

wayne art center 2024

# Plein Air Festival

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## Wayne Art Center Announces 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Plein Air Festival Award Winners

Wayne, PA --May 20, 2024—Wayne Art Center celebrated the opening of their 16<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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

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.

### **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Wayne Plein Air Festival Schedule of Events**

All events are open to the public. Please register at [www.waynepleinair.org](http://www.waynepleinair.org).

#### **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

***16<sup>th</sup> 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 [www.waynepleinair.org](http://www.waynepleinair.org).

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