



En Plein Air

En plein air ("in open air" in french) is the act of painting outdoors and, in doing so, entirely immersing the artist in the environment of their subject. Through the use of color, movement, and natural light, plein air artists attempt to capture the raw essence of a landscape.

In modern years, there has been a resurgence of interest in plein air painting, spawning local gatherings of artists known as "paint outs" giving local artists the opportunity to showcase their work and interact with fellow artists in the process.

Famous Plein Air Painters during the Impressionist Era:
Van Gogh, Picasso, Monet, Renoir, and Cezanne

Where to Paint

Artists have the choice of One out of Seven Unique Locations including an Eighth Artist's Choice.

LOCATIONS:

- Hanson Park
- Dryer Farms
- Crane-Phyllips House
- Droescher Mill
- Eastman Clock
- Nomahegan Park
- Gazebo on N. Union & Springfield
- Artist's Choice

"Painting outdoors is a distillation of time, a capturing of the essence of existence during a specific period of the artist's experience"

- Charles Muench

What to Paint

There are no rules! From flowers in one of our town's lovely flower planters, to an entire street scene. Just enjoy the day!

From oil painting to watercolors and charcoals, all mediums are welcome.

