



BUCKS COUNTY
Plein Air
FESTIVAL

June 4 - 9, 2018

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

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

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 30. At least six participating artists will be residents of Bucks County, PA.

Submission Requirements

Entries must be submitted electronically at <http://bit.ly/2B8HOW6>, along with a non-refundable application fee of \$50. There is no late deadline. Artists are encouraged to complete their submission well ahead of the deadline to avoid last minute technical issues. For technical support, email JAS at support@jurying.net or call 561-832-0480.

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 between 1400-4000 pixels on the longest dimension. Refer to the Help menu on the Juried Art Services site for details.

An artist biography (up to 1000 characters) and photo (jpg – at least 6” and 300 ppi) are required as part of the application package.

Deadline for entries is March 4, 2018, 11:59 p.m. PST

Important Dates

- March 4 Online application deadline
- March 23 All competing artists notified by Juried Art Services via JAS account
- March 30 Selected Festival Artists confirm their participation
- April 20 Host housing assignments complete
- April 20 Names of Festival Artists posted at BucksCountyPleinAir.org
- June 4 Artist registration, orientation, canvas stamping and welcome lunch
- June 4-8 Artists paint in Bucks County
- June 8 Artist reception and award ceremony, collectors’ preview and gala
- June 9 Quick Draw competition, exhibition and sale, all open to the public. Artists check-out at 4 PM

Application Status and Editing Function

Artists may check their application status online by clicking on the Manage Application function of the Juried Art Services website. This feature enables artists access to: 1) edit the application submitted up until deadline; 2) confirm that payment was received; and 3) find out the result of the jurying process.

Jurying and Artist Notification

A panel of three jurors will review all submissions and select 30 artists to participate. Juried Art Services will notify artists of the jury's decision via email and a post to each artist's profile on March 23. It is the responsibility of the applicant to check their email and profile. Accepted artists must confirm their participation to bcpleinair@bucks.edu by March 30, 2018.

Housing

Every effort will be made to provide host housing. Artists wishing to apply for host housing should make their request known 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. Additional housing may be made available at a reduced rate at local motels.

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 24 inches in any dimension, excluding 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 checkout 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Winner of Best of Show will be exempt from jury process for the 2019 Festival.

Award Ceremony and Gala

All artists will receive free admission to the award ceremony and gala on Friday, June 8. Tickets for artists' guests are \$125 each.

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.