



Masters Show Opening Weekend Schedule of Events • Aug 3 - 5, 2023

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Thursday, August 3

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - OPA Masters Show 2023 Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony
Location: Illume Gallery West, 130 East Broad Street, Philipsburg, Montana

Please join us at Illume Gallery West located in beautiful Philipsburg, Montana for the opening reception of this year's Masters Show. This prestigious exhibition features a select group of distinguished artists representing the very best in representational art. OPA is honored to have Scott Christensen serving as the Juror of Awards. Scott will announce this year's award winners at approximately 7:30 p.m.



Friday, August 4

9:30 a.m. to Noon - Painting Demonstration with Scott Christensen
Location: Opera House Theater -140 S Sansome St, Philipsburg, MT

When a devastating college football accident left Scott Christensen unable to play, he found himself at a precarious crossroads where he had to reevaluate his future career goals. Inspired by his grandfather who was a talented amateur artist, Scott enrolled in art classes which eventually led him to his life's work. After nearly three decades at the easel, Christensen is recognized around the globe, as evidenced by his invitation to show in Russia's Ilya Repin St. Petersburg State Academic Institute for Painting, Sculpture, and Architecture. His work can be found in prestigious gallery and museum shows, as well as in major collections, like Prix de West and in the permanent collection of Grand Teton National Park's Craig Thomas Visitors' Center.



Noon to 6:00 p.m. Time to Explore!

There is no shortage of things to do in and around Philipsburg! Take some time to enjoy this historic mining town or venture out to explore the area. [Check here](#) for some of the top things to do in and around Philipsburg.

6:00 p.m. Artists' Dinner at the [Silver Mill Restaurant](#)
Location: 128 E. Broadway, Philipsburg, Montana
Cost: \$35 per person, plus cash bar

Come spend the evening with us at the [Silver Mill Restaurant](#) where you will enjoy exceptional food, great conversation, and a few laughs!

Guests will have the choice of three entrees: Chicken Piccata, Egg Plant Parmigiana, or Pappardelle Bolognese.





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Saturday, August 5

Artists' Rest, Relaxation, and Painting Retreat out at the Lundgren's Ranch

Location: Jane Bell and Mark Lundgren's Ranch

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Come anytime that is convenient for you!

Cost per person: Deli Lunch, Dinner & Entertainment \$65 all-inclusive

Experience the best that Montana's glorious summer has to offer by spending the day at Lundgren's beautiful ranch located just a short drive from downtown Philipsburg. Guests are welcome to paint, hike or fish on their sprawling property or just relax and read a book with a cold glass of iced tea or lemonade. For the more adventurous, feel free to take a spin on one of the Lundgren's ATVs! Later, dine on a delicious barbeque dinner while listening to singer/songwriter Sally Newsome-Ladd, well-known in these parts of Montana. She will play a wide variety of songs, original and covers, inspired by the moment.



Advanced Registration & Payment Required!

All artists and guests must register in advance and no later than July 15th. Register on the Masters Show Event Page.

Important! OPA will not be able to accommodate any last-minute requests to attend the Friday evening dinner or Saturday's special outing at the Lundgren's ranch so please be sure to register in advance!

Travel Information

The 2 closest airports servicing Philipsburg, Montana, are Missoula Montana Airport (1 hr. 20 minutes) and Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport (2 hrs. 15 min).

If you are willing to share a room and/or a rental car, please let us know and we will let you know if we have someone interested in doing the same. Email Cameryn Creech at mail@oilpaintersofamerica.com.

Hotel Information

There are plenty of hotels and VRBO rentals for you to check out. [Click here](#) for a short list of lodging recommendations compiled by our hosts Jane Bell and Mark Lundgren. Please note, this is not a complete list. There are plenty of other options available online.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON IN BEAUTIFUL MONTANA!