

## ***Meet and Greet - Oct 8th - 5-7 pm***

A time for registered artists to meet other participants, pick up artist packets, review paintout guidelines, stamp painting surfaces, ask questions and arrange to share rides if desired

## ***Wet Paint Show & Sale - Oct. 12th***

Wheeling's Historic Centre Market is the home of Artworks Around Town which hosts this event annually.

The Ohio Valley Plein Air's exhibit, awards ceremony is held in Artworks Gallery where the artist's and event sponsors are recognized.

(a few views from the 2024 exhibit)



## ***My thoughts from 2024 and beyond***

In our fourth year, twenty-four artists registered to participate, plus over 85 students from the Marshall County School Art Classes. We all painted together on the grounds of the Palace of Gold. One of my favorite student paintings was of the ground hog that visited with the young people.

The experience of sharing the paint out with the *Journée de Peinture* and five artists from Europe was wonderful. I could not have asked for a better time of cultural exchange, artistic fellowship, and making new friends.

Artworks Around Town's members were again involved for which I am thankful. Our Art Judge and critic was impressed by the quality and variety of work completed. And the public responded by voting for their favorites as they viewed the month long show. We were able to award \$2,600 in prize money to individual artists. I would like to see that increase to \$3,000 in 2025 by giving out additional awards.

One of the off shoots of this project is that several that participated were invited to paint in Meissen Germany next year and are planning to go. Thank you to all who participated, donated, gave time, other resources and otherwise made this a great event.

### ***2024 Sponsors LBOSW5***

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# **OHIO VALLEY PLEIN AIR**



## **PAINT OUT**

Three days of outdoor painting  
in the Ohio Valley region of  
*Wild and Wonderful West Virginia*

Oct. 9th through  
Oct. 12 th, 2025.

*Registration Fee - \$40  
\$50 after 7/29/25*

Hosted by  
***Artworks Around Town***  
2200 Market Street  
Wheeling, WV 26003  
(304) 233-7540

**Oglebay Park - Oct. 9th**

In 1926, Earl W. Oglebay (of Oglebay, Waddington, and Company) deeded his estate, Waddington Farms, to the city of Wheeling for the express purpose of public recreation.

Several Waddington Farms buildings, including the Mansion Museum and the greenhouse, remain in use today. Others have been rebuilt in the style of the original structures. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

It was a beautiful day of sunshine and moderate temperatures. A great place for our European Artist friends to paint and us to enjoy some time with them.

Below are a few of last years artists.

**Christoph Trommer hard at work**



**Salwa Mollon painting at Schenk lake**



**Patty Young enjoying the day**



**Jacqueline, a master of watercolor**

Leatitia and Tiana, very much French, and still at home in WV

**Shaeffer-Campbell Covered Bridge - 1875**

**Great Western Schoolhouse & Barkcamp State Park - Oct. 10th**

The Shaeffer Campbell Covered Bridge is located on the College Pond of the Ohio University Eastern Campus in St. Clairsville, Belmont County, Ohio. The bridge was built in 1875 in the multiple kingpost truss style by Fairfield native and covered bridge builder, James W. Buchanan. The 68-foot-long wooden bridge sits atop wooden slat-pressed trusses that reach into the muddy bottom of the pond. The railings of the approaches to the bridge are designed to mirror railings found in the home of famous American writer Mark Twain.

The Great Western Schoolhouse was built in 1870 with bricks made from local clay. It has a slate roof and stands on its original foundation. One-room schools had one teacher instructing multiple grade levels. The students progressed at their own rate using McGuffey Readers, Rays Arithmetic, and Webster Spellers. This school was in continuous use until 1952 and is now on the National Register of Historic Places.

The sandstone hills of the Appalachian Plateau envelope this region of Ohio. Barkcamp State Park is one of the few places where visitors can glimpse what Ohio's forests looked like prior to settlement.

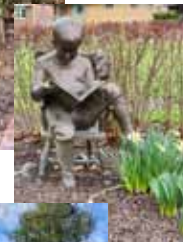
Both these sites make for a painter's delight



**Greater Wheeling - Oct. 11th**

Wheeling was settled in 1769 on land contested between colonial Pennsylvania and Virginia, and later grew to become Virginia's largest city west of the Appalachians. During the American Civil War, Wheeling was the host of the Wheeling Conventions that led to the separation of West Virginia from Virginia and served as the state capital from 1861 to 1870, and again from 1875 to 1885.

With this rich historical background, the city is full of interesting and exciting venues to paint.



**Oldest stone arch bridge in WV! Views around the Stifel Museum**



**Beautiful mausoleum in Greenwood Cemetery**



**Hidden gem in Wheeling Park**



**Fish Market**



**Steam Boat at the water front**



**Suspension Bridge**