



2021 Eastern Regional Exhibition Opening Weekend
September 30 - October 2, 2021
ArtCenter Manatee + Bradenton, FL + Exhibition Sept 28 - Oct 22

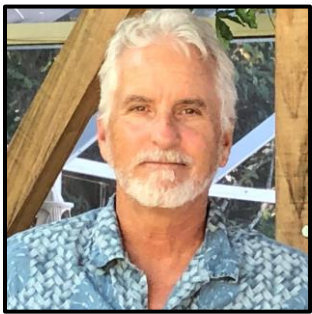


***Please note: This schedule is subject to change**

Thursday, September 30

2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Painting Demo by Bill Farnsworth OPA

Location: ArtCenter Manatee, 209 9th St. W., BLUE ROOM



A 1980 graduate of the Ringling School of Art and Design, Bill Farnsworth has spent more than 40 years as an Illustrator and Fine Artist. Born in Norwalk, Connecticut, Bill spent many years painting landscapes of the rural area, while supporting himself and family with his growing illustration career. His paintings have been in many National Shows, museums, and private collections throughout the United States.



Sand in your Toes, 14" x18",
OPA Salon Landscape Award of Excellence

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Opening Reception

Location: ArtCenter Manatee, 209 9th St. W.

Please join us to celebrate the opening of this year's Eastern Regional Exhibition where approximately 110 of today's top artists from across the eastern half of the U.S. and Canada will have their paintings on display. Awards will be announced by this year's Juror of Awards, Katie Dobson Cundiff OPA, at 6:00 p.m. and live streamed on Facebook for those unable to attend.



7:15 p.m. -Late Night at Oak and Stone

Location: 1201 1st Avenue W., Bradenton, FL Phone: 941-357-4306

Time to relax on the rooftop deck of Oak and Stone Restaurant – a casual outdoor favorite located on the roof of the Springhill Suites hotel. Join us for a late-night bite to eat and/or drink. Separate checks will be issued.

Friday, October 1

8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. – OPA Plein Air Painting in Bradenton

Location: Meet at ArtCenter Manatee at 7:45 a.m.

Bring your art supplies and join us for a morning of plein air painting in and around the Bradenton area. There is no shortage of subject matter in this beautiful coastal town! Artists will paint on their own, but a list of recommended locations will be made available. OPA will supply Gamsol.



11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: 101 Riverfront Blvd Ste 120, Bradenton, FL

Join us for a casual lunch at Mattison's which is located right across the street from the Courtyard Marriott. Guests will select off the menu and separate checks will be provided. Please note, a 20% gratuity will be automatically added to all checks. Check out the lunch menu [here](#).

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Painting Demo by Juror of Awards Katie Dobson Cundiff OPA

Location: ArtCenter Manatee, 209 9th St. W., RED ROOM



Katie Cundiff OPA acquired an early appreciation for the fine arts, drawing, and painting, under the tutelage of artist parents. Early works resulted in scholarships from National Scholastics Magazine and the Croatian Fraternal Union, earning a B.A. in Fine Arts and Painting from Ringling College of Art and Design. A love of the outdoors combined with painting has produced numerous awards and recognition in plein air events. Her work also includes still life, figurative, and wildlife, and has been featured on apparel and print for Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Quail Unlimited, The Billfish Foundation, Safari Clubs International, and Gulf Coast Conservation Association. In addition, Cundiff has been featured in *American Art Collector Magazine*, *American Artists Magazine*, *Southwest Art*, and at the Museum of Florida Art and Culture in Sebring, Florida. Juried exhibits and awards include those from Oil Painters of America, American Women Artists, Women Painters of the Southeast, Cumberland Society of Oil Painters, and American Impressionists.

4:15 p.m. Group Critique Session with John Michael Carter OPAM

Location: ArtCenter Manatee, 209 9th St. W., RED ROOM

Bring your painting from the morning plein air session (or another painting if you like) for an insightful group critique session led by John Michael Carter OPAM.

Saturday, October 2

10:00 a.m. to Noon - Painting Demo by Hodges Soileau OPA

Location: ArtCenter Manatee, 209 9th St. W.,



For more than twenty-five years, Hodges had a successful illustration career gracing the covers of more than three hundred books. He worked for most of the major publishing houses in New York, Field and Stream Magazine and notably Scholastic (Babysitters Club series) and, Harlequin (Romance Covers). Hodges was a long-time member of the prestigious Society of Illustrators where he received many citations of merit for work exhibited in annual shows. After years of executing ideas and concepts of others, he presently paints subjects that are of personal interest. His work hangs in private collections as well as the United States Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard permanent collections. The permanent collection of Golf Digest Magazine includes several of his paintings.

Registration

Please email Rosemary Murray to let her know if you will be coming to this year's Eastern Regional Exhibition and what events you plan on attending. Contact her at mail@oilpaintersofamerica.com or 815-356-5987.

Covid-19

OPA will adhere to the most recent policy set forth by ArtCenter Manatee and the CDC. Whether you are or are not vaccinated, please bring a mask, and be prepared to wear it if the ArtCenter Manatee requires all guests to wear one.

Lodging and Travel Information

OPA has reserved a limited number of rooms at the Courtyard by Marriott Bradenton Sarasota Riverfront a short drive to the ArtsCenter Manatee. Rooms must be reserved prior to Thursday, September 8 or until the block is full.



Courtyard by Marriott Bradenton Sarasota Riverfront

100 Riverfront Drive
Bradenton, Florida 34205

To reserve a room please call: 1-941-747-3727 and reference Oil Painters of America Eastern Regional Show.

Room Rates:

Guestroom Type	Guestroom Rate
Double Guestroom	\$109 + tax
King Guestroom	\$109 + tax

Complimentary parking and unlimited wireless internet access. (Breakfast is not included)

THE LAST DAY TO BOOK A RESERVATION AT THIS SPECIAL RATE IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, OR UNTIL THE BLOCK IS FULL

Travel

The **nearest airport to Bradenton** is Sarasota/**Bradenton** (SRQ) **Airport** which is 7.8 miles away. Other nearby **airports** include St. Petersburg (PIE) (29.2 miles), Tampa (TPA) (33.3 miles), Ft. Myers (RSW) (84.4 miles) and Orlando (MCO) (101.2 miles).