

Muscatine Plein Air Paint Out
1st Annual
Call for Artists
Registration Open
Limited to 30 artists
First-Come, First-Served Basis



This First Annual Plein Air Paint Out is an event to celebrate art created in real-time natural light and capture unique perspectives of scenic Muscatine, Iowa and the charming surroundings of Muscatine County over Labor Day Weekend ~ Friday, September 4th through Sunday, September 6th , 2026.

Register to Participate

As either a Juried Plein Air Artist (\$50) or Weekend Painter (\$25) by completing the form and submitting the fees at: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/muscatine-plein-air-paint-out-registration>

Confirmation and Registration Packet will be provided at check-in.

Juried Plein Air Artists interested in participating in the **Juried Competition** must submit their registration form along with three high resolution images of recent work via email, preferably plein air, to be used for promotional purposes.

Images provided for registration should be of finished works (i.e., not still on the easel) or part of an online gallery. Participating Artists from the Muscatine Art Array 2026 are not required to submit images for registration.

Weekend Painter (non-competition) are welcome to register and enjoy a true Plein Air weekend experience and Saturday workshop.

Registered Participants Agreement

Artists will have their canvas or work surface stamped prior to starting the weekend activities.

Artists must execute their work within the event dates and within the boundaries of Muscatine County. Each piece must be completed without the use of photographs or digital devices. All pieces submitted for Juried Competition must be stamped and authenticated.

Work submitted to the Reception for Awards Consideration must be framed ready for hanging and securely wired; if unframed, the canvas must be a minimum 3/4" depth with painted edges; no sawtooth hangers. Sales commissions of 15% per piece will go to Muscatine Arts Council.

We ask all artists to provide a painted 5" x 7" unframed panel of any local subject for a fundraiser auction to be held at the Awards Reception. Panels will be provided during Check in and Stamping.

Proposed Weekend Schedule

Check in and stamping

Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning from 7-9AM

Creations by Oz, 110 E 2nd St., Muscatine, Iowa

Materials may be stamped the first day with no further check-ins necessary.

Plein Air Workshop & Lunch

Saturday, 10am – with Carlos Maldona

Skinny's (Award Winning) BBQ Sandwich

Saturday Live Paint

Saturday, 5pm – 8pm

Contrary Brewing

Competition ends

Sunday, September 6th, 2026 at 1PM.

All submitted works, maximum of three (3) per Juried Plein Air participant, are to be dropped off at Ardon Creek Lounge.

Opening Reception at Ardon Creek Lounge begins at 4PM

Awards Reception begins at 5PM – Announcer tbd

Sponsors and Judges will have early access starting at 3:00 pm.

Interested in becoming a Sponsor?

Contact: _____

Proud Sponsors:

The Creek: An Ardon Creek Lounge

Skinny's BBQ

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