

21st Annual Augusta Plein Air Art Festival

RULES AND POLICIES

Welcome Plein Air Artists!

We are happy to be your hosts for the 21st Annual Augusta Plein Air Festival. The committee would like to highlight the important rules and policies that will enable us to keep the event running smoothly and safely for everyone. It is important all participants read this list and call us with any questions.

Registration required-

- **Harmonie-Verein/American Legion – 5333 Hackmann Rd., open daily 8am – 6pm**
Pick up registration packet, name badge and t-shirt upon arrival.
Canvases stamped (3-5 canvases at one time), check for posted updates
- **There will be no registration at paint out event locations**

Sales:

- Artists will be required to complete a **W-9** form before receiving sale payments of \$600 or more.
- **All** sales transactions of art generated at the Festival from April 25– May 4, 2024 **must** be processed by the Augusta Plein Air Committee. This includes sales on social media, at the paint outs and pop-up gallery, and throughout the festival. Failure to do so will make an artist ineligible for daily paint out competitions, along with the final judging and sale.
- The Augusta Chamber of Commerce will retain a 30% commission from all art sales and class fees.

General:

- Each artist is responsible for transporting their artwork and display materials.
NOTE: Legally, the Augusta Plein Air team cannot (nor can any business or host) be responsible for artwork or display materials or for the transportation of the same.
- Please keep paintings in the spirit of plein air – outdoor painting and outdoor scenes unless specifically given other instructions.

Paint Location Sites:

- Please ask permission to paint on private property (unless previously given).
- Please treat property with respect.
- Comply with directions for parking at various locations.
 - Carpool whenever possible.
 - Do not obstruct roadways. Do not park on Hwy 94.
 - Avoid obstructing other artists' view.
 - Leave prime parking spaces for public.

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Paint Outs:

- **Your badge identifies you as a participant in the Augusta Plein Air Art Festival and is required for entry into paint outs and judging.**
- Artists must check in with representative of the Augusta Plein Air Art Festival at each paint out site to participate in judging, social, and sale.
- Please observe starting times for paint outs (when specified). Arrival time at paint out location must be no earlier than 30 minutes before official start of the paint out.
- Turn in art for judging promptly at stated times, late entries will not be accepted.
- Only art completed during the specified paint out is eligible for judging.
- Art for judging must be framed or gallery wrapped and ready to hang with wire only.
- Tickets/vouchers for socials following paint outs will be issued only to artists turning in a painting for judging.
- The sponsor will select the \$500 sponsor's choice. A judge, appointed by the Plein Air Committee, will be available to help the sponsor if the sponsor chooses. The judge will then select the judge's choice from the remaining paintings.
- Artists may participate in all paint outs but are eligible to win only one \$500 sponsor's choice. The exceptions are Premier Artists Paint Out at Mount Pleasant Estates & the theme painting competitions.
- Artists are eligible to win multiple Judge's Choice awards
- After judging, please allow 30 minutes to allow public viewing and sale of art.
- Participation at paint out events is optional; artists may paint at a location of their choice at any time during the festival.
- The Premier Artist Paint Out is for winning artists of the last 5 years (2019-2023).

Judging & Final Sale:

- Each registered artist is welcome (and highly encouraged) to participate in the final sale.
- All artworks must be event-generated and authenticated (stamped).
- All artwork judged, displayed, or sold at competitions and at the Golden Ticket Gala must be generated during the 2024 event.
- Any original fine artwork piece created by the artist and completed in one of the following mediums: oil, watercolor, acrylic, or pastel may be sold in the artist's booth at the final sale. This can be studio pieces, or other plein air pieces. This does NOT include prints, mugs, calendars, jewelry, etc. Only original artwork (not reproductions) may be sold.
- Previously sold (earlier during the festival) artwork is eligible for final judging, with permission from the purchaser. Artist must plan with purchaser for delivery of such art.
- Pieces submitted for judging must be framed or gallery wrapped.
- Artists provide necessary equipment to display art: easels, screens, tent for setup outdoors, etc. Panels (6' x 2') can be rented from the Festival Committee for \$15 each.
- Each artist may display festival art within space assigned to them.
- If artist cannot be present the day of art sale, artist may have friend/family sell art.
- Chamber will provide cashiers & sales receipts for all sales.
- Any artwork remaining after the festival will become the property of the Greater Augusta Chamber of Commerce.