PleinAir Festival

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Wayne Art Center Announces 16th Annual Plein Air Festival Award Winners

Wayne, PA --May 20, 2024—Wayne Art Center celebrated the opening of their 16th Annual Plein Air Festival Exhibition during the Collectors' Preview & Sale on Friday, May 10. Beginning Sunday, May 5, the 32 nationally acclaimed outdoor artists selected by juror Jill Carver, a Signature Member of the Plein Air Painters of America, created nearly 300 original paintings capturing our area's lush scenery, historical architecture and unique landscapes.

During the evening's festivities, Carver awarded \$25,000 in cash prizes to the top paintings, along with numerous donations from industry sponsors. "I was so impressed with the work created by these talented artists," said Carver. "The urge to create beautiful things is a gift that we happy tribe of painters are lucky to have."

2024 Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival Winners

Best in Show 1 st Place 2 nd Place 3 rd Place Wayne Art Center Award Best Local Treasure Best Nocturne	Neal Hughes Edmond Praybe Charles Newman Qiang Huang Valerie Craig Jennifer Sampson Caleb Stoltzfus	Phillips on 9 th Street Stoneleigh Off the "Beat" Path Stormy Weather White Dog Prep Radnor Morning Night Arbor
Best Depiction of Light Best Pastoral Scene Best Water Scene Best Architecture Plein Air Magazine ½ Page	Kari Ganoung Ruiz Henry Coe Jonathan McPhillips Thomas Bucci Olena Babak	Amongst the Stars Miller Road Pasture Rainy Return The Wayne Train on Main Kuerner Farm House
Ad Award Plein Air Magazine ¼ Page Ad Award	David Lussier	Bright Morning
Plein Air Magazine Outdoor Painter Ad Award	Beth Bathe	Impending Storm
Plein Air Magazine Outdoor Painter Ad Award	Fred Jackson	Race Street Pier
Revelite Fine Art Lighting Award	Michele Byrne	Sunshine on the Sycamore

Royal Talens Award Jack Richeson & Co. Award	Elaine Lisle Natalie Shupe	Sorrento's Corner South Branch
Jack Richeson & Co. Award	Eileen Eder	West Bound
Michael Harding Award	Stewart White	Ghostly Shade of Pale
Method Lights Award	Stewart White	Ghostly Shade of Pake
Guerilla Painter Award	Lon Brauer	All But the Kitchen Sink
Gamblin Award	Lon Brauer	All But the Kitchen Sink
Golden Artist Colors Award	Jim Laurino	House on 2 nd Ave.
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Michael Harding Award	Bridger Barksdale	Chanticleer Tents
Ampersand Award	Bridger Barksdale	Chanticleer Tents
Vasari Award	Christopher Leeper	Corner
Panel Pak Award	Christopher Leeper	Corner
Method Lights Award	Elise Phillips	Passing Clouds
JFM Enterprises Award	Mick McAndrews	Fishin' in the Rain
Rosemary & Co. Award	Mick McAndrews	Fishin' in the Rain
SourceTek Award	Abby Ober	Serenity
Dixon Ticonderoga Award	Rokhaya Waring	White Swirl Irises
Blick Art Award	Rokhaya Waring	White Swirl Irises
Silver Brush Limited Award	Cynthia Rosen	A Gentle Murmur
Silver Brush Limited Award	John Slivjak	Old Pine @ Kuerners
Silver Brush Limited Award	Jill Stefani Wagner	Bryn Mawr Gateway
Silver Brush Limited Award	Barbara Berry	Fleur-de-lis

In addition to the works created by the 32 juried plein air artists, the exhibition also features work created en plein air by 28 Community Paint Out artists from our region. All works remain on view and for sale through June 22, 2024.

16th Annual Wayne Plein Air Festival Schedule of Events

All events are open to the public. Please register at <u>www.waynepleinair.org</u>.

Wednesday, May 22, 5-7 pm

Plein Air Demo: Local artist Fred Jackson demonstrates plein air painting techniques.

Wednesday, May 29, 5-7 pm

Plein Air Demo: Local artist Mick McAndrews demonstrates plein air painting techniques.

Saturday, June 1, 11 am-1 pm

Plein Air Demo: Local artist Barbara Berry demonstrates plein air painting techniques.

Wednesday, June 5, 5-7 pm

Plein Air Demo: Local artist Elise Phillips demonstrates plein air painting techniques.

Tuesday, June 11, 6-8:30 pm

French Provencal Dinner and Wine Pairing with Chef Patrick Gauthron.

Wednesday, June 12, 5-7 pm

Plein Air Demo: Local artist Stewart White demonstrates plein air painting techniques.

Thursday, June 13, 10 am-2 pm Mary Cassatt Philadelphia Museum of Art Private Tour and Luncheon.

Wednesday, June 19, 6 pm When Painting Moved Outside: The Origins of Plein Air Painting with William Perthes.

Thursday, June 20, 5-7 pm Plein Air Demo: Local artist Beth Bathe demonstrates plein air Painting techniques.

Saturday, June 22, 2-4 pm Closing Reception

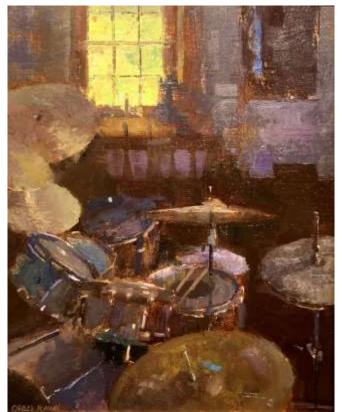
16th Annual Wayne Plein Air Exhibition Award-Winning Paintings



Best in Show Phillips on 9th Street by Neal Hughes (Oil)



1st Place Stoneleigh by Edmond Praybe (Oil)



2nd Place Off the "Beat" Path by Charles Newman (Oil)



3rd Place Stormy Weather by Qiang Huang (Oil)

About Wayne Art Center

Founded in 1931, Wayne Art Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the community through the arts. More than 500 classes and workshops are offered annually to over 5,000 students of all ages and abilities. The galleries receive over 35,000 visitors a year for their many exhibits, lectures and special events. Wayne Art Center is located at 413 Maplewood Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 am-5 pm, and Saturday, 10 am-4pm.

The **16th Annual Plein Air Festival Exhibition** will remain on display and open to the public through Saturday, June 22, 2024. For more information, please contact Wayne Art Center at 610-688-3553 or visit <u>www.waynepleinair.org</u>.

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