



Oil Painters of America's

Third Annual "Southern Charm"

Wet Paint Competition Guide, Rules, and Regulations

Painting: Sunday, March 26 thru Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Sale: Wednesday, March 29 through Friday, March 31, 2023

This event is held in conjunction with the Oil Painters of America's National Exhibition being held at Reinert Fine Art. Cash and/or merchandise awards will be presented in both the indoor studio and plein air painting divisions. Paintings will be displayed at the gallery. Winners will be announced at the Awards & Recognition Ceremony on Thursday evening, March 30, 2023. First place winners in the plein air and studio divisions will receive automatic inclusion in the following year's National Exhibition.

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.

Studio paintings are executed indoors. Both painter and subject matter must be indoors, and photographs may not be used.

COMPETITION GUIDE

1. Artists competing in the Studio Division are welcome to join us at the Founders Hall.
2. OPA will have volunteers onsite to answer your questions and help you get set up.
3. Don't forget your easel, paint, and brushes! Gamsol will be available in the Founders Hall along with a dumping container.
4. The Founders Hall will serve as an "open studio" 8am-4pm Monday- Tuesday for still life and portrait/figure painters.
5. We are taking steps to provide excellent live models with interesting outfits and poses.
6. Still life artists will have a variety of props including, pottery/vessels, flowers, fruit, and other objects. Artists are allowed to bring their own props.
7. Models and still life set-ups will be lit with modern solid-state lighting. Lighting is limited so sharing maybe required. Bring your own lights and extension cords if you can.
8. Be sure to bring your frames. Or, artists can preorder frames from JFM Framing and pick them up at the JFM booth in the Founders Hall. Watch for special ordering instructions from OPA.
9. OPA will have framing hardware and tools available.
10. Be familiar with the rules below!

RULES FOR THE EVENT

Eligibility Requirements: *Artists with a full registration to the National Convention are eligible to participate in the painting events and competition.*

1. **Painting Area:**

- Plein air artists may paint any subject or scene outdoors that he/she chooses, within the state of South Carolina.
- Artists competing in the indoor studio competition must paint indoors and can paint any subject matter of his/her choosing provided the subject matter is also indoors.

2. **Painting Time Period:** Each work of art must be started and completed between Sunday, March 26, and Tuesday, March 28, 2023. ***This event will be held rain or shine, so come prepared!***

3. **Required Registration:** All participating artists must have registered for the entire National 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.

5. The artists' substrate must be stamped with the OPA seal by an OPA representative.

6. **Painting Submission Requirements:**

- Maximum painting size should not exceed 320 square inches unframed.**
(For Example: 16" x 20" = 320 sq. inches)
- Paintings must be delivered framed and wired for hanging to the Reinert Fine Art between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2023.
- One painting per artist guaranteed. Based on the number of registered attendees, OPA may allow an additional painting, so come prepared!
- The "OPA" stamp provided at registration must be visible on the back of each painting
- All paintings must be appropriately framed, mounted, and securely wired for hanging.
- OPA reserves the right to refuse any painting improperly framed or wired.

Proceeds from Painting Sales: For any paintings sold, the proceeds will be divided as follows:

Artist: 70%

Reinert Fine Art: 15%

Oil Painters of America: 15%

7. Artists are responsible for picking up unsold paintings on Saturday, April 1, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at Reinert Fine Art.

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

Date	Time	Location
Registration/Canvas Stamped: Sunday, March 26, Monday, March 27 & Tuesday, March 28	Sunday 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Monday 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Tuesday 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.	Holiday Inn Charleston – Riverview Founders Hall Founders Hall
Plein Air & Studio Painting Monday, March 27	Plein Air: All Day Studio: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Plein Air – on your own or at designated locations Studio: Founders Hall
SW Art Pampered Paint Out Plein Air & Studio Painting Tuesday, March 28	Plein Air: All Day Studio: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Plein Air – on your own or at designated locations Studio: Founders Hall
Framed Painting(s) Turned In: Tuesday, March 28	4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Reinert Fine Art
OPA’s 32nd Annual National Exhibition Premier – this evening is invitation only open to OPA members and VIPs	4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Reinert Fine Art
Awards & Recognition Ceremony Thursday, March 29	8:00 p.m.	Charleston Music Hall
Paintings for Sale Wednesday, March 29 through Friday, March 31	During normal gallery hours	Reinert Fine Art
Pick-up painting(s):	Saturday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.	Reinert Fine Art

For further questions regarding OPA’s “Southern Charm” Wet Paint Competition please call 815-356-5987 or e-mail: mail@oilpaintersofamerica.com