



BUCKS COUNTY *Plein Air* FESTIVAL

June 5 - 11, 2017

Join us for a week of plein air painting in verdant and historic Bucks County, located in the Philadelphia countryside. Paint the rolling landscapes, lakes and rivers, covered bridges, stone farm houses, and historic estates that have inspired artists for more than a century. Jointly hosted by Bucks County Community College, the Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce and Alan Fetterman Fine Arts, proceeds will support art scholarships and arts programming in Bucks County.

\$15,000 in Awards

Best of Show \$5,000 and Alan Fetterman Fine Arts Medal

2nd Prize \$3,000

3rd Prize \$1,500

Bucks County Resident Artist Prize \$1,000

People's Choice Award \$500

5 Honorable Mention Awards \$500 each

Quick Draw Prizes totaling \$1,500

Eligibility

The Bucks County Plein Air competition is open to all painters age 18 and older. All entrants will be juried, and the total number of participants will be limited to 50. At least 10 participating artists will be residents of Bucks County, PA.

Submission Requirements

Entries must be submitted electronically at <https://goo.gl/wbs0Gp>, along with a non-refundable application fee of \$50.

Artists must submit three (3) digital images of plein air paintings made within the past two years. Images must be JPEG format at 300 ppi and sized to 1900 x 4000 pixels at their longest dimension. Refer to the Help menu on the Juried Art Services site.

An artist biography (up to 1000 characters) and photo (jpg - at least 6" and 300 ppi) is required.

Deadline for entries is March 8, 11:59 p.m. EDT

Important Dates

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| March 8 | Online application deadline |
| March 22 | All competing artists notified by email |
| March 31 | Selected Festival Artists confirm their participation |
| April 17 | Host housing assignments complete |
| April 21 | Names of Festival Artists posted at BucksCountyPleinAir.org |
| June 5 | Artist registration, orientation, canvas stamping and welcome lunch |
| June 5-8 | Artists paint in Bucks County |
| June 9 | Artist reception and award ceremony, collectors' preview and gala |
| June 10-11 | Quick Draw competition, exhibition and sale, all open to the public |
| June 11 | Artists check-out at 4 PM |

Competition and Sales

All work must be original and painted *en plein air* during the Festival. Acceptable media are oil, acrylic, watercolor and pastels. Paintings may not exceed 30 inches in any dimension, including frame. All exhibited artworks must be stamped, framed and wired, and available for sale.

Artists must submit two (2) finished pieces for prize judging.

Artists may submit additional pieces for exhibit and sale.

BCPA will retain 40% commission of the sale price. All works commissioned during the Festival Week will be treated as sales. Payments to the artists for sold work will be mailed 30 days after the event. All artists must submit a completed W-9 form at time of artist check in.

Artist check-out 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Winner of Best of Show will be exempt from jury process for the 2018 Festival.

Award Ceremony and Gala

All artists will receive free admission to the award ceremony and gala on Friday, June 9. Tickets for artists' guests are \$125 each.

Housing

Every effort will be made to provide host housing. Artists wishing to apply for host housing should make their request know upon submission of the Agreement to Participate. Host housing is available on a first come first served basis and is only for participating artists. Family members are not able to be accommodated. Some housing may be made available at a reduced rate at local motels.

Jurors

Andy Evansen, Board President, Plein-Air Painters of America

Alan Fetterman, Bucks County Plein Air Artist

Lisa Tremper Hanover, Director & CEO, James A. Michener Art Museum

Additional Terms and Conditions

The Festival will be held regardless of weather and will not be re-scheduled.

Artist attendance at all events is mandatory.

Competition artists release and hold harmless BCPA, their officers, employees, agents and designees from any and all responsibility or liability. BCPA is not responsible for any monetary losses, including bad checks or credit cards.

Visit www.BucksCountyPleinAir.org for a complete list of terms and conditions.



The Bucks County Plein Air Festival seeks to promote Buck County's most valuable assets through artistic and economic efforts that will enhance, educate, celebrate and preserve its unparalleled heritage and uniqueness.