce. Thirty-three classes happen on FESTIVAL LIGHTHOUSE ARTCENTER



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Sponsoring Organization: Venice Plein Air M.A.P. (Meet And Paint)

Venue: Caspersen Beach, Centennial Park, Venice Urban Forest City: Venice State: Florida Format: Open

Contact: Karen Ann Hitt **Phone:** 941.586.0207 **E-mail:** venicepleinair@gmail.com **Website:** www.venicepleinair.com Mission: "Preserving Venice One Plein Air Painting at a Time — since 2003. No Fees, Just Outdoor Painting Camaraderie!" November-April 2023-2024, MAP two times each month. 1st Monday, Caspersen Beach (along boardwalk and shoreline); 3rd Saturday, Historic Downtown Venice & Farmers Market (meet at Gazebo). Plus our special annual MAP 3rd Saturday of January, recording its growth each year en plein air, on January 20, 2024: MAP Venice Urban Forest. We meet 8:30ish-noonish; critique if wished at 11:30ish. Follow our Facebook and Instagram pages for updates.

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Contact: Sean Dwyer Phone: 305.294.1241 E-mail: info@keywestartcenter.com Website: www.keywestartcenter.com

Georgia

Olmsted Plein Air Invitational (Tenth Annual - Atlanta)

Date: April 13-21, 2024 Opening Reception: April 16, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: Olmsted Arts, Inc. **Venue:** Atlanta

City: Atlanta State: Georgia Format: Invitational Award Total: \$40K+

Contact: Phil Cuthbertson E-mail: phil@ olmstedpleinair.com Phone: 404.282.8283 Website: www.olmstedpleinair.com

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Dates: July 17-27, 2024 Opening Reception: July 21, 2024 Entry Deadline: June 3, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Downtown Driggs Association Venue: Driggs City Center and Plaza, 60 South Main Street City: Driggs State: Idaho Format: Open

Juror(s) of Awards: Suzie Baker and David Koch Award Total: \$4,000

Contact: Lisa Simmons Phone: 216.235.7532 E-mail: events@downtowndriggs.org Website: www.downtowndriggs.org

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and to register. **Eagle Plein Air Festival** Dates: October 5-12, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Finer Frames Venue: Finer Frames City: Eagle State: Idaho Format: Open Award Total: \$4,000 Contact: Meg Glasgow Phone: 208.888.9898 E-mail: info@eaglepleinair.com Website: www.eaglepleinair.com You're Invited to SW Idaho for the 10th annual Eagle Plein Air Festival. October 5-12, 2024. We will be offering workshops, daily demonstrations, paint-outs, quick draw, artist reception, and a collectors' party. With \$4,000 worth of awards given, our fast-growing festival is a great place to enjoy the camaraderie of 80+ painters while exploring Idaho's diverse landscape: deserts, mountains, rivers, and canyonlands, all within a short drive from our central location in Eagle, Idaho.

Plein Air Coeur d'Alene at Art on the Green

Contact: Jessica Bryant Phone: 208.660.0075 E-mail: pleinaircda@gmail.com Website: www.pleinaircda.com

Plein Air in the Parks

Contact: Daniel Hidalgo **Phone:** 208.932.0893 **E-mail:** info@pleinairintheparks.org **Website:** www.pleinairintheparks.org

Illinois

Paint the Town Barrington! Plein Air Event Sponsoring Organization: Barrington Cultural Commission

Venue: Barrington's White House City: Barrington State: Illinois Format: Open

Award Total: First Place: \$500; Second Place: \$300; Third Place: \$200

Contact: Clancy Potts **Phone:** 847.304.3406 **E-mail:** cpotts@barrington-il.gov **Website:** www.barrington-il.gov/pleinair Join artists from throughout Chicagoland as they paint local landmarks around the Village of Barrington. Interested artists can sign up to receive information about the Fall 2024 competition at barrington-il.gov/pleinair.

Oil Painters of America

Contact: Cameryn Creech Phone: 815.356.5987 E-mail: mail@oilpaintersofamerica Website: www.oilpaintersofamerica.com Oil Painters of America is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting representational oil paintings. OPA has over 3,600 members ranging from students and advanced artists to seasoned professionals throughout North America. The \$80 calendar-year membership fee includes opportunities for juried exhibitions, both national and regional; multiple online showcases; yearly convention and wet paint competition; paint-outs and workshops; virtual demonstrations, educational programs, virtual road trips; and scholarships. Contact us for 2024 membership information.

Evanston Made Evanston Plein Air Festival

Contact: Liz Cramer **Phone:** 847.867.3766 **E-mail:** lizrcramer@gmail.com **Website:** www.evanstonmade.org/evanston-pleinair-festival-2024

Village of Schaumburg Prairie Plein Air Competition and Show

Contact: Roxane Benvenuti **Phone:** 847.923.3605 **E-mail:** rbenvenuti@schaumburg.com **Website:** www.prairiecenter.org/programs/prairie-





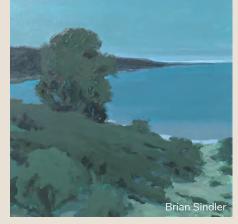


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25th Annual First Brush of Spring

Venue: Hoosier Salon City: New Harmony State: Indiana

Format: Open Juror(s) of Awards: Kelly Kane Award Total: \$15,000+

Contact: Sara Kamman Phone: 812.682.3970 E-mail: skamman@hoosiersalon.org Website: www.inpainters.org

The 25th FBOS is a 3-day art event. The paint-out kicks off with a reception at the Hoosier Salon on Wednesday, April 18; Field to Finish exhibit and awards. April 18-20; paint-out competition features a quick draw, professional and non-professional, and youth divisions totaling over \$15,000 in awards. Saturday, April 20; there's an art sale. Visit www. inpainters.org and www.hoosiersalon.org for more information.

City of Carmel

Contact: Anne O'Brien **Phone:** 317.552.8745 **E-mail:** aobrien@carmel.in.gov **Website:** www.carmeloncanvas.com Carmel on Canvas Plein Air Paint Out provides artists with two days of plein air painting in the Carmel Arts & Design District, Carmel Midtown, the City Hall Japanese Gardens, Carmel City Center, and Carmel Central Park with its 161 acres of beautiful green space! There are 4 divisions: Professional, Non-Professional, Teen, and Child. There will be more than \$13,000 in total prizes including Purchase Awards.

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Bluff Strokes 2024 Paint Out

Dates: September 29-October 5, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Bluff Strokes

Venue: Steeple Square City: Dubuque State: Iowa Format: Juried Juror(s) of Awards: TBD Award Total: \$15,000

Contact: Wesley Heitzman Phone: 563.845.1801 E-mail: wheitzman@mchsi.com

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Paint historic Dubuque, Iowa, on the bluffs of the Mississippi River. Dubuque boasts historic residences, buildings, and parks; river vistas and riverfront scenes; and interesting barge, rail, and industrial infrastructure. Nestled in the Driftless Region, which was not scoured by the glaciers, it offers beautiful topography and many forest, creek, and agricultural scenes. Our sales venue is a beautiful repurposed German Catholic church. Visit our website to see last year's winners, and explore our "Paint Dubuque" pages for painting opportunities.

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Louisiana

Shadows-on-the-Teche Plein Air Dates: March 9-16, 2024 Entry Deadline: November 1, 2023 Sponsoring Organization: National Trust for Historic Preservation Venue: Shadows-on-the-Teche Visitor Center City: New Iberia State: Louisiana Format: Juried Award Total: \$10,000 Contact: Jayd Buteaux (she/her) Phone: 337.369.6446 E-mail: jbuteaux@savingplaces.org Website: www.shadowsontheteche.org Shadows-on-the-Teche, a National Trust Historic Site in New Iberia, Louisiana, will present our 10th annual plein air competition in March 2024. The selected jury panel will award cash prizes at closing reception and auction. Enjoy a region enhanced by architecture, moss-draped live oaks, and sugar fields watered by the Bayou Teche. Home of the oldest operating rice mill in America, exotic gardens, and Avery Island, birthplace of Tabasco, excellent food, original music, and hospitable residents.

Farm to Forest Plein Air Festival

Dates: October 10-13, 2024 Opening Reception: October 10, 2024

Entry Deadline: August 28, 2024 Venue: Alexandria Museum of Art City: Alexandria State: Louisiana Format: Juried Award Total: \$2,500 Contact: Olivia Helmer Phone: 786.239.7941 E-mail: olivia@themuseum.org Website: www.themuseum.org

The Farm to Forest Plein Air Festival is a signature event held by the Alexandria Museum of Art in October each year. The festival will last four days, starting Thursday, October 10, and concluding Sunday, October 13, 2024, with artists coming from all over the United States to paint and highlight Central Louisiana! From the piney woods of Kisatchie National Forest to historic downtown properties, there's something for every artist to be inspired by in Central Louisiana.

Maryland

Paint Annapolis 2024

Dates: June 2-9, 2024 Entry Deadline: January 19, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: Maryland Federation of Art **Venue:** Circle Gallery

Format: Combination Juror(s) of Awards: Suzie Baker; Selection Juror: Christine Lashley Award Total: \$15,000

Contact: Laura Carty **E-mail:** laura@mdfedart.org **Website:** www.mdfedart.org

For 23 years, Paint Annapolis has been the premier painting event for this sailing town, bringing the community together to share in the beauty of painting outdoors. Paint Annapolis this year will take place from June 2-9, kicking off with the Quick Draw. Paint Annapolis has something for everyone — from artist to art lover to collector. We are excited to see you for a week of painting in our historic streets.

Paint It! Ellicott City 2024

Dates: June 6-9, 2024 **Opening Reception**: June 10, 2024 **Entry Deadline**: April 15, 2024 **Sponsoring Organization**: Howard County Arts Council

Venue: Howard County Center for the Arts City: Ellicott City State: Maryland Format: Combination Juror: TBA Award Total: TBA Contact: Elli Hernandez Phone: 410.313.2787 E-mail: exhibits@hocoarts.org Website: www.hocoarts.org

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SedonaPleinAirFestival.org

During the four-day plein air paint-out, capture the old mill town's charm through its trove of paintable treasures: historic landmarks, quirky architecture, steep hillsides, and a beautiful river. Juried artists are featured in our main gallery for a six-week exhibit (entries due April 15, 2024). Artists of all skill levels are invited to take part in the Open Paint portion. Visit our website at hocoarts.org for prospectus and additional information.

Plein Air Easton

Contact: Marie Nuthall **Phone:** 410.822.7297 **E-mail:** marie@avalonfoundation.org **Website:** www.pleinaireaston.com Plein Air Easton, organized by the Avalon Foundation, Inc., is the largest and most prestigious juried plein air painting competition in the nation. Held annually for the past 19 years, PAE will celebrate its 20th anniversary in 2024. The competition is open to plein air artists the world over, who can apply online beginning December 1. Each year, 58 artists are selected to participate in the competition by a unique juror. This year's competition takes place from July 12-21. The Quick Draw event (open to all) will be held on July 20. Judge for 2024: Nancy Tankersley.

Crystal Moll Gallery

Contact: Crystal Moll Phone: 443.759.4235 E-mail: crystal@crystalmoll.com Website: www.crystalmoll.com

Adkins Arboretum - Plein Air Adkins

Contact: Jenny Houghton **Phone:** 410.634.2847 **E-mail:** jhoughton@adkinsarboretum.org **Website:** www.adkinsarboretum.org

Plein Air Painters of the Chesapeake Bay

Contact: Diane Mullaly **Phone:** 410.253.2196 **E-mail:** dunepainter@earthlink.net **Website:** www.facebook.com/dianedubois.mullaly

Massachusetts

Berkshire Plein Air

Dates: June 15-October 11, 2024 Opening Reception: July 25, 2024

Entry Deadline: October 4, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Guild of Berkshire Artists Venue: Berkshire County City: West Stockbridge State: Massachusetts Format: Open Contact: Karen Carmean Phone: 617.868.7082 E-mail: info@berkshireartists.org Website: www.berkshireartists.org/pleinair Create art outdoors with Berkshire Plein Air of Western Massachusetts. Daily 10am-1pm except Sundays, weather permitting, June-October. Meet at a beautiful Berkshire location: Hancock Shaker Village, The Mount, the Berkshire Botanical Garden. Work until noon, then positive critique over lunch (bring or buy). Oil, acrylic, photography, watercolors, pastel, drawing, digital painting encouraged. Bring your own supplies. Open to all levels. Come for a day, a week. Join us for exhibits, quick draws, demonstrations, workshops, competitions! BerkshireArtists.org/ pleinair. We also go to The Clark, Mount Greylock, Oxbow on Housatonic, a horse farm, Tyringham Cobble, Lake Cheshire, Bartholomew's Cobble, Stockbridge, Lenox, Great Barrington, Sheffield.

25th Annual National Juried Exhibition

Dates: September 27-October 26, 2024 Opening Reception: September 26, 2024 Entry Deadline: June 10, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: American Impressionist Society Venue: Rockport Art Association and Museum City: Rockport State: Massachusetts

Format: Juried Juror(s) of Awards: Carolyn Anderson AISM Award Total: \$80,000

Contact: Liz Ahrens Phone: 231.881.7685 E-mail: aisdirector1@gmail.com



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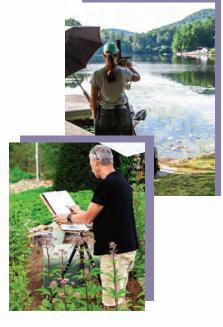
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Website: www.americanimpressionistsociety.org American Impressionist Society provides opportunities to artists working in the style of Impressionism. Annually AIS presents four juried exhibitions, panel discussions, painting demos, workshops, critiques, and painting competitions. Exhibitions and events are open to the public. Membership dues \$60 annually. AIS partners with galleries and arts organizations to present our exhibitions. 2024 includes our celebratory 25th Annual National Exhibition at Rockport Art Association and Museum, Rockport, Massachusetts, and 8th Annual Small Works Showcase at Anderson Fine Art Gallery, St. Simons Island, Georgia. Founded in 1998, AIS has grown to one of the most respected national arts organizations, with 2,200 members.

Cape Ann Plein Air 2024

Dates: October 5-13, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Cape Ann Plein Air, Inc. City: Gloucester State: Massachusetts Contact: Mike Storella Phone: 718.710.2475 E-mail: mike@capeannpleinair.com Website: www.capeannpleinair.org Known for its unique and penetrating beauty, artists

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Michigan

Paint Grand Traverse

Dates: June 15-22, 2024 Opening Reception: June 21, 2024

Entry Deadline: November 30, 2023 Sponsoring Organization: Crooked Tree Arts Center Venue: 322 Sixth Street City: Traverse City State: Michigan Format: Juried

Award Total: \$15,000

Contact: Kristi Wodek Phone: 231.941.9488 E-mail: kristi@crookedtree.org

Website: www.paintgrandtraverse.com Spend a week creating, collecting, and celebrating in one of the most beautiful places in the country! Situated on the shores of Lake Michigan and surrounded by breathtaking dunes, lush wineries, rolling farms, and charming villages, Paint Grand Traverse draws a national field of artists. The week includes workshops, live demos, and exhibitions, and culminates with the Fresh Paint Party featuring the work of 32 nationally recognized artists. Crooked Tree Arts Center invites you to be a part of the 7th annual Paint Grand Traverse!

Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival

Contact: Josh Tanghe **Phone:** 734.426.8303 **E-mail:** paintdexter@gmail.com **Website:** www.paintdexter.com

Minnesota

Plein Air Grand Marais

Dates: September 6-14, 2024 **Opening Reception:** September 13, 2024

Entry Deadline: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Outdoor Painters of Minnesota Venue: Johnson Heritage Post Art Gallery

City: Grand Marais State: Minnesota

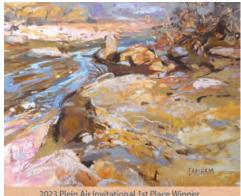


Plein Air Southwest is juried membership paint out event presented by the Outdoor Painters Society. The 2024 event is hosted by Galveston Historical Foundation, Galveston, Texas. Juried artists will compete for \$25,000+ in cash and merchandise. Artists paint for 5 days and nights at selected locations within the city of Galveston.

Entrant must be at least 18 years of age and a member of Outdoor Painters Society. Join or renew at **www.outdoorpainterssociety.com**

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Minnesota to Montana



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Format: Open, Juried, and Invitational Juror(s) of Awards: Brock Larson Award Total: \$6,500

Contact: Allison Eklund **Phone:** 651.592.7858 **E-mail:** events@outdoorpaintersofminnesota.org **Website:** www.outdoorpaintersofminnesota.org/ plein-air-grand-marais.html

For more than 20 years, painters from across the country have gathered to paint in Cook County, Minnesota, from Lake Superior to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Daily workshops, paint-outs, artist socials, and a hootenanny make this a beloved tradition. All painters are welcome: The Open Class is oriented toward learning artists, and the Competition Class is juried. An Invitational Class features workshop instructors and painters from the Arrowhead region of Minnesota. Join us in 2024!

Outdoor Painters of Minnesota

Dates: September 6-14, 2024 **Opening Reception:** September 13, 2024

Entry Deadline: May 1, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Outdoor Painters of Minnesota Venue: Johnson Heritage Post Art Gallery City: Grand Marais State: Minnesota

Format: Open, Juried, and Invitational Juror(s) of Awards: Brock Larson Award Total: \$6,500 Contact: Allison Eklund Phone: 651.592.7858 E-mail: events@outdoorpaintersofminnesota.org Website: www.outdoorpaintersofminnesota.org/ plein-air-grand-marais.html

OPM is a thriving nonprofit plein air painting organization with 200 members ranging from beginners to advanced amateur and professional painters. Your \$40 calendar-year membership fee includes opportunities to participate in juried and open exhibits coordinated with community partners and other arts organizations, plus monthly paint-outs, quarterly workshops and plein air demonstrations, educational presentations, and "shop talk" artist socials twice every month on Zoom. Enjoy affordable painting retreats and expeditions and volunteer opportunities to plan and organize new plein air activities and painting trips. Join now to participate in the exciting events we have planned in 2024!

Missouri

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Contact: Lynn Buchheit **Phone:** 314.239.3988 **E-mail:** augustapleinair@gmail.com **Website:** www.augustapleinair.com Enjoy spring in Missouri wine country! Augusta is waiting for you to paint vineyards, wineries, farms, bluffs, and the Missouri River. This 10-day event has 16 paint-outs, three theme paints, workshops, and a final sale and festival! The final judging awards Best of Show, Artists' Choice, People's Choice, plus First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention in four categories. An art gallery is open daily to display and sell your artwork created during the festival. Open to all levels.

Montana

Paint Under the Big Sky

Dates: June 1-July 31, 2024 Opening Reception: June 29, 2024 Entry Deadline: June 1, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Big Sky Artists Venue: Big Sky Artists Studio & Gallery City: Big Sky State: Montana Format: Open Juror(s) of Awards: TBA Award Total: TBA Contact: Annie McCoy Phone: 410.463.0645 E-mail: bigskyartistscollective@gmail.com Website: www.bigskyartistscollective.com/ event/184958/paint-under-the-big-sky-plein-air-event Join us for painting in Big Sky, Montana, the "Last Best Place" for the most spectacular scenery in

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Dates: August 26-31, 2024 Opening Reception: August 31, 2024

Entry Deadline: March 31, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Hockaday Museum of Art Venue: Hockaday Museum of Art City: Kalispell State: Montana Format: Juried

Juror(s) of Awards: TBD Award Total: \$250 x 2 Contact: Alyssa Cordova Phone: 406.755.5268 E-mail: information@hockadaymuseum.com Website: www.hockadavmuseum.com Plein Air Glacier 2024. Paint in beautiful Northwest Montana and Glacier National Park! Join us for the 17th year of this fun juried painting event, exhibition, and sale. Apps due: March 31, 2024. Jury notification: May 1. Paint-out, hikes, party, and sale: August 26-31. Party and sale: Saturday, August 31, 4-7 pm. Exhibition and online sale: September 3-October 5.

Plein Air Montana 2024

Dates: July 28-August 3, 2024 Opening Reception: August 3, 2024

Entry Deadline: March 18, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Bozeman Art Museum Venue: Bozeman Art Museum City: Bozeman State: Montana

Format: Invitational & limited Open, Juried Juror(s) of Awards: TBA Award Total: TBA Contact: Linda Williams Phone: 406.570.1419 E-mail: linda@bozemanartmuseum.org Website: bozemanartmuseum.org

The Bozeman Art Museum presents Plein Air Montana 2024, with a hybrid of returning and juried artists painting from July 28 through August 3 in beautiful Southwest Montana. With locations from downtown to the mountains just outside of Bozeman, artists have the opportunity to create some remarkable work, which will be eligible for awards and sales. The artwork will remain on display and available for purchase throughout the month of August. Opening night will be August 3 after a morning Quick Draw paint-out. Enjoy social gatherings, buyers' events, and workshops. Artist applications are available at bozemanartmuseum. ora.

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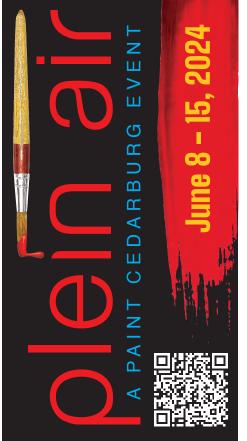
Paint the Nebraska Sandhills

Dates: May 11-18, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Mullen Arts Center, Dismal River Club Venue: Dismal River Club City: Mullen State: Nebraska Contact: Stephanie Carter-Nielsen Phone: 801.389.6238 E-mail: stephaniecn3@gmail.com Website: www.facebook.com/mullenartscenter Plein air exhibit and workshop. Attend plein air painting workshop taught by Debra Joy Groesser. \$375 including lunch. Lodging available at Dismal River Club. Limited to 15 students, so apply early! Enter plein air artwork into exhibit judged by Debra Joy Groesser. Applications can be found on the Mullen Arts Center Facebook page.

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Entry Deadline: April 15, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Saranac Lake ArtWorks Venue: Town Hall City: Saranac Lake State: New York Format: Juried

Juror(s) of Awards: Valerie Craig Award Total: \$6,000+

Contact: Sandra Hildreth **Phone:** 518.832.0081 **E-mail:** info@saranaclakeartworks.org **Website:** www.saranaclakeartworks.org Come paint the landscapes that inspired the Hudson River School painters — the Adirondack Mountains of northern New York! August 12-17, 2024 will be the 16th Adirondack Plein Air Festival. Forty artists; 5 1/2 days of painting; a Special Preview Party on August 16 and a Show & Sale on August 17. Awards juror is nationally known artist Valerie Craig, who will also do a workshop August 10-11. Info online by February 1, 2024.

Roger Tory Peterson Institute Plein Air Festival Dates: September 11-14, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: RTPI

Venue: Multiple locations throughout the area **Format:** Juried

Contact: Maria Ferguson **Phone**: 716.665.2473 **E-mail:** info@rtpi.org **Website:** rtpi.org/pleinair The Roger Tory Peterson Institute Plein Air Festival is a two-day, open enrollment, plein air event in Chautauqua County, NY. Discover the beautiful scenery that inspired a young Roger Tory Peterson. Artists may display their work at a wet paint sale September 14. Artwork will be entered into a judged competition, with awards given during the closing reception September 14. Artwork submitted to the show will also be considered for an exhibition at RTPI.

Hudson Valley Plein Air Festival

Dates: October 14-19, 2024 **Opening Reception:** October 19, 2024

Entry Deadline: July 15, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Wallkill River Center for the Arts Venue: 232 Ward St. City: Montgomery State: New York Format: Juried

Juror(s) of Awards: TBA Award Total: \$4,000 Contact: Sarah Pierson Phone: 845.457.2787 E-mail: hvpleinair@gmail.com

Revel in the peak of the Northeast fall color in this historic region and the home of the famous Hudson River School artists. The landscape features charming villages, historic sites, lakes, rivers, marshes, mountainous vistas, and rolling agricultural lands. The week kicks off with a Quick Draw competition on the holiday Monday. Artists may paint anywhere on the map, or join optional group paint locations. Social nights, demos, and other activities are scheduled throughout the week for both painters and the general public. Join us for our 9th year!

Paint Adirondacks Presented by *PleinAir Magazine*

Dates: June 8-15, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: *PleinAir Magazine* Venue: Paul Smith's College City: Paul Smiths, NY *Contact: PleinAir Magazine Phone: 561.655.8778 or 800.610.5771 Website: paintadirondacks.com PleinAir Magazine*'s Eric Rhoads started the Publisher's Invitational so his friends could join him in the Adirondacks to paint. An invitation is no longer required. This event is a chance for busy painters who need a break — a chance to slow down, reconnect with friends, and paint beautiful Desert Plein Air Association 3rd Annual Plein Air Festival **'Paint the Desert- Plein Air''** Palm Springs - La Quinta

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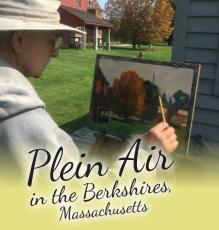


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International Plein Air Painters

Contact: International Plein Air Painters **Phone:** 905.354.8692 **E-mail:** info@i-p-a-p.com **Website:** www.i-p-a-p.com

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Contact: Jeanne Salucci **Phone:** 631.241.3749 **E-mail:** www.palspleinair.com **Website:** www.palspleinair.com

North Carolina

North Carolina Plein Air Art Festival - New Bern Dates: May 12-19, 2024 Entry Deadline: January 10, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: North Carolina Plein Air Art Festival in New Bern

Venue: New Bern Farmers' Market - 421 S Front Street City: New Bern Format: Combination Contact: Kippy Hammond Phone: 252.558.1689 E-Mail: info.ncpleinair@gmail.com Website: www.ncpleinair.org

Submission Juror: Shanna Kunz **Awards Judge:** James Richards

Now in its 4th year, North Carolina Plein Air Art Festival in New Bern hosts 35 nationally acclaimed plein air artists in Eastern Carolina, rich in maritime and historic sites. Exhibition/Sales Gallery with fresh paintings daily in New Bern, plus paint-outs and pop-up exhibits in Oriental and Beaufort, NC, make a spectacular week of demos, workshops, forums, mentoring sessions, and youth activities. \$12,000 in cash prizes, \$4,000 Best of Show. Workshops by Shanna Kunz and James Richards. Following our Quick Paint May 19, join our caravan to Cherokee, NC, for PACE, May 20-24. Call to Artists for submissions, deadline January 10.

Cashiers Plein Air Festival

Dates: July 15-20, 2024 Opening Reception: July 17, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: The Village Green of Cashiers, NC Venue: The Village Green City: Cashiers State: North Carolina Format: Invitational Juror(s) of Awards: TBD Award Total: TBD

Contact: Ashlie Mitchell **Phone:** 404.980.9361 **E-mail:** director@cashiersgreen.com **Website:** www.cashierspleinairfestival.com Eighteen invitational plein air artists paint en plein air to capture the landscape and beauty of the Cashiers area in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Artist originals hang in a special pop-up gallery held in The Village Green's Lewis Hall from July 15-20. Proceeds from the sale of these unique paintings benefits The Village Green, Cashiers' 20-acre nonprofit park for community enjoyment.

2024 Blowing Rock Plein Air Festival Dates: August 20-24, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Blowing Rock Art & History Museum City: Blowing Rock State: North Carolina Format: Open

Contact: Jennifer Garonzik Phone: 828.295.9099 E-mail: iennifer@blowingrockmuseum.org Website: www.blowingrockpleinair.org The Blowing Rock Plein Air Festival is a fourday, open enrollment plein air painting event. It takes place in the beautiful mountainous area surrounding the town of Blowing Rock in western North Carolina, from Tuesday, August 20, to Saturday, August 24, 2024. The festival aims to bring painters together from around the world to paint outside in the fresh air while getting to know each other and sharing their work. The event prompts applicants to explore the unique Blowing Rock architecture, spectacular Blue Ridge Mountain views, and overall Appalachian feel of one of the most scenic areas in the country.

Orange County Arts Commission

Contact: Katie Murray **Phone:** 919.245.2335 **Website:** www.artsorange.org Paint it Orange Plein Air Paint-Out. October 2-4, 2024. Chapel Hill-Carrboro-Hillsborough, North Carolina, artsorange.org/paintitorange.

Ohio

21st Annual Plein Air Competition Dates: September 20-22, 2024 Opening Reception: September 22, 2024 Entry Deadline: September 16, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Ohio Plein Air Society Venue: New Towne Gallery City: Millersburg State: Ohio Format: Open Award Total: \$5,000 Contact: Debra Joyce Dawson Phone: 740.739.1791 E-mail: info@ohiopleinairsociety.com Website: www.ohiopleinairsociety.com Artists paint anywhere in Holmes County, OH. Home to the 2nd-largest Amish population in the U.S.A., landscapes feature rolling hills and valleys. Killbuck and Doughty Valleys offer marshes, wetlands, and forests. Millersburg offers historic architecture: Port Washington Road is Ohio's first state road. "Rails to Trails" offers views of wetlands with local flora and fauna. Discover local legends at Panther's Hollow and Salem Cemetery's "Headless Angel." Enjoy having private access to several Amish farms.

Central Ohio Plein Air

Contact: Rod Hayslip Phone: 614.793.0860 E-mail: rodhayslip@gmail.com Website: www.centralohiopleinair.com

Pennsylvania

Wayne Art Center 2024 Plein Air Festival - 16th Annual

Dates: May 5-10, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Wayne Art Center Venue: Wayne Art Center City: Wayne State: Pennsylvania Format: Juried Juror(s) of Awards: Jill Carver Award Total: \$20,000+

Contact: Pam McLean-Parker **Phone:** 610.688.3553 **E-mail:** pam@wayneart.org **Website:** www.waynepleinair.org Jill Carver (Colorado), nationally acclaimed artist, will select 32 plein air artists to participate in Wayne Art Center's 2024 Plein Air Festival and present \$20,000+ in cash awards at the Collectors' Preview & Sale May 10. Approximately 300 paintings will be on display at WAC through June 22. Carver will present a 3-day workshop May 13-15.



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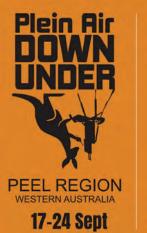
Every year for over 20 years, painters from across the country have gathered to paint in Grand Marais, Minnesota, from the North Shore of Lake Superior and up the Gunflint Trail to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Daily workshops, paint-outs, artist socials and a traditional hootenanny with the "Plain Errors" make this a beloved annual tradition. All painters are welcome: the Open Class is oriented toward learning artists, and the Competition Class is juried. An Invitational Class features Workshop Instructors and painters from the Arrowhead region of Minnesota. Join us in Grand Marais in 2024!

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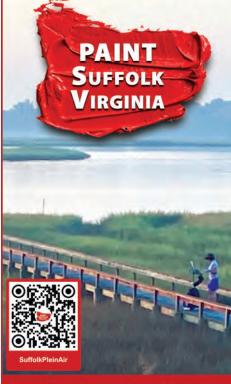
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Plein Air West Reading 2024

Dates: June 8-15, 2024 Entry Deadline: March 1, 2024 Juror(s) of Awards: Mick McAndrews Award Total: \$6,000+ City: Berks County State: Pennsylvania Contact: Russell Slocum Phone: 610.796.0418 E-mail: slocumadv@gmail.com Website: www.artplusgallerypa.com New for the 9th annual competition: larger display panels, each with LED lighting; up to 6 days to paint anywhere in Berks County, PA; and at least 12 awards totaling \$6000+. Juror Mick McAndrews will select 30 artists from entries received by March 1, 2024. Patrons Preview and awards Friday evening. On Saturday, it will be the keystone exhibit at the Art on the Avenue festival. Option for 2-week extended exhibit at Art Plus Gallery. Host housing or discount lodging for visiting artists. Registration \$40, prospectus and entry form

available January 1, 2024 at www.artplusgallerypa.

River Towns Plein Air

Contact: Marita Hines Phone: 717.314.9551 E-mail: info@mariettaartalive.com Website: www.mariettaartalive.com

South Dakota

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De Smet South Dakota Harvey Dunn Plein Air Dates: August 8-11, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: Harvey Dunn Society Venue: Ingalls Homestead & De Smet Event Center City: De Smet State: South Dakota Format: Open Award Total: \$500 & prizes Contact: Janae Bell Phone: 320.894.7540 E-mail: sjbell83@gmail.com

Website: www.facebook.com/harveydunnsociety Paint the prairies of South Dakota and the "Little Town on the Prairie" where Harvey Dunn painted and Laura Ingalls Wilder homesteaded. 15th Annual ... is the longest-running plein air in South Dakota. Everything free, including registration, workshops, children's workshop, receptions, and "wet sale." Beginners & pros welcome. Many residents attend to buy artwork Sunday. Artists attend from many states and say, "This is the most fun, well-organized, and friendliest paint-out I've attended. You will love it!"

7th Annual Black Hills Plein Air Paint Out Dates: September 19-21, 2024 Opening Reception: September 20, 2024 Entry Deadline: August 1, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Hill City Arts Council Venue: TBD City: Hill City State: South Dakota Format: Juried Juror(s) of Awards: TBD Award Total: \$2,000

Contact: Deb Ollerich Phone: 605.574.2810 E-mail: info@hillcityarts.org

Website: www.hillcityarts.org/plein-air Artists will gather in Hill City, South Dakota, to paint the beautiful Black Hills area, choosing from a variety of picturesque locations while visitors have the chance to watch "art in the making." The area offers rolling green hills, thick green forests, prairies, lakes, creeks, and wildlife. Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase artwork created at the event. Join us for this unique experience that will have you coming back to the Hills year after year!

Tennessee

Artists on Location

Dates: April 15-20, 2024 Opening Reception: April 20, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: Knoxville Museum of Art Venue: Knoxville Museum of Art City: Knoxville State: Tennessee Format: Juried Juror(s) of Awards: Anne Blair Brown Award Total: \$2,000

Contact: Julia Connor Phone: 865.254.8257 E-mail: julia.b.connor@gmail.com Website: www.knoxart.org

Artists on Location returns to the Knoxville Museum of Art the third week of April 2024. Art collectors and new buyers show strong support for this popular event. Artists have an opportunity to paint outdoors over several days at sites in and around scenic Knoxville, TN. Well-known landmarks will be perfect for interactions with the public, from the Smokies to downtown Market Square. On Saturday, April 20, artists' works will be judged for awards and paintings will be available for sale during the Art Show and Sale from 5 until 9 pm at the Knoxville Museum of Art.

Plein Air Smokies

Date: September 2-28, 2024 **Opening Reception**: September 27, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: Friends of the Smokies Venue: Clayton Center for the Arts City: Maryville State: Tennessee Format: Juried Juror(s) of Awards: Mark Boedges

Award Total: \$20,000 Contact: Lauren Gass Phone: 865.257.4776 E-mail: lauren@friendsofthesmokies.org Website: www.pleinairsmokies.org Twenty Featured Artists will be juried to participate in the weeklong event where they will paint within the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Hosted by Friends of the Smokies, the official

philanthropic partner of the park, artists will stay all in one location together (each with their own private room) within one mile of the park entrance in East Tennessee. Four alternates will also be juried as possible backups.

11th Annual Plein Air Convention & Expo

Dates: May 20-24, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: PleinAir Magazine Location: Smoky Mountains Contact: PleinAir Magazine Phone: 561.655.8778 or 800.610.5771 Website: pleinairconvention.com The Plein Air Convention & Expo is the world's largest gathering of outdoor artists. With a faculty of over 80 instructors, the event is designed to inspire painters and fine-tune their skills. The convention features indoor painting demonstrations, with big-screen views, in water media, pastel, and oil painting. Daily painting as a group features instructors who offer suggestions as you paint. The giant Expo Hall features art supplies and frames at deep, convention-only discounts. There is also an art show of faculty and attendee artworks that is open to the public. In 2024 we will have pre-convention workshops in oil with Joe Paquet, watercolor with Amit Kapoor, and pastel, artist TBA (pre-registration required).

Johnson County Center for the Arts Cultural Heritage Plein Air Event

Contact: Temple Reece **Phone:** 423.460.3313 **E-mail:** johnsoncountycenterforthearts@outlook. com **Website:** www.jocoartcenter.org



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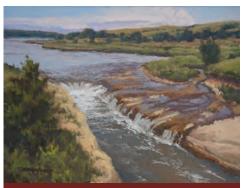
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Hudson Valley Plein Air Festival

9th Annual Festival

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Texas

Plein Air Southwest 2024 Dates: May 5-11, 2024 Opening Reception: May 10 - VIP invitational

Entry Deadline: January 2, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Outdoor Painters Society Venue Location: 1880 Garten Verein, 27th & O Avenue City: Galveston State: Texas Contact: Tina Bohlman Phone: 972.741.6154 E-mail: tina@tinabohlman.com

Website: www.outdoorpainterssociety.com Annually, to showcase the incredible talent within our 300-plus-member association, we produce Plein Air Southwest, a juried painting competition event that attracts national attention and elite artists and is promoted and featured in major art magazines. With a \$5,000 Best in Show, the awards total over \$25,000 in cash and merchandise, and the event has earned the reputation among collectors and artists as one of the premier competition events in the Southwest. Artists are members of the Outdoor Painters Society and considered some of the best plein air painters working today.

Paint the Town

Dates: April 21-27, 2024 Opening Reception: April 21, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: Highland Lakes Creative Arts Venue: Lakeside Pavilion City: Marble Falls State: Texas Format: Juried Juror(s) of Awards: Charlie Hunter Award Total: \$12,000

Contact: Erin Hinzmann **Phone:** 512.970.8087 **E-mail:** paintmarble@gmail.com

Website: www.hlcarts.com/paint-the-town-festival Experience a week of celebrating the arts in Texas! Renowned artist Charlie Hunter returns as the juried judge for Paint the Town 2024 in the beautiful lakeside community of Marble Falls, 40 miles from Austin, TX. Thirty plein air artists from around the region will compete to capture the outdoor beauty of the Texas Hill Country. With a pop-up sales gallery, a live demonstration by Charlie Hunter, and parties throughout the week, there is so much to do to get fully immersed in Marble Falls' Paint the Town!

En Plein Air Frisco 2024

Dates: April 24-27, 2024 Opening Reception: April 27, 2024

Entry Deadline: March 25, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Visual Arts Guild of Frisco Venue: The Grove at the Commons City: Frisco State: Texas Format: Open and Juried Juror(s) of Awards: TBA Award Total: \$2,000

Contact: Jennifer Luney **Phone:** 214.770.6154 **E-mail:** finance@vagf.org **Website:** www.vagf.org In collaboration with Play Frisco – City of Frisco Parks and Recreation Department, Visual Arts Guild of Frisco presents En Plein Air Frisco 2024. The Grove at the Commons, 8300 McKinney Rd., Frisco, TX, April 25-27, 2024. Juried onsite for cash prizes. Reception April 27, 5:30-7:30 pm. Paint/ draw 3 days in the parks of Frisco w/optional wet paint/quick draw competition. Submission open to the public, \$55; VAGF members \$10 discount (e-mail info@vagf.org for the member code).

Ellis County Art Association

Contact: DaveMcSpadden **Phone:** 214.732.2456 **Email:** mcspaddendave@gmail.com **Website:** www.elliscountyart.net/phw The 17th Annual Paint Historic Waxahachie Event is the place to be in Texas for 2024 from 5/17-5/24. A Patrick Saunders Workshop on 5/21, 22, and 23 will highlight the event. After a reception on the evening of 5/17, there will be multiple events, happy hours, tours, and an awards party to wrap up the week. Come see and paint in the five National Historic Districts and the most painted and photographed courthouse building in Texas. See our ad, check out our website for registration, and register for the Patrick Saunders Workshop separately. Y'all come!

Brushes by the Beach

Dates: October 3-20, 2024 Opening Reception: October 26, 2024 Entry Deadline: October 19, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: G. Lee Gallery Venue: G. Lee Gallery City: Galveston State: Texas Format: Open Juror(s) of Awards: TBD Award Total: TBD

Contact: Brenda Donaloio Lee Phone: 409.370.7350 E-mail: brendadonaloio@ sbcglobal.net **Website:** www.gleegallery.net Wrap up your plein air year with warmer weather on Galveston Island. Can't travel to the Island? No worries, this open plein air event accepts online plein air submissions created anywhere within the U.S. But if you can come to the Island, your plein air challenges will reach from beach to bay, historic neighborhoods, iconic landmarks, and a working port. We enjoy welcoming back, year after year, beginners to pros. Cash prizes and ribbons awarded.

Two Rivers Plein Air

Dates: October 14-19, 2024 Opening Reception: October 14, 2024 Entry Deadline: August 1, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: New Braunfels Art League Venue: New Braunfels Art League Gallery City: New Braunfels State: Texas Format: Open Juror(s) of Awards: TBA Award Total: \$3,000

Contact: Mary Hammond Phone: 210.845.2380

E-mail: tworiverspleinair@gmail.com **Website:** www.thenewbraunfelsartleague.com Come experience the charm of historical New Braunfels, Texas! The \$75 entry fee covers the plein air event and the Quick Draw with the Meet & Mingle. The first 35 artists will be accepted, with 10 alternates. Quick Draw (October 14) is open to outside artists as a one-day activity for a \$30 entry fee. Art will be on display and for sale during the week of the event. See NBAL website for registration information.

EnPleinAirTEXAS

Dates: October 20-26, 2024 Entry Deadline: May 15, 2024 City: San Angelo State: Texas Format: Juried

Contact: Barbara Rallo **Phone:** 325.656.2500 **E-mail:** paint@enpleinairtexas.com **Website:** www.enpleinairtexas.com In the 1920s artists gathered on the clear spring waters of the Concho River, never dreaming today we'd be doing the same! EnPleinAirTEXAS celebrates 10 years of capturing the authentic West. Come paint on iconic private ranches and the eclectic downtown of San Angelo along that same Concho River. The nationally acclaimed San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts welcomes you with West Texas hospitality, with host homes and innovative events! Come experience the prestigious EnPleinAirTEXAS!

Utah

Escalante Canyons Art Festival

Dates: September 20-29, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Envision Escalante City: Escalante State: Utah Format: Open Award Total: \$11,000

Contact: Ruthanne Oliver **E-mail:** info@ escalantecanyonsartfestival.org

Website: www.escalantecanyonsartfestival.org Southern Utah's canyon country with fall colors and stunning light! Join us to paint and celebrate the spectacular Escalante Canyons and surrounding areas. Hosted in Escalante, Utah along Scenic Byway 12 between Bryce Canyon and Capitol Reef National Parks, in the heart of Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. Plein air, nocturne, and quick draw competitions, exhibits, in-person art sales, workshops and hands-on-art programs, demonstrations, arts and crafts fair, live music, and roving talks.

Virginia

The Arts of Great Falls

Date: May 18-25, 2024 **Entry Deadline:** March 18, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: The Arts of Great Falls Venue: The Arts of Great Falls City: Great Falls State: Virginia Format: Open Award Total: \$2,500

Contact: Meralee Fredenburgh **Phone:** 703.795.2137 **E-mail:** meralee@artsofgreatfalls. org Website: www.artsofgreatfalls.org Join us for the 10th Annual Paint Great Falls! Artists will capture the spring colors and gorgeous scenery in Great Falls, Virginia - less than 45 minutes from Washington, DC, but a world away, with rolling hills, tree-lined country roads, horse properties, and historic buildings. Paint the waterfall in Great Falls National Park on the Potomac River, historic Colvin Run Mill, charming Great Falls Village Centre, exquisite private gardens, and historic farms. A list of suggested painting locations will be provided. Weeklong event includes a Quick Draw and culminates with an Award Ceremony Art Show & Sale.

Paint Menokin

Date: May 15-18, 2024 Opening Reception: May 15, 2024 Entry Deadline: April 30, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Menokin Foundation and JART, Inc. Venue: 4037 Menokin Rd. City: Warsaw State: Virginia Format: Open Contact: Janice Jones Phone: 703.887.2878 E-mail: theartscenterofmontross@gmail.com Website: www.theartscenterofmontross.com Paint Menokin. A relaxed and social plein air event with 40 artists painting at scenic Menokin. Featured are a Wednesday-evening reception, Friday picnic, and Saturday-evening framed wet-paint exhibit and reception. No competition or expectations. Just come paint with friends in the beautiful grounds of Menokin. Registration opens February 1,

first come, first served. Follow www. theartscenterofmontross.com and www. menokin.org for continuing development of this event.

Suffolk Plein Air Festival

Dates: September 10-14, 2024 Opening Reception: September 13, 2024 Entry Deadline: March 1, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Suffolk Tourism, Downtown Suffolk, Suffolk Art League, and Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts Venue: Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts Venue: Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts City: Suffolk State: Virginia Format: Juried Juror(s) of Awards: TBD

Award Total: \$5,000

Contact: Sandy Hart Phone: 757.641.8120 E-mail: suffolkpleinair@gmail.com Website: www.suffolkpleinair.org The City of Suffolk, Virginia, warmly welcomes artists to paint our pristine waterways, beautiful farmlands, and historic downtown. This juried event includes an artists' luncheon; a ticketed Wet Paint Sale & Soirée Awards Reception, with cash prizes over \$5,000; plus our "Paint the Taste" QuickDraw competition held during our city's 18th annual "Taste of Suffolk" Downtown Street Festival that attracts 5,000+ people from all around the region. Local residents offer

The 4th Floyd Plein Air Biennial

event.

Dates: September 22-28, 2024 Opening Reception: September 23, 2024 Entry Deadline: February 14, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: The Floyd Center for the Arts Venue: The Floyd Center for the Arts City: Floyd State: Virginia Juror(s) of Awards: TBA Award Total: TBA

lodging, and special hotel rates are available. We

invite you to join us for this fun artist-focused

Contact: Joli Ayn Wood **Phone:** 540.449.9078 **E-mail:** joliaynwood@gmail.com **Website:** www.floydartcenter.org Paint Southwestern Virginia's most picturesque views during the 4th Floyd Plein Air Biennial, September 22-28, 2024! Artists will immerse themselves in the rolling hills of expansive Floyd County, painting vistas of the Blue Ridge Parkway, the beautiful Little River, local farms, and the Town of Floyd. Events include

demonstrations, Artist Welcome Reception, Artist/Patron Dinner, Wet Paint Sales, Quick Draw Contest at the Floyd Country Store and Friday Night Jamboree, and Gala Celebration and art sale. Event schedule and application at floydartcenter.org. This is a juried and invitational selection. Apply starting January 3, 2024, with deadline to apply February 14, 2024!

Plein Air Abingdon

Dates: October 3-5, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Virginia Highlands Festival City: Abingdon State: Virginia Format: Open Award Total: \$4,000

Contact: Deirdre Cole Phone: 423.963.9007 E-mail: info@vahighlandsfestival.org Website: www.vahighlandsfestival.org Plein Air Abingdon is a three-day, open enrollment painting event now celebrating its 8th year. We invite our community to participate in a town-wide art celebration produced by the Virginia Highlands Festival. Visitors can witness creativity at work on Abingdon's sidewalks and farms. Artists spend three days painting in the open air with direct inspiration from the mountains, fields, streams, and historic buildings unique to Abingdon, VA. Familyfriendly events each night will offer artists the chance to sell their day's work and art connoisseurs to obtain their next masterpiece. Finale exhibit will be hosted by William King Museum of Art.

Tappahannock Artist Guild

Contact: George Jennings Phone: 804.761.7432 E-mail: george@gbooker3.com Website: www.tapparts.org

The Rappahannock Wildlife Refuge Friends

Contact: Kathryn Murray Phone: 804.450.4442 E-mail: kam129@aol.com Website: www.rwrfriends.org/about-us

Washington

2024 PAWA Organization

Contact: Fatima Young Phone: 206.954.0157 E-mail: pawapr@pleinairwashingtonartists.com Website: www.pleinairwashingtonartists.com Plein Air Washington Artists. Janelle Kroner, President president@pleinairwashingtonartists. com; www.pleinairwashingtonartists.com PAWA, in its 24th year as a nonprofit organization, has 350-plus members. Our mission is promoting and encouraging plein air painting throughout the state of Washington. A \$30 membership includes participation in our statewide paint-outs and pop-ups, winter paintins, and two annual juried gallery exhibitions. Additionally, nationally recognized artists instruct at workshops for members. Become a member. Join us on location. Visit: www.pleinairwashingtonartists.com/join.

Gage Academy of Art

Contact: Madeline Jones Phone: 206.323.4243 E-mail:jones.m@gageacademy.org Website: www.gageacademy.org

Wisconsin

Plein Air: A Paint Cedarburg Event

Dates: June 8-15, 2024 **Opening Reception:** June 14, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: Cedarburg Artist Guild Venue: Cedarburg State: Wisconsin Format: Open Award Total: \$8,000 Contact: Katherine de Shazer Phone: 262.365.8958 E-mail: katherine.deshazer@gmail. com Website: www.cedarburgartistsguild.com Plein Air: A Paint Cedarburg Event is the largest gathering of outdoor painters in Wisconsin. Our historic downtown, charming farmland, Lake Michigan shoreline, and diverse Ozaukee County scenery provide endless artistic inspiration. The week begins with Fresh from Cedarburg, a unique painting event, exhibition, and public sale held in the Historic District. The 5-day plein air Main Event includes artistic social gatherings and culminates with an exhibition, buyer event, and awards at Cedarburg Cultural Center.

Door County Plein Air Festival

Dates: July 21-27, 2024 Opening Reception: July 26, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: Peninsula School of Art Venue: Peninsula School of Art City: Fish Creek State: Wisconsin Format: Invitational Juror(s) of Awards: Charlie Hunter Award Total: \$18,000

Contact: Crystal Chesnik **Phone:** 920.868.3455 **E-mail:** exhibit@peninsulaschoolofart.org **Website:** www.doorcountypleinair.com The Door County Plein Air Festival features 35 invited plein air masters and takes place among the diverse natural beauty and quaint harbor towns of the Door Peninsula. Listen and learn from daily artist demonstrations. Tour partner galleries where artists paint on site. View and purchase fresh paintings at our Friday-night Collectors' Preview. Bid for your favorite quickpaint piece in Saturday's live auction or purchase art during the open house. Online exhibition and sale through August 10, 2024.

11th Annual Paint the Point

Dates: August 7-10, 2024 Entry Deadline: June 30, 2024

Sponsoring Organization: Arts Mineral Point, Inc. Venue: Historic Masonic Lodge #1 City: Mineral Point State: Wisconsin Format: Open Jurors(s) of Awards: A committee of three arts professionals TBA. **Award Total:** Over \$8,000

Contact: Ried Knapp E-mail: contact@artsmp. org **Phone:** 608.285.2958 Website: www.artsmp.org The 11th annual Paint the Point will feature 45 artists competing in Main Event, Nocturne, Quick Paint, and Postcard events with over \$8,000 in cash and prizes. Main Event paintings may be painted throughout Mineral Point and neighboring Dodgeville townships. Mineral Point, a frontier mining town, was founded in 1826 and holds the slogan "Where Wisconsin Began." It is located in the heart of the Driftless Region - an area noted for beautiful vistas unscathed by the last glacial period. Historic limestone vernacular architecture and surrounding idyllic countryside offer artists tremendous creative options.

International

Canada

Vancouver, BC

Winding Rivers Arts and Performance Society Contact: Martina Duncan Phone: 250.453.2022 E-mail: windingriversarts@gmail.com Website: www.windingriversarts.ca

Ontario

The Great Migration Paint-Out Plein Air Painting Competition, Exhibition, and Sale

Dates: October 17-20, 2024 Opening Reception: October 20, 2024 Entry Deadline: October 16, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: The Town of Kingsville Venue: The Grovedale Arts and Culture Centre City: Kingsville Province: Ontario Format: Open

Award Total: Over \$4,000 Contact: Layne van Loo E-mail: layne.vanloo@ hotmail.ca Phone: 226.345.3714

Website: www.kingsville.ca/paintout Kingsville is located on the north shore of Lake Erie on the 42nd parallel, the southernmost point in the province. The town is home to the Jack Miner Bird Sanctuary, where thousands of Canada Geese stop over to rest on their migration route in spring and fall. We welcome you to come and paint our variety of historical buildings, marinas, quaint farms, and lakeside vistas while enjoying the hospitality and amenities the town has to offer.

Windsor & Essex County Plein Air Artists

E-mail: paintpleinair@gmail.com **Website:** https://wepleinair.wordpress.com

Western Australia

Plein Air Down Under 2024, Peel Region of Western Australia

Dates: September 21-23 with extended period from September 17-24, 2024 **Opening Reception:** September 20, 2024 **September 20, 2024**

Sponsoring Organization: Mandurah Plein Air Artists Inc. Venue: Mandurah and Pinjarra Format: Open Juror(s) of Awards: Numerous jurors Award Total: \$12,000+ (AUD) Contact: Barbara Thoms E-mail: pleinairdownunder@gmail.com Website: www.pleinairdownunder.com

Plein Air Down Under is back for its sixth year, inviting artists to explore the stunning Peel Region of Western Australia — an idyllic location for those looking to capture the essence of coastal, bush, suburban, and rural landscapes. The festival weekend runs from September 21-23, with workshops and paintouts from September 17-24. With over \$12,000 worth of prizes, there are so many reasons to be inspired by Plein Air Down Under!

Ireland

Art in the Open Festival Dates: July 20-28, 2024 Sponsoring Organization: Art in the Open Venue: Greenacres City: Wexford State: County Wexford Format: Open Contact: Alma Hynes Email: artintheopen10@ amail.com Website: www.artintheopen.org Join us for the 17th Art in the Open, plein air painting week in southeast Ireland. Each day visit different locations including Wexford Town, coastal scenes, fishing villages, historic buildings and rural countryside. Bus transportation is available. Optional workshops with outstanding professional artists, volunteer stewards, social events, artist talks, costume dinner, charity quick draw event, and two-day exhibition with awards. Make Europe's largest painting festival the focal point of your Irish holiday!

Online

Watercolor Live Presented by PleinAir Magazine

Dates: January 24-26, 2024 (Essential Techniques Day January 23) Sponsoring Organization: PleinAir Magazine Venue: Online Contact: PleinAir Magazine Phone: 561.655.8778 or 800.610.5771 Website: watercolorlive.com More and more plein air painters are picking up watercolor or gouache because of the ease of travel and no need for mediums. If you want to learn about how to do it, or accelerate your progress as a painter, Watercolor Live is an online event designed for watercolor artists and those who want to be. It's 3 days of demonstrations from over 30 leading artists, plus painting critiques, roundtable discussions, Q&A with your favorite artists, painting together, and more. There's even an optional Essential Techniques Day for those that need a refresher before the main event. This event is held online, so you can enjoy it from the comfort of your own home.

PleinAir Live Presented by PleinAir Magazine

Dates: March 6-8, 2024 (Essential Techniques Day March 5) Sponsoring Organization: *PleinAir Magazine* Venue: Online Contact: PleinAir Magazine Phone: 561.655.8778 or 800.610.5771 Website: pleinairlive.com If you're looking for a way to accelerate your painting skills rapidly, and an alternative to expensive travel, PleinAir Live features 30 of the finest landscape painters on earth, over 3 days, plus an optional Essential Techniques Day before the main event starts. Essentials Day is a great opportunity for those who need a refresher before the main event, or those just starting out. Join us for demonstrations, lectures, painting critiques, discussions, group painting, and more ... all online from the

Pastel Live Presented by PleinAir Magazine

comfort of your own home.

Dates: September 18-20, 2024 (Essential Techniques Day September 17) Sponsoring Organization: PleinAir Magazine Venue: Online Contact: PleinAir Magazine Phone: 561.655.8778 or 800.610.5771 Website: pastellive.com Sometimes we want to try new mediums, or seek ways to enhance our creativity. For decades artists have turned to pastel for brilliant, vibrant colors. Pastel painting is a huge worldwide trend. Pastel Live is an online event consisting of 3 days of demonstrations from 30 of the world's leading pastel artists, lectures, painting critiques, discussions, and more. There's even an optional Essential Techniques Day before the main event. Essentials Day is a great opportunity for those that need a refresher before the main event, or those just starting out. Join a worldwide audience of passionate pastel painters and those who want to discover more about it. This event is held online, so you can enjoy it from the comfort of your own home.

Realism Live Presented by PleinAir Magazine

Dates: November 6-8, 2024 (Essential Techniques Day November 5) Sponsoring Organization: PleinAir Magazine Venue: Online Contact: PleinAir Magazine Phone: 561.655.8778 or 800.610.5771 Website: realismlive.com There are many forms of realism. For instance,

many paint impressionist paintings, while others paint or draw tight, realistic subjects. Realism Live is a 3-day virtual event that contains art instruction demonstrations, talks on art principles, lectures on art history, painting critiques, and artist roundtable discussions. It includes all styles of realism, painting mediums, and subjects including figure, portrait, still life, landscape, floral, and more. There's even an optional Essential Techniques Day before the main event. Essentials Day is a great opportunity for those who need a refresher before the main event, or those just starting out. This event is held online. so you can enjoy it from the comfort of your own home.

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