

# PLEIN AIR-St. Charles

August 19 – 25, 2024

## Artist Prospectus

### Registration and Artist Selection

- Registration is open to all artists
- Entry Fee: \$40 which must be included with registration. This fee entitles artists to participate in all events (Main Event, Quick Paint, Nocturne), attendance at Monday Night Welcome Picnic, and entrance to the FreshPaint Party on August 24. This entry fee is non-refundable.
- Registration Deadline is April 26, 2024
- Entries will be juried by the St. Charles Arts Council Plein Air Committee. Up to 40 artists will be accepted.
- Artists will be notified of acceptance by May 10
- Register and pay at: [www.stcharlesartscouncil.org](http://www.stcharlesartscouncil.org)

### Check-in and Stamping

- Event headquarters: St. Charles Public Library, 1 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, St. Charles IL 60174
- Check-in and canvas stamping: Monday, August 19, 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m. Canvases can also be stamped at the library during the week
- There will be a Welcome Picnic for all participating artists on Monday, August 19

### Main Event – Monday, August 19 – Friday, August, 23

#### Guidelines for All Paintings Submitted for Judging or Sale

- Painting boundaries: All painting should take place in Kane County. You are encouraged to paint anywhere along the Fox River, in our beautiful parks or in downtown St. Charles, Geneva and Batavia which all enjoy interesting architectural buildings. Kane County is also home to beautiful horse farms, a Japanese Garden, unique houses and prairie land.
- In the spirit of plein air, 95% of each painting must be created on site. No painting from photographs or from images on mobile devices, even on location
- Up to 4 images may be submitted for judging for awards
- Media may include: oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel or gouache
- Each work submitted must be framed. Maximum frame width: 4 ¼ inches
- Maximum mat width (mat is optional): 4 inches
- Unframed dimensions will be accepted up to 324 sq. inches. As a guideline, this will accommodate standard painting sizes up to 16 x 20 inches or 18 x 18 inches
- Paintings must be securely wired for hanging; no alligator hangers
- All paintings must be date stamped at event check-in. Stamp must be visible on the back of each painting
- Artists will provide a submission form for each painting submitted (also included in Artist Packet) with artists name, title or location of painting, medium, and price. Filling cards out ahead of time will make the process go more smoothly – thank you!
- Prices may not be changed after submission, and there will be no negotiating prices at the sale

### Quick Paint – Wednesday, August 21

- Location: Mt. St. Mary Park. Time: 2-4 p.m.
- Prize for Best Quick Paint will be \$500. This will be presented at the conclusion of the Quick Paint event
- Artists are encouraged to but not required to participate in this event
- This event will be open to local artists who have not registered for Plein Air – St. Charles. Their fee to enter will be \$20

### Nocturne

- A Nocturn painting may be painted any evening between August 19 and August 23
- Artists will be responsible for declaring a painting as “Nocturne” when submitting the painting for judging
- A \$1,000 award will be given for the best nocturne painting as determined by our judge
- This event is not required of artists

## Commissions

- The St. Charles Arts Council will retain 30% commission on all paintings sales
- Artist payments will be mailed to the address provided with your registration
- Off easel sales – please respect the efforts of this event by writing a check for 30% for any off-easel purchases by Sunday, August 25

## Awards

- Approximately \$5,000 in prizes will be awarded
  - \$2,000 – Best in Show
  - \$1,000 – 2<sup>nd</sup> place
  - \$500 – 3<sup>rd</sup> place
  - \$1,000 – Best Nocturne
  - \$500 – Quick Paint
  - Honorable Mentions will be awarded as deemed appropriate by the Plein Air Judge
- Awards (other than the Quick Paint Award) will be presented at our FreshPaint Party on Saturday, August 24, 2024. This event will take place at the Baker Community Center, 101 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, St. Charles IL

## **FreshPaint Party – Saturday, August 24, 6-9 p.m. at the Baker Community Center**

- Paintings will be dropped off for judging at the Baker Community Center, 101 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, St. Charles IL on Saturday, August 24 from 9-11 a.m.
- Each artist may submit up to 4 paintings for judging
- All artwork will be on sale at this ticketed event
- **Artists are REQUIRED to attend this event in order to meet and greet the public**

## **Sunday Sales – Sunday, August 25 from 11-4 p.m. at the Baker Community Center**

- Artwork is available to the public for sale

## Unsold Painting Retrieval

- Unsold paintings may be picked up on Sunday, August 25 from 4-5 p.m. at Baker Community Center, 101 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, St. Charles
- Paintings left behind will become the property of the St. Charles Arts Council

## **Artist Liability and Certifications - By registering for this event, you have agreed to the terms below:**

- I agree to bear all risk and expense for loss, theft, or damage to my paintings or other personal property, and for injury to my person, regardless of cause
- I indemnify and hold harmless the St. Charles Arts Council from and against any claim, suit, action, liability, or expense arising out of any matter which would result from using images of myself or my paintings for publicity for Plein Air-St. Charles
- I agree to give the St. Charles Arts Council full license to make prints of the Best in Show winners, in any form, for the purpose of promoting Plein Air-St. Charles

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