



The Ohio Plein Air Society Newsletter

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The Annual Competition is just around the corner!

OPAS ANNOUNCES A NEW AND EXPANDED COMPETITION:

**PAINTING BEGINS ON FRIDAY FOR THOSE WHO NEED ANOTHER DAY OR WANT TO PAINT AT NIGHT
POSTMARK DEADLINE TO REGISTER: SEPTEMBER 12, 2008. NOTE: Those wishing to participate
in this competition who register after the September 12 deadline will add an extra \$20.00 to their
registration fee.**

Our judge this year is Marc Hanson, a signature member of the Oil Painters of America, an award-winning oil and pastel artist, and a gifted instructor. Visit his website at www.marchansonart.com. Awards will include:

Best of Show, 1st Place, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place

Honorable mentions at judge's discretion

One Award of Excellence in Oil, Water Media, and Pastel

"Spirit of New Philadelphia" – to be awarded by Honorable Mike Taylor, Mayor

"Artists' Choice Award"

REGISTRATION : Friday, September 19, noon-2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday registration will take place on the Square in downtown New Philadelphia only!!

Saturday, September 20, 7:00-9:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 21, 7:00-9:00 a.m.

Saturday and Sunday registration will take place only at the following location:

McDonald Marlite Center

143 McDonald Drive NW

New Philadelphia, OH 44663

330-308-5009

Participants must register with OPAS to have panels stamped before painting. OPAS will stamp only plain, unpainted panels, but the panels may be toned with a uniform ground. No unstamped panels will be considered for judging.

ENTRY FEE: \$60/members, \$80/non members, \$20 per non painting guest. Fee includes dinner on Saturday night

Checks should be made payable to: OPAS. Mail Entries to : OPAS, P.O. • Box 16264 • Columbus, OH 43216

Or contact Jon Browning with questions: www.jbrowning@browninglaw.us or 614-221-8988

SCHEDULE : Friday, September 19:

Noon - 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Registration on the Square in downtown New Philadelphia, pick up packets, have panels stamped. Go paint.

Pizza on the Square that night.

Saturday, September 20:

7:00 AM - 9:00 AM - Registration at the McDonald Marlite Center, pick up packets, have panels stamped. Pick up pre-ordered box lunches. Go paint.

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Buffet and beverages / Program to be announced

Sunday, September 21:

7:00 PM - 9:00 AM registration at the McDonald Marlite Center, pick up packets, have panels stamped. Pick up pre-ordered box lunches. Go paint.

Noon-1:00 p.m. submit one painting for competition (with a sturdy easel) at the town square in downtown New Philadelphia.

Rain site will be the McDonald Marlite Center.

QUICK DRAW COMPETITION: Noon to 1:00 PM

Entry fee is \$10, winner take all.

Judging of Competition begins at 1:00 PM, with judging of Quick Draw to follow immediately.

2:30 p.m. awards announced.

If you haven't registered yet, do it soon!

Coming OPAS Paint-outs

August 23, 2008: Gorman Heritage Farm in Evendale, Hamilton County

Address : 10052 Reading Road, Evendale, OH 45241

Phone : 513.563.6663

Email : email@GormanFram.org

Website : www.gormanfarm.org

Host : Martha Carmody, thanks for planning this for the SWO Plein Air Painters and for OPAS!

The Gorman Farm website has lots of information. The farm has fields, buildings and vistas, not to mention a great chicken coop.

DIRECTIONS : The farm is in Evendale on Reading Rd., across from FORMICA, but please check their website for detailed directions.

October 18, 2008: Cantor's Cave, Jackson, OH, Jackson County

OPAS Host : Kit Dailey

Canter's Cave is the home to the Annual Juried Foothills Exhibition - this year held October 17 - 19. On the grounds of Canter's Cave, The Sons of Liberty will provide some great painting material in the form of a re-enactment with soldiers in uniform and white tents in a large green field. The grounds are filled with large trees, a pond and an old log cabin. Nearby is another very interesting location, The Buckeye Furnace, a rebuilt pig iron furnace dating back to the early days of Ohio.

DIRECTIONS : Canter's Cave is about an one hour and a quarter drive from Columbus, starting at I-270 South and following Route 23.

November 8th, 2008 Park of Roses, Columbus, OH 43214

3923 North High Street. This park is in the Northwest area of Columbus.

13.00 Acres More than "just roses", there is a wildlife area and 2 reflecting ponds and one has a foot bridge going over it--a great variety of vistas for our group to consider and paint.

More information will be posted on the website closer to the dates.

Always check www.ohiopleinairsociety.com for the latest news and paintout information.

Lakeside OPAS Plein Air Paintout

What can we say, other than "What a Weekend". Lakeside Association hosted the OPAS July paintout. 41 OPAS artists attended and painted during the four days and 21 of these artists sold a painting or more. A total of 51 paintings were sold, according to the final tally sheet! . The weekend coincided with the Lakeside Wooden Boat Society Show on the waterfront grounds and dock. I have placed photos from Dave Smith and a couple from Alex (the Marketing director of Lakeside) on the OPAS Member List Serve. OPAS members who have registered for the list serve may add more photos to the Lakeside photo album.

Lakeside Association, OPAS, and the C. K. Rhein center made this possible. I want to thank the OPAS board for approving monies to help with the meal for the artists. Lakeside donated the day passes and car passes, plus the manpower to make this work. The Rhein Center donated time and money to prepare the flag sticks, and screen printing of the flags, and the space for the meal.

The big thank you goes to the artists who came to paint. The community enjoyed talking, giving shelter from the rain, serving drinks, etc. People are already volunteering their Lakefront home for bathrooms, water, shelter for next summer. The artists painting around Lakeside make it a magical weekend. Lakeside is welcoming us back in 2009. The dates will be July 17-19 th. So mark your calendars...

--Mary Dziak

OPAS at the Schumacher Gallery

Deadline: entry forms must reach the Schumacher Gallery on or before September 12, 2008

This marks the second time that OPAS has been invited to exhibit in this wonderfully lit, spacious gallery space. This time the opening of the exhibition will coincide with a Bexley Gallery Hop including Art Access and The Bryan Roberts Gallery. The dates are October 27 - December 5. The judge, Dominique Vasseur is Curator of European Art, Columbus Museum of Art

Entry fee is \$30.00 period, whether you enter one painting or up to five paintings.

Remember this exhibition is one of the few chances that OPAS members have to exhibit studio work, but we are a plein air organization and it is hoped that we will have lots of plein air work in the exhibition. Work should be original and recent, not done in a workshop, never exhibited at the Schumacher Gallery, or a previous OPAS show or competition. Subjects may include landscape, figure in a landscape or still life in a landscape. Please be advised that this is a museum gallery, and they request that works be framed in simple gold or silver style frames. If you have questions on framing please contact Debra.

Zanesville Art Center OPAS Exhibit

December 15 through January 30, 2009

This exhibit is open to all members of OPAS.
Work must be 100% plein air paintings. No studio work.

All paintings are juried to get in and judged for ribbons: Best of Show, First, Second, Third and four Honorable Mentions
The Juror is Jeff Shaw of Capital University, an artist, educator and lifelong resident of Columbus, Ohio. His abstract oil paintings, drawings and digital images are in private and corporate collections across the united states. Locally, Shaw is represented by Mahan Gallery in the Short North Arts District in Columbus. In November, that gallery will be presenting a one man show of Jeff's work. Jeff was invited to join the art department faculty at his alma mater, Capital University. At Capital, Jeff teaches digital imaging, design, painting, drawing, art education and various other courses.

Please send two entries (color photographs 5 x 7 or digital images 5 x 7 at 300dpi on a CD) of your plein air paintings to: Jeff Shaw, 264 Acton Road, Columbus, OH 43214 or send via email two digital images at 300dpi to jshaw15@columbus.rr.com by October 6, 2008. If sending photographs or images on a CD, your envelope of entries must be postmarked by October 6, 2008 to be eligible. CD and photographs will not be returned.

At the same time you send your images to the Juror, mail the entry form along with a check for \$20 (non-refundable) entry fee to: John A. Daniels, 2951 Norwood Street, Columbus, OH 43224

Make checks payable to OPAS and in the memo state, ZAC Entry Fee.

Instructions for Email

Make sure your digital filenames correspond with the appropriate graphic of your work. Include your name, email address and phone number in the body of the email, along with the title, size and medium for each painting. (Use this format - Painting #1 - Title - Size - Medium; Painting #2 - Title - Size - Medium)

Instructions for mailing a CD

Make sure your digital filenames correspond with the appropriate graphic of your work. Also include your name, email address and phone number on the CD. along with the title, size and medium for each painting. (Use this format - Painting #1 - Title - Size - Medium; Painting #2 - Title - Size - Medium)

Instructions for mailing Photographs

Make sure your photographs correspond with the appropriate label of your work. On the label include your name, email address, phone number and attach to the back of the correct photograph. Include the title, size and medium for each painting. (Use this format - Painting #1 - Title - Size - Medium; Painting #2 - Title - Size - Medium)

IMPORTANT: Fill out your label first, then affix to the back of your photograph. Do not use staples or paper clips. Self-adhesive labels work best.

No matter which format you send, be sure the information on each corresponds with the entry form.

OPAS members will be notified by email or by phone as to your standing no later than October 26, 2008.

Member News

LISA SCHORR of the Monarch Gallery in Lancaster and RON SEIFERT were in the money at the German Village Haus & Garten tour in July. Ron won the top prize of \$500. Other OPAS members that participated were Chuck Harris and Carol Cosgrove. Despite some heavy storms which drenched the painters, it was a really fun experience.

EDY MARTIN was awarded the Juror's Award of Merit at the 17th Annual Dayton Visual Art Center Member's Show. The show *No Hanging Chads* (Art to take Your Mind off Politics) has 196 entries and will run through August 21 at 118 N. Jefferson Street, Dayton. The show's juror was Mary Gray, Director of Ohio Arts Council.

ELAINE FREEMAN's oil painting, *Seeded* was accepted at the Ohio State Fair Fine Art Show at the Cox Center. As a result, the Zanesville Art Center contacted her and juried her into their annual exhibit, Oct 25 to Dec 3.

ANASTASIA HOROWITZ will be in an exhibit at The OSU Faculty Club, November-December 2009. This show will be a four-some: Elaine Freeman, Judy Hazen, Anastasia Horowitz and Becky Taft.

KAREN LaVALLEY is participating in the juried Estes Park Colorado *Paint the Parks 2008* event. She will be painting from the 13th through the 23rd. Participating galleries in Estes Park are Earthwood Collections and the Cultural Arts Council.

JAN POLK is celebrating co-publishing her first book with friend Margery Sinclair, an etiquette consultant from Milwaukee, WS. *A Year of Good Manners* is a perpetual calendar featuring Jan's Great American Flower Collection "respect series" watercolor paintings and Margery's 365 common, everyday courtesy tips. It is almost sold out! Books may be ordered through Jan's website www.janpolk.com

BARBARA CHENAULT's painting *Spring Thaw* was accepted into the 2008 Eastern Juried Exhibition of Traditional Oil for the Oil Painter's of America at Richland Fine Art in Nashville, Tennessee. The show runs from October 17, 2008 through November 15, 2008.

NANCY ACHBERGER will host an Open House at her new studio at the Loveland Art Studios on Main, on Saturday, October 11, 2008 from 4-10pm. The Loveland Art Studios houses 25+ artists and will be open from 6-10pm during the Second Saturday Open Studios event. More information at www.studiosonmain.com. Loveland Art Studios on Main, 529 Main Avenue, Loveland, OH 45140.

RAY HASSARD's painting *The Engineer* was accepted into the Pastel Society of America's annual show, opening in September at the Society's gallery in New York.

DEBRA JOYCE DAWSON was selected to participate in the 2008 Contemporary Realism: 2008 national juried exhibition at the Ft Wayne Museum of Art. The show opens Sept 13.

DEBRA JOYCE DAWSON and RAY HASSARD will be having a joint show of paintings from India and Bhutan at the Richmond Indiana Art Museum, January 2010.

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Treasurer's Report

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| Membership | |
| FY07 as of 12-31-07 | 205 |
| FY08 as of 8-08-08 | 195 |

Finances

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| Jan | 15410.35 |
| Feb | 18630.35 |
| Mar | 18277.66 |
| Apr | 19140.70 |
| Jun | 20262.80 |
| July | 21068.48 |

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| FY07 Check Book Beginning Balance | 15,409.95 |
| Income | 9,837.91 |
| Expenses | (1,909.38) |
| Total | 23,338.48 |

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| Income FY08 | 9,887.91 |
| Expenses FY08 | (1,909.38) |
| Total | 7,978.53 |
| Workshop Cost to date | (2,700.00) |
| Cash Available From FY08Income | 5,278.53 |

"If I were the government, I would have a brigade of policemen assigned to keeping an eye on people who paint landscapes outdoors. Oh, I wouldn't want anyone killed. I'd be satisfied with just a little buckshot to begin with."

—Edgar Degas.