

19th Annual Augusta Plein Air Art Festival

Welcome Plein Air Artists!

We are happy to be your hosts for the 19th Annual Augusta Plein Air Festival. Over the years, this festival has really grown! From a small weekend event with 17 participants, to a 10-day festival with over 125 artists! Due to this growth, 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. Please sign the bottom after reading - it is part of the registration!

Registration required-

- **Harmonie-Verein/American Legion – 5333 Hackmann Rd., open daily 8am – 6pm**
Pick up registration packet, name badge and t-shirt when arriving at the festival.
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. The Greater Augusta Chamber of Commerce is required to file a 1099 with the IRS for such payments.
- **All** sales transactions of art generated at the Festival from April 20 – April 30, 2022 **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 sales.

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

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. For everyone's safety, 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 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.
- Tickets/vouchers for socials following paint outs will be issued to participating artists.
- Judging:
 - Only art completed during the specified paint out is eligible for judging.
 - If participating in a paint out, one painting for must be submitted judging.
 - Art for judging must be framed or gallery wrapped. Only wire for hanging.
 - A judge, appointed by the Plein Air Committee, will narrow the field of paintings down to the top 3-10 paintings. They will discuss their selections with the sponsor, and from the established top 3-5 paintings, the sponsor will select the \$500 sponsor's choice and the judge will select one honorable mention for judge's choice.
- 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 Sunflower Hill Farm & the theme painting competitions.
- After judging, please allow a minimum of 30 minutes before departure 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 (2017-2021).

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 must be generated during the 2021 event.
- 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.
- Only original artwork (not reproductions) may be sold.
- 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.
- Strongly recommend that artwork for sale be framed (enhances potential sale).
- 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.