

Plein Air at the Sheboygan County Fair-175th Anniversary

Artists paint-September 1, 2, 3, & 4 at the Sheboygan County Fair Grounds

The Plymouth Arts Center and the Sheboygan County Fair Association are collaborating to present a special Plein Air competition at the Sheboygan County Fair, taking place the week of the fair. This unique opportunity coincides with the Sheboygan County Fair's 175th Anniversary. Artists will be participating by capturing the spirit and history of the celebration through plein air artwork. In addition to painting on-site, artists will have the chance to showcase and sell their work in a silent auction coordinated by the Plymouth Arts Center.

Rules:

Each painting must be created on-site, within the Sheboygan County Fairground boundaries, in the true spirit of plein air painting. Minor adjustments or corrections only may be done in a studio to fix forms or colors.

A painting will be disqualified for judging if: the artist is found using an iPad or photos on their easel, the artist is standing outside the boundaries.

Painting period:

Tuesday, Sept. 1 to Thursday, September 4

September 1 & 2 the grounds are open- no pass needed to enter

September 4 & 5 a pass will be provided by the PAC to enter the fair

Registration:

Entrance fee: none, open to the first 15 artists to register

Please fill out the attached Registration Form and email a photo of it or drop it off at the PAC by **August 28** to enter. Artists will be notified if they are accepted by phone on August 29.

Check-In and Materials Stamping:

*Painting materials MUST be stamped prior to starting to paint.

August 29- 12-3pm & September 1, 2, 3, 4- 10am-4pm at the PAC's office.

PLYMOUTH ARTS CENTER 520 E Mill St, Plymouth, WI 53073 (920-892-8409)

At the PAC Reception desk: Thursday and Friday 10 am – 4 pm, Saturday 12-3 pm

Painting Submission

Submissions of the accepted artist will be in a secure area at the 4-H Building at the fair on Saturday morning September 5 at 9:00–10:00am. (Exact location TBD)

If you are unable to check-in at these times, please email

classes@plymoutharts.com or info@plymoutharts.org to make other arrangements.

- Each artist may submit 1-4 paintings:
- Framed Size may not exceed 30" length or width
- Maximum frame width: 4 ¼ inches, maximum mat width: 4 inches (watercolors)
- Check-in stamp must be visible on the back of each painting
- Paintings must be signed, appropriately framed, mounted and securely wired for hanging

*We reserve the right to refuse any improperly framed paintings, wrapped canvases, stained mats, alligator hangers

Materials

- media may include: oils, acrylics, watercolors, pastels and gouache.
- for dark colored materials, please paint a white patch to provide a legible stamping area.

Pricing:

Paintings will be priced at the artist's selected price, and price changes will not be allowed after painting submission.

Commissions:

The PAC will retain a 35% commission on all painting sales. Artist payments will be mailed to the address provided at registration within 3 weeks following the sale.

Silent Auction

A silent auction will take place with bidding all day Saturday and Sunday. The end of the auction will be at 5:00pm on Sunday.

Judging:

Judging will take place on Saturday morning Sept. 5th by an Artist/Judge selected by the Plymouth Arts Center. Six Awards will be presented in the following categories.

Awards:

Best of Show- \$200

2nd place- \$150

3rd place- \$75

Merit Award- \$75

Merit Award (non cash)

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Each artist may win only one of the awards listed above.

Winners will be notified by phone on Saturday after the judging.

Painting pick-up

Any unsold artwork can be picked up after the auction at the fairgrounds after 5:00pm on Sunday or it will be taken to the PAC for pick up later. The PAC will contact the artists after the event to make arrangements for pick up.

Liability:

The artwork will be displayed in a secure building at the fairgrounds.

Regardless of cause, the artist agrees to bear all risk and expense for any loss, theft or damage to their artwork or other personal property or injury to their person. The artist agrees to be responsible for insuring their artwork and to abide by all rules set by the Plymouth Arts Center.

Paint the Towns in Fall Color with Dan Rizzi:

Artists accepted into the Fairground 175th Plein Air Event will have the opportunity to submit their **unsold artwork** for consideration in the Plymouth Paint the Towns in Fall Color en Plein Air Exhibit, taking place at the Plymouth Arts Center September 30– October 7, 2026, with a Public Reception on Friday, October 9. Artists wishing to participate must **separately enter the Plymouth Paint the Towns in Fall Color event and pay the applicable entry fee**. All rules, requirements, and guidelines for the Plymouth Paint the Towns in Fall Color en Plein Air event will apply. Complete entry details will be provided to qualifying artists.

Any questions contact:

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