

“Paint Out” 2025 Prospectus
Hosted by Artworks Around Town, Wheeling, WV 26003

The ***Ohio Valley Plein Air Paint out*** will be hosted by Artworks Around Town on **October 8th through the 12th** with the wet paint show and sale continuing through November 2025. The Paint Out is *open to all interested artists who register* and follow the guidelines described in this Prospectus regardless of ability.

Our purpose is to involve artists from beginners to professional plein air painters who enjoy a passion for painting outdoors using many of the scenic views, historic architecture, and small-town USA venues within 30 miles of Wheeling, WV. This is a paint out only, with no workshops or demonstrations. Artworks Around Town is located in the old Centre Market building in the very historical center of Wheeling. We will have meet and greet events, exhibitions, art awards, and of course painting.

Synopsis: Three days of outdoor open-air painting a mix of scenic views, historic architecture, and small-town USA within 25 - 30 miles of Wheeling, WV. Each day, participants will visit a different venue: (***Wed Evening, Oct 8th, 5 – 7 pm, – Artworks Around Town [Meet and greet for registered artists, pick up artist packets and review Paint Out guidelines and stamp canvas’]***; Oglebay Park on ***Thursday*** with public school students from area schools; ***Friday*** we will be at the Shaeffer-Campbell Covered Bridge, Great Western One Room School House, and Barkcamp State Park; the greater Wheeling City area on ***Saturday***; finishing up on ***Sunday afternoon*** with an Awards presentation and the wet paint show and sale opening, where the public is invited. Artists can join in at any point and paint as many or few days of the event as they like and are able

Mapping: the event locations for venues and locations to paint for the out-of-town artist. This is a must so the artists can see the area quickly to choose a painting site for their painting. The less time spent wandering the better. The artists are anxious to find choice spots. Identify the lovely areas of your community and map it for the artists. Give them visual ideas of where to look for scenes. A Google map point will be established for each site where a steward would be to stamp canvases each day.

Student Educational Opportunity: Each participating artist will be given the opportunity and encouraged to work with local art students from the local middle and high schools for one day as they paint at Oglebay Park of Thursday. The participating artists, as they themselves paint, will donate their time and expertise to the student artists. This is an educational outreach to the school community and a means to engage a wider community audience. Participating students to be selected by their respective art teachers. Students should show both the interest and artistic ability to work semi independently, thereby needing only encouragement, direction, and technical assistance. (Students will be responsible for their own transportation). Students would be grouped together after the old French model of plein air painting expeditions where one artist can advise and encourage several students at a time. There will be a prize category specifically for students currently enrolled in school. Students participating in the paint out will do so without a registration fee.

Participating artists will eligible for cash awards. (Amounts determined by the number of entries, Corporate Sponsorships, Business purchase awards, Foundation support, State and local Grants.)

Awards Event: Sunday Afternoon awards event/reception (*in place of a first Friday reception*)

Registration and Cost: registration cost is \$40.00 for those who register prior to 7/29/2025, after that date the registration cost is \$50. Registration forms will be on the website <http://www.artworksaroundtown.com> and available at the desk in Artworks Around Town. Payment can be made by check or cash to Artworks Around Town at 2200 Market St, Wheeling, WV 26003. Individuals can register for single days at \$15 per day.

Hosting the Artists: Each artist is responsible for his or her accommodation and food. A list of hotels, Bed & Breakfasts, and motels will be provided to registering artists upon request. If an individual wanted to host an artist during the

event, the responsibility for those arrangements would be between the artist and the hosting individual. Generally, the guest artist will gift a painting or other consideration to their host for the extended hospitality. AAT will not be in the business of arranging accommodations! Should there be a large number of artists register, we might approach a venue with the idea of providing a discount for each registered artist.

Sign In: Artists will need their canvas or other painting surface stamped to be officially considered for the judging part of the exhibit submissions.

Information and FAQs: Packets for registered artists will include: sites and venues, driving instructions, maps and site-specific information. Artists will supply their own art materials, easels (if needed), paints, pencils, pastels, etc. Registered artists will go to the venues of their choice within the open hours to paint ala prima works.

On site: Artists will be expected to maintain complete respect for the venues that have been generously donated for our painting pleasure. Artists will be required to wear their name tags for identification purposes at all times on site. When painting on private property, the artist must obtain permission from the owner

Submissions: Upon the end of the Paint Out, artwork should be properly framed for a “wet” hanging (**wired/no saw tooth hangers – see guidelines**). Judging, prizes, award ceremony and exhibition will follow.

Paintings, drawings and sketches only executed by the artist during the Ohio Valley Plein Air Invitational at the designated sites will be accepted. Artworks Around Town reserves the right to exclude items deemed inappropriate, or works not properly prepared for display.

Registration Point & Check-in: A Steward will be at each paint-out location to answer questions and to assist with local knowledge.

Exhibition and Sale: The “wet” show will be hung Saturday afternoon from 3 pm to 5 pm. Judging will start immediately afterwards. The exhibit opens to the public on Sunday at 2:30 pm with Awards presentations beginning at 3:00pm. Once the show opens, participating artists will be able to vote for an Artist’s Choice award for the show. All exhibited work will be available for sale unless the artist choses to show it as NFS. A light fare reception will be ongoing from 2:30 pm at the gallery (*First Friday style*). Exhibition will then extend through the end of the month.

Awards: Judge selects Best of Show, 1st, 2nd, 3rd places with 2 Honorable Mention awards, with a second category just for the middle and high school students awarding 1st, 2nd and 3rd places plus 2 Honorable Mention awards. Purchase awards may be selected by Sponsors and Supporters. A People’s Choice award will be vote selected by the public and awarded after exhibit closes at end of the month from those artists who choose to display their work until that date as well as an Artist’s Choice award.

Sales of Work: If you wish to make your work available for sale you may do so. Artworks Around Town will retain a 15% commission. There will be forms to identify, record your submissions and sales pricing. This will ensure that your artwork will be properly cared for and sales tracked.

Liability: *Artworks Around Town will do everything possible to keep each art piece safe. However, submission of an item to the Plein Air Exhibit Event is at the artist’s own risk. Paintings left for the extended exhibit will need to be picked up (Date to be determined). If you cannot, arrangements need to be made with Artworks Around Town. Artworks Around Town hours: Sunday Closed, Monday thru Thursday 10am to 5:30pm, Friday 10 Am thru 6pm. Saturday 10am to 5:30pm. *Work left more than 30 days becomes the property of Artworks Around*

Town. Artworks Around Town reserves the right to photograph any work for publicity or promotional purposes only. No compensation is provided for this use.

What if it rains? - The spirit of Plein Air is very much to be out with the elements in the fullest sense of “en plein air”. In the event of rain, you may make your own ad hoc arrangements to work under cover. Where interiors are available, they are acceptable. Doorways, porches you could use. Please check with the owner before you begin. Likewise, if you wish to paint a restaurant or cafe interior, please check with the manager first. You may also paint from a parked car.

Ohio Valley Plein Air
Paint Out Rules and Regulations

Welcome! Just a reminder for this paint out as we have some new artists joining us. Please look over and let me know if you have any questions. Enjoy your paint out!

1. All artist must register and sign-in upon arrival.
2. Each blank canvas will be inspected and stamped.
3. Use of reference photos of the area is NOT permitted
4. Artwork may NOT be permitted from reference photos and must be a direct painting of the scene surrounding artist on site. (80% of the work must be completed on-site.)
5. Artwork must be framed or have finished edges and be ready to hang.
6. ***Maximum size for paintings is 20" on any one side including frame.***
7. Artists may create as many works as they wish, however a limit of four (4) may be submitted for judging. *If a work sells, the artist will be allowed to replace it with another work completed during the paint out.*
8. It is the responsibility of the artist to get permission needed to paint on private properties.
9. For artwork to be judged it must be delivered to Artworks Around Town between 3pm and 5 pm on Saturday, September 28th.
10. Labels provided must be filled out and attached to the back of the painting.
11. Pricing of the artwork is at the discretion of the artist. Artworks Around Town will handle all sales and collect a 15% commission.
12. Artists awarded prizes will be photographed and the images may be used for promotional purposes.
13. The Paint Out is not responsible for the artwork. All art is owned by the artist, and any damages that may occur to the art are the responsibility of the artist. Our volunteers will treat the artwork with utmost care.
14. Payment from the sale of paintings will be issued by cheque and mailed no later than 30 days after the event.
15. Unsold work must be collected between 4:30 pm & 5:30 pm on Sunday (Oct, 1st) if it is not to remain for the extended show, or by prior arrangement, with the organizers. Should no arrangements be made, uncollected works will be disposed of at the discretion of the event organizers.

Thank you for your participation and enjoy!

Event Schedule: *(Note:- since all canvas', painting supports can be stamped starting Monday morning, artists are able start painting each morning at their convenience, however we will be leaving from Artworks each morning. Those participating on selected individual days will need their canvas supports stamped before leaving Artworks each morning.)*

Wednesday — 5 pm to 7 pm, Artworks Gallery, for

- Registration check in, stamping of painting supports, Question and Answer session, meet and greet.

Thursday — 8:00 am - Dusk • Location: Oglebay Park.

Friday — 8:00 am - Dusk • Location: Shaeffer-Campbell Covered Bridge 1875, or Great Western One Room School House & Barkcamp State Park

Saturday — 8:00 am - Dusk • Location: Greater Wheeling City limits/Area

- 3 pm - 5 pm • Submission of paintings – Artworks Around Town, Wheeling WV (4 max).
- Judging follows Saturday Evening

Sunday —

- Exhibition opens to the public. - 2:30 pm
- Announcements of the awards. - 3:00 pm
- Exhibition continues through the end of November during regular business hours of Artworks Around Town.