

ANNOUNCING THE FIRST ANNUAL PLEIN AIR ART COMPETITION
in CONJUNCTION WITH PREBLE COUNTY BARN TOUR

EN PLEIN AIR - is a French expression which means “in the open air”, particularly used to describe the act of painting outdoors.

Participate: Venture into the great outdoors to celebrate the unique beauty of the Historical landscape where inspiration lurks around every corner. Whether you find it resting amongst the picturesque wetland, floating in the bustling brooks or dancing under the open– inspiration waits for you to capture it. Competition begins Friday, August 19th and ends Friday, September 30th.

The Plein Air Art Competition: co-sponsored by the Preble County Historical Society and the Preble County Art Association. All proceeds from the Plein Air Art Competition and the Barn Tour will directly benefit both organizations.

Eligibility: open to all artists 18 years of age and over who live within 50 miles of Preble County, Ohio. Open to both amateur and professional artists, both will be judged together. Entry fee for up to three (3) pieces of work: \$25 for PCAA or PCHS members. \$35 for non-members. Entry fee is waived for artists donating artwork for the Auction!

Competition rules: Artwork cannot be created or worked on outside the Preble County Historical Society premise located at 7693 Swartsel Road, Eaton, Ohio 45320, or generated from reference photos. No props may be used. Works must be completed on scene, in plein air, and should not exceed 40” x 30”. Oil, acrylic, pastel, and watercolor paintings can include mixed media within the painting. Jury will be done from actual work. Artwork eligible for submission must be created between Friday, August 19 and Friday, September 30th. Additions of wildlife, people, historic activity may be added into the artworks, but they must be secondary to landscape or actual historic structures present, and must be historically/ecologically accurate. Styles may range from realism to semi-abstract, and must be in keeping with the impromptu style of plein air. Deviation from or failure to meet these criteria may result in disqualification.

Original two-dimensional art in any medium will be accepted. No sculpture, photography or computer generated artwork will qualify for entry. Canvas/paper plus frame shall be less than or equal to 30” in any one direction. All finished works must be hand delivered to the Preble County Arts Center by on October 1st from 1-5. If you need to make special arrangements in regards to delivery or pickup, call 937.456.3999 to do so. Artworks must be framed, with picture hanging wire attached (no saw-tooth hangers). The PCAA/PCHS will retain a 25% on all non-auctioned sales. Prices listed on the entry form must reflect this commission. Indicate those not for sale with “NFS”.

Judging and prizes: a three person panel will judge submissions for the competition.

One Prize will be awarded in each category as follows: Best Flora, Best Fauna, Best Structure, Best Barn, or Best Landscape.

Liability: All reasonable care in handling works of art will be exercised by the PCAA and its members, but the organization and its members are not liable for loss or damage of work submitted for the exhibition. It is the responsibility of the artists to insure their own art.

Artwork Auction Donation: This exhibit is a fund raiser and the money raised will go to benefit both the Preble County Historical Society and the Preble County Art Association. During the Barn Tour and Dinner held on October 16th, there will be an artwork auction of donated works. Artists are invited to donate one or more of their entries for auction on Oct. 16th. The donation is a tax deductible donation; documentation will be provided reporting the amount the art piece generated for the PCAA and the PCHS.

Exhibition Calendar: Sept. 30th Entry DEADLINE 5PM; Oct. 1st Deliver works 1-5pm; Oct. 4th-28th Exhibition; Oct. 16th Reception 12:00 noon -2:00pm, Awards presented 12:30 pm, Barn Tour & Dinner 1:00-7pm; Oct. 29th pick up works from show 1-5pm.

Released work not retrieved within 15 days becomes property of the PCAA. Permission to photograph works for publicity is considered granted.

Barn Tour, Dinner & Art Auction - October 16th from 1:00 to 7pm. Tickets are \$30 each, that includes a guided tour of four Preble County barns with a barn historian, chances to win raffle items, a delicious dinner with live music at the Historical Society and attendance to the art auction. Event attendance is limited; call today to reserve your seating! 937.456.3999

The event will start at the Preble County Fine Arts Center for the exhibit reception where tour participants will receive maps and itineraries for the tour. A wonderful evening of dinner, music, raffle and art auction will follow at the Historical Center, 7693 Swartsel Road, Eaton, OH (6 miles SE of Eaton, 1 mile NW of Gratis, accessible off St. Rt. 122).

We hope that you will join us! Please check our website for updates and more information: www.takepartinart.net. Call 937-456-3999 for more information about the Plein Air Art Competition and Barn Tour.