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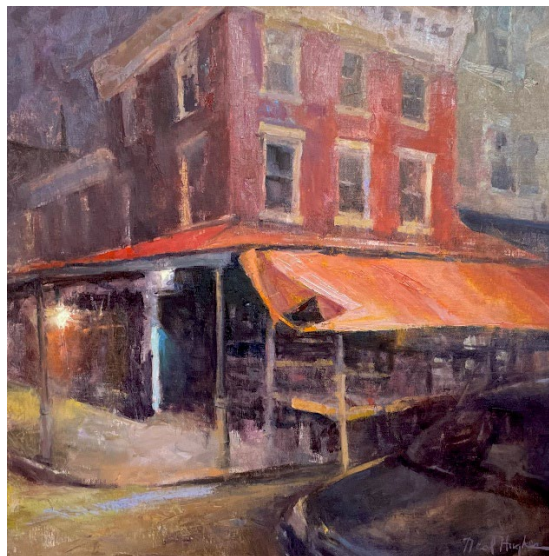
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WAYNE ART CENTER WELCOMES 32 ARTISTS TO 17TH ANNUAL WAYNE PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL

Wayne Art Center is excited to announce the return of its annual *Plein Air Festival*, one of the longest running and most popular outdoor painting events in the country. This year, more than 150 nationally ranked artists from 29 states answered the call for entry. Juror Larry Moore of South Carolina selected 32 painters to compete for over \$25,000 in cash prizes which will be awarded at the **Collectors' Preview & Sale** on Saturday, May 10. The **Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival Exhibition** will be on display from May 11 through June 21, 2025.



Plein Air 2024 Best in Show Neal Hughes, *Phillips on 9th Street*

The multi-day competition will begin on Sunday, May 4. Over the next six days and traveling to numerous locations within 30 miles of Wayne, the artists will create approximately 300 original works, drawing inspiration from the nearby historical architecture and lush landscapes found throughout our region. All paintings will be completed on site and from direct observation which is what it means to paint "en plein air."

“I am always impressed with the caliber of these paintings,” said Wayne Art Center Plein Air Founder and Executive Director, Nancy Campbell. “We are thrilled to have new artists join us while welcoming back several participants of earlier festivals. The artists’ enthusiasm, along with the generosity of our many business sponsors, patrons and volunteers, shows how valued this festival is to our community.”



Cynthia Rosen painting at Chanticleer Gardens

The **Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival** launches with a private welcome event at a local patron’s picturesque farm on Sunday, May 4. Artists arrive with blank canvases which are stamped to ensure that all work is original. Then the race begins to create as many fresh and new works as possible.

The week culminates with a **Collectors’ Preview & Sale** on Saturday, May 10 at the Wayne Art Center in the Davenport, Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith and Vidinghoff Galleries. Doors open precisely at 6 pm for those with early viewing tickets and 7 pm for regular admission. The night offers a chance to meet the artists in a festive and elegant setting with an open bar and savory hors d’oeuvres by Catering by Design. Martinis will flow from a hand-sculpted ice luge created by Peter Slavin of Ice Sculpture Philly, and Phyllis Chapell and Dave Postmontier’s live jazz music will create a celebratory environment in which to purchase these freshly painted masterpieces.



2024 Collectors’ Preview & Sale

The success of the **Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival** is made possible through the dedicated efforts of the Plein Air Committee and the support and generosity of local businesses, patrons and event attendees. Funds raised benefit Wayne Art Center's diverse array of arts education, exhibitions and outreach programs for individuals of all ages and abilities. This year's major sponsors include PNC Private Bank, the Archie W. & Grace Berry Johnson & Johnson, and the Genesis Inspiration Foundation.

The community is invited to participate in several Plein Air activities. On Monday, May 5, Plein Air artist **Qiang Huang** will give a lecture on the **Color of Science**; a **Juror's Talk with Larry Moore** will be held on Sunday, May 11, along with **Minis and Mimosas for Mom**, offering miniature paintings for sale in honor of Mother's Day. Other events include a four-day **Workshop with Larry Moore** from May 12-15; **Qiang Huang Still Life Workshop** on May 13-14; **Floral Design & Painting Workshop with Jennifer Reed & Jan Wier** on May 16; **Plein Air Landscape Painting at Ardrossan with Valerie Craig** on May 16; **Pizza Box Plein Air for Kids** on May 17; **David Wren Looking at Ardrossan Through the Archives Lecture, Book Signing and Reception** on May 21; **Plein Air Lecture with William Perthes** on June 4; and a **French Provencal Dinner with Chef Gauthron and Sommelier Walsh** on June 12. Additionally, several Plein Air artists will conduct **Plein Air Painting Demos** throughout the Festival Exhibition. A **Closing Reception** will be held on June 21 at Wayne Art Center. Please visit www.waynepleinair.org to register for these dynamic events.

Wayne Art Center 2025 Plein Air Festival Juror

Juror Larry Moore of Charleston, South Carolina is a fine artist, instructor, illustrator and author. Moore's illustrious career as a visual communicator spans an impressive 50+ years. Some of his most noted Plein Air Awards include Society of Illustrators, NY 2005 Gold Medal; Luerzers Archive Top 200 Illustrators 2005; and Art Renewal Center International Competition 2023-2024. Moore's work is represented by galleries and in public and private collections throughout the country.

Wayne Art Center 2025 Plein Air Artists

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| Thomas Adkins, CT | Natalia Andreeva, FL | Olena Babak, ME |
| Beth Bathe, PA | Barbara Berry, PA | Lon Brauer, IL |
| Thomas Bucci, ME | John Caggiano, MA | Henry Coe, MD |
| Beth Cole, NE | Joshua Cunningham, MN | John Eiseman, MD |
| Tracy Everly, PA | Martin Geiger, VA | Hai-Ou Hou, MD |
| Jacob Houghton, MA | Debra Howard, MD | Qiang Huang, TX |
| Neal Hughes, NJ | Fred Jackson, PA | Patrick Lee, PA |
| Farley Lewis, MO | Mick McAndrews, PA | Jonathan McPhillips, RI |
| Abby Ober, MD | Elise Phillips, PA | Crista, Pisano, NY |
| Jennifer Sampson, NY | Richard Sneary, MO | Caleb Stoltzfus, PA |
| Mark Vander Vinne, IN | Durre Waseem, CA | |

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-4 pm. For more information, please visit www.wayneart.org or call 610-688-3553.

17th Annual Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival Schedule of Events

Events marked with an asterisk are open to the public. Please register at www.waynepleinair.org and check back frequently for additional events throughout the exhibition.

Sunday, May 4-Saturday, May 10

Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival: The artists paint within 30 miles of Wayne.

Monday, May 5, 6-7 pm

*Qiang Huang Color of Science Lecture

Saturday, May 10, 6-9 pm

*Collectors' Preview & Sale: This ticketed event offers the first look and opportunity to purchase paintings from the festival week. Attendees meet the artists, enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres by Catering by Design, sip on a selection of fine wines and crafted beers, and listen to live jazz music by Phyllis Chapell and Dave Posmontier.

Sunday, May 11, 11 am-1 pm

*Minis and Mimosa for Mom: Share a mimosa with mom while enjoying a special exhibition of miniature paintings as well as the Plein Air Exhibition.

Sunday, May 11, 1-3 pm

*Juror's Talk with Larry Moore: Juror Larry Moore of South Carolina will discuss the Plein Air technique.

Monday, May 12-Thursday, May 15, 9:30 am-4:30 pm

*Abstraction from Nature with Larry Moore: This workshop will cover the seven principles of creative expression and the language of art.

Tuesday, May 13-Wednesday, May 14, 9:30 am-4 pm

*Qiang Huang Still Life Workshop

Wednesday, May 14, 5-7 pm

*Mick McAndrews Plein Air Demo

Friday, May 16, 10 am-4:30 pm

*Floral Design & Painting with Jennifer Reed & Jan Weir

Friday, May 16, 10 am-4 pm

*Plein Air Landscape Painting at Ardrossan with Valerie Craig

Saturday, May 17, 11 am-12:30 pm

*Pizza Box Plein Air for Kids

Wednesday, May 21, 5:30-7:30 pm

*David Wren Looking at Ardrossan through the Archives Lecture, Book Signing/Reception

Thursday, May 22, 5:30-7 pm

*Fred Jackson Plein Air Demo

Wednesday, June 4, 6-7 pm

*Plein Air Lecture with William Perthes

Wednesday, June 11, 5:30-7 pm

*Elise Phillips Plein Air Demo

Thursday, June 12, 6:30-9 pm

*French Provencal Dinner with Chef Patrick Gauthron and Sommelier Walsh

Saturday, June 14, 11 am-1 pm

*Barbara Berry Plein Air Demo

Wednesday, June 18, 5:30-7 pm

*Beth Bathe Plein Air Demo

Saturday, June 21, 2-4pm

*Closing Reception for *Wayne Art Center 2025 Plein Air Exhibition*

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