



# Oil Painters of America's "Best Little Plein Air Competition in Texas" Rules and Regulations

Painting: Wednesday, May 11 – Thursday, May 12

Sale: Saturday, May 14 – Sunday, May 15

*This event is being held in conjunction with the Oil Painters of America's National Exhibition and convention at Southwest Gallery located in Dallas, Texas. Cash and/or merchandise awards will be presented to the top ten artists. Winners will be announced at the "Best Little Plein Air Competition in Texas" reception at Southwest Gallery on Saturday evening, May 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Awards will be announced at 6:00 p.m. This year's Juror of Awards is John Michael Carter OPAM.*

Plein Air (*i.e. open air*) paintings are executed outdoors from real life, as opposed to using photographs or models in a studio. Both painter and subject matter must be outdoors, and photographs may not be used.

## RULES FOR THE EVENT

***Eligibility Requirements: Artists registered to attend OPA's full 5-day convention are eligible to participate in the plein air painting events and competition.***

- 1. Painting Area:** An artist may paint any subject or scene outdoors that he/she chooses, within the state of Texas.
- 2. Painting Time Period:** Each work of art must be started and completed "en plein air" between the dates of **Wednesday, May 11 and Thursday May 12**  
*This event will be held rain or shine, so come prepared!*
- 3. Required Registration:** All participating artists must be registered for OPA's 5-day convention, as well as have their canvas stamped prior to any work being done. (*No Exceptions*) **A schedule of registration times and locations is listed below.**
- 4. Material Requirements:**
  - Oil is the only medium that will be accepted
  - The artists' canvas, paper or board must be stamped with the OPA seal by a representative of Southwest Gallery, OPA or *SW Art Magazine*.
- 5. Painting Submission Requirements:**
  - a. Maximum painting size should not exceed 320 square inches unframed**
  - b. Paintings must be delivered framed to Southwest Gallery, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and Noon on Friday, May 13
  - c. One painting per artist guaranteed. Based on the number of registered attendees, the gallery may allow for an additional painting so come prepared!
  - d. The "OPA" stamp provided at registration must be visible on the back of each painting
  - e. All paintings must be appropriately framed, mounted and securely wired for hanging.

*OPA reserves the right to refuse any painting improperly framed or wired.*

6. **Proceeds from Painting Sales:** For paintings sold on Saturday, May 14 and Sunday, May 15, the proceeds will be divided as follows:

Artist: 50%  
 Southwest Gallery: 40%  
 Oil Painter of America: 10%

**Artists should receive payment from Southwest Gallery within 3- 4 weeks.**

7. **Artists will be responsible** for picking up their painting anytime between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 15. Southwest Gallery will assist artists who would like to have their plein air paintings shipped home. If you have an account number for Fed Ex or UPS be sure to bring it with you! If not, payment is due prior to shipping.

Oil Painters of America and Southwest Gallery assume no responsibility for theft, damage or liability. Please note, artists are responsible for insurance of his or her artwork.

***Plein Air Competition Schedule***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Registration/Canvas Stamped:</b> Wednesday, May 11 <i>and/or</i> Thursday, May 12	Wed - Noon to 5:00 p.m. Thurs - 7:30 a.m. to Noon	Southwest Gallery
<b>Framed Painting(s) Turned In:</b> Friday, May 13	Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and Noon	Southwest Gallery
<b>Plein Air Reception &amp; Awards Ceremony:</b> Saturday, May 14	5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Southwest Gallery
<b>Pick-up painting(s):</b> Sunday, May 15	Between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.	Southwest Gallery

Southwest Art Gallery 4500 Sigma Road Dallas, Texas 75244 Phone: 972-960-8935	The Crowne Plaza Dallas Galleria – Addison 14315 Midway Road Addison, Texas 75001 Phone: 972-980-8877	Winfrey Point at White Rock Lake 950 E. Lawther Dallas, TX 75218
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**For further questions regarding OPA’s “Best Little Plein Air Competition in Texas” Plein Air Competition please call 815-356-5987 or e-mail: [mail@oilpaintersofamerica.com](mailto:mail@oilpaintersofamerica.com)**