



# Eastern Regional Opening Weekend Schedule of Events • Sept. 11 & 12, 2025



## Thursday, September 11

**10:30 – 12:30 pm – Painting Demonstration with Roger Dale Brown OPAM**

**Location: Beverly McNeil Gallery, 605 28th Street S, Birmingham, Alabama**

[Roger Dale Brown OPAM](#) is celebrated for his masterful oil paintings that capture the essence of his subjects. With works displayed nationwide and published in leading art magazines, Roger draws inspiration from his extensive travels and on-location plein air studies. Join us as this acclaimed artist demonstrates his process—sharing the techniques, insights, and passion that have earned him accolades from collectors, critics, and fellow artists as well.



**5:00 – 7:00 pm – Opening Reception & Awards Presentation**

**Location: Beverly McNeil Gallery**

Join us as we officially open the Eastern Regional Exhibition. Enjoy a glass of wine, refreshments and engaging conversation while viewing some of the finest representational oil paintings from across the eastern region of North America. OPA is honored to welcome Cindy Baron OPAM as our Juror of Awards, who will present this year's winners at approximately 6:00 pm.



**7:00 pm – Rendezvous at The Refinery for Collectors, Artists & Guests**

**Location: The Refinery, 728 29th Street S, Birmingham**

**Cost: Self-pay**

After enjoying the exciting opening of this year's Eastern Regional Exhibition, we invite you to continue the celebration at [The Refinery](#). Just a few blocks from the gallery, join us for nightcaps, tasty bites, and lively conversation in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere.

## Friday, September 12

**9:30 am – 10:30 am – Java with the Juror**

**Location: Beverly McNeil Gallery**

Gain valuable insight into what makes a great painting as Cindy Baron OPAM discusses the elements that influenced her award selections. This behind-the-scenes look offers a thoughtful perspective on how to more thoroughly enjoy and understand the art featured in the OPA Eastern Regional Exhibition.

**10:45 – 1:00 pm – Painting Demonstration with Cindy Baron OPAM**

**Location: Beverly McNeil Gallery**

Join nationally acclaimed artist [Cindy Baron OPAM](#) for an inspiring demonstration. Her work captures the sweeping beauty of western mountains, serene coastal shorelines, and the human spirit with equal grace. Drawing on decades of plein air experience and extensive travels, she will share her techniques, insights, and passion for painting nature's ever-changing moods. Whether it's a windswept storm or the quiet glow of an everyday moment, Cindy's artistry invites you to see the world with fresh eyes.



**1:00 pm – A Midday Muse with BBQ for Artists & Guests**

**Location: Carlile's BBQ, 3511 6th Avenue South, Birmingham**

**Cost: Self-pay with a 20% gratuity added to bill**

Take a break and join us for lunch at the famous [Carlile's BBQ](#) in Birmingham. Savor their classic Southern barbecue—plates, sandwiches, and all the traditional sides—served up in a cozy, casual atmosphere that's been a local favorite for generations.



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## Friday, September 12 - Sunday, September 14

### Garden Views: Plein Air Painting at Birmingham Botanical Gardens

**Location:** 2612 Lane Park Rd, Birmingham

**Cost:** FREE

Artists are welcome to set up and paint in the [Birmingham Botanical Gardens](#). During the Eastern Regional Opening Weekend, which coincides with the African Violet Show & Sale, the Gardens will be bursting with color and inspiration. Artists may paint throughout the Gardens, provided pathways remain open for visitors. Guests are often captivated by the creative process, and many will pause to watch as your work takes shape.



## Advanced Registration

All artists and guests must register in advance no later than September 6. Register by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by visiting the Eastern Regional Exhibition page.

## Attendee Information

### Airport:

Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport.

### Transportation:

A rental car is recommended for convenience during the weekend, although rideshare services are also available.

### Hotel Block:

Fairfield Inn & Suites  
1795 Morris Avenue  
Fultondale, AL 35068  
205-849-8484

[CLICK HERE](#) to make a hotel reservation. If you call for a reservation, mention OPA when reserving your room.

If you are willing to share a room, please let us know and we will let you know if we have someone interested in doing the same. Email Cameryn at [mail@oilpaintersofamerica.com](mailto:mail@oilpaintersofamerica.com).

**HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON IN ALABAMA!**