



OIL PAINTERS of AMERICA

Collectors Circle

THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL EXHIBITION & CONVENTION

✦ STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO ✦

Thursday, May 28

REGISTRATION OPEN

8:00AM to 5:00PM • Steamboat Grand Hotel – Grand Foyer

Collect your badge, bag and get all your questions answered. Your Mystery Mini tickets are in your name badge envelope. If you arrive early, feel free to visit the studio rooms or explore downtown Steamboat Springs to watch artists at work.

SIP & STROLL WITH THE VENDORS

3:00 to 5:00PM • Steamboat Grand Hotel – Grand Foyer

Kick back and enjoy a glass of wine or a cold beer—our treat—as you connect with our vendors, and learn about the quality art products that truly make a difference in the finished piece.

VISIT THE MYSTERY MINI EXHIBIT

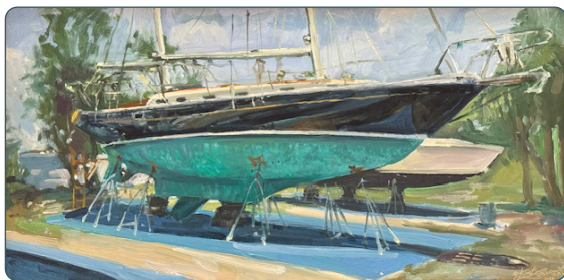
All day, in the Grand Ballroom III.

Don't miss the Mystery Miniature Draw & Sale, a favorite convention tradition. 30+ elite OPA artists have donated their time and talent by sending original 8-by-10 paintings to benefit OPA. The authorship of each painting is top secret until the drawing. Each painting is priced at \$350. Entry tickets are included with your convention registration and give you a chance to take home a gem. Entries close at 1:00 pm Friday, with the drawing and artist reveal held at 2:30. Be there for the excitement!

ART AFTER HOURS

8:30 to 9:30PM • Steamboat Grand Hotel – Mountain View Foyer

After dinner on your own, join us for cocktails and a first look at the Wet Paint exhibition—an opportunity to discover fresh works and perhaps find your next addition.



2025 Wet Paint Painting by Kirk Larsen OPA



MUSEUM EXHIBIT & PRESENTATION

Chula Beauregard's Legacy

5:30 to 7:00PM *Open to the public*

Tread of Pioneers Museum

800 Oak St., Steamboat Springs

[Chula Beauregard](#) OPA presents her show *Legacy: a Year with Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust*, in this 45-minute talk followed by the opening of her exhibit.

Over the course of the year as Artist in Residence, she visited local ranches to paint on-site and capture the heart of Routt County's agricultural heritage. The multimedia exhibit on display at the museum features her plein air studies, larger studio paintings, historic ranch photos, and written stories that honor the land and the people who care for it.

A sixth-generation Coloradoan, Chula will speak of the role artists have played in land conservation throughout history, as well as offering insight on how to create an exhibit that supports local conservation efforts.

Come experience the land, the people, and the art that tells their story.

Light refreshments will be provided.



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Friday, May 29

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8:00AM to 6:00PM

Steamboat Grand Hotel – Grand Foyer

Is this your first day at the convention? Stop by the registration desk to say hello to our friendly OPA staff, pick up your name badge, and browse a selection of books and DVDs by OPA artists..

MYSTERY MINI DRAWING & ARTIST REVEAL

2:30 to 3:30PM

Steamboat Grand Hotel – Grand Ballroom I & II

The moment you've been waiting for is here! Names will be drawn, and the winners—and artists!—of this year's Mystery Miniature paintings will be announced. [See the Mystery Mini Rules.](#)

35TH NATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITION

★VIP OPENING RECEPTION

4:30 to 5:30 PM

Steamboat Art Museum, 807 Lincoln Ave, Steamboat Springs

Celebrate the launch of the 35th National Exhibition with an exclusive experience created especially for our collectors. The Steamboat Art Museum warmly invites you to a private Opening Reception, where you'll enjoy an intimate meet & greet with the exhibiting artists before the doors open to the public. Be among the very first to view the National paintings—offering you a rare and meaningful early look at one of the most competitive exhibitions in the country. Take your time with the work, connect with the artists behind it, and share in the excitement of this special moment.

OPENING RECEPTION

5:30 to 7:30 PM

Following the private reception, we invite the public to join us from 5:30–7:30 PM to celebrate the 35th National Exhibition. Experience this remarkable showcase, meet the artists, and enjoy an evening of art, conversation, and community.

OPA AWARDS & RECOGNITION CEREMONY

8:00 to 10:00PM *Open to the public*

Steamboat Grand Hotel - Grand Ballroom

Celebrate artistry and achievement at the Awards & Recognition Ceremony! Mark Boedges, our National Juried Exhibition Awards Judge, will announce this year's top honorees, while Elizabeth Robbins OPAM, the Wet Paint Awards Judge, reveals the winners of the OPA National Wet Paint Competition. Student awards will also be presented, and the Oil Painters of America will honor artists who have earned Signature or Master Signature status in 2026. Join us to recognize talent, dedication, and artistic excellence in what is sure to be a memorable evening.



2025 Mystery Mini Painting by Christine Lashley OPA

Visit the
WET PAINT SALE
in the Mountain View Foyer
Thurs, May 28 through
Saturday, May 30
8:00 am - 5:00 pm





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Mark Boedges, National Awards Judge.

Saturday, May 30

★ JAVA WITH THE JUROR

9:00 to 11:00AM

Steamboat Art Museum, 807 Lincoln Ave, Steamboat Springs

Join National Award Judge [Mark Boedges](#) for an intimate coffee gathering as he offers behind-the-scenes insight into his selections for the award-winning paintings. Compare your personal favorites with his—and with fellow collectors and art lovers—while enjoying the rare opportunity to connect with exhibiting artists, who will be in attendance.

LUNCH TIME

12:00 to 1:30PM

Steamboat Grand Hotel - Second Floor Tent

Enjoy a buffet lunch in the poolside tent. It's a great opportunity for collectors to connect with artists and other attendees in a relaxed setting.

FULFILLING THE ARTIST-COLLECTOR CONNECTION (YES, THAT INCLUDES SALES)

1:45 to 3:15 PM

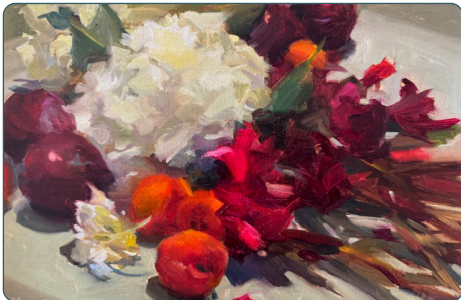
Steamboat Grand Hotel - Grand Ballroom I & II

Fulfilling the creative experience extends to both making and collecting art—and yes, that can include sales. In this presentation, Scott Jones and a panel of seasoned collectors explore why people buy art, what drives those decisions, and how artists and collectors can better understand each other to build meaningful connections and lasting value.

[Scott Jones](#) is a lifelong "art fanatic" who bought his first painting at fifteen and built a career connecting artists and collectors. He has led major galleries, worked in art publishing, and continues to support the art community as a writer, advisor, and advocate.



Scott Jones has the scoop on the art biz.



2025 Wet Paint Painting by MaryBeth Karasus OPAM

★ THE POWER OF WET PAINT

3:30 to 5:00 PM

Steamboat Grand Hotel - Mountain View Foyer

Freshly completed works offer collectors a rare opportunity to experience art at its most immediate stage—straight from the artist's hand. These pieces capture spontaneity, decision-making, and energy in real time, often revealing a level of honesty that can shift as a work evolves in the studio. While learning about this dynamic process, collectors can also view the wet paint competition paintings on display—offering a last chance to purchase a work fresh off the easel.

AMERICAN ART COLLECTOR MAGAZINE'S CLOSING PARTY

5:30 to 9:30PM

Steamboat Grand Hotel - Second Floor Tent

This evening full of food, fun, and festivities is sponsored by *American Art Collector Magazine*. Start with cocktails at 5:30, enjoy a full dinner at 6:00, and savor dessert under the stars. Dance the night away with line dancing lessons from *Two Right Feet*. If you want to join in the game of Left Right Center, bring your one-dollar bills. Or you may want to introduce a fun party game we haven't played yet! Don't miss this unforgettable night celebrating art, friends, and good times!





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Sunday, May 31

★ PRIVATE COLLECTION TOUR

Location will be announced on Friday

Wrap up the weekend with a visit to a local collector's home, where coffee and bagels are served alongside a look into their personal collecting journey. Guests will have the chance to view works from a private collection and enjoy easy, engaging conversation—an ideal way to end the weekend.

AFTERNOON ART RETREAT

3:00 - 6:00PM

Galusha/Stocks Studio, Hahns Peak Village

If you're not heading out until Monday, unwind with a relaxing visit to the Galusha/Stocks home and studio in historic Hahn's Peak Village, Colorado—an inspiring creative retreat five years in the making. Centered around a remarkable "barn" studio, the property features Rich's stunning north-light painting studio with sweeping views of Hahn's Peak and Steamboat Lake, alongside Shirley's etching studio, home to a 1904 Sturgis antique press. The space is filled with an exceptional variety of work—paintings, sculpture, etchings, wood, glass, pottery, marble, and more—not only by Richard and Shirley, but also by an impressive roster of artists including Quang Ho, Hollis Williford, Jeff Legg, Matt Smith, Dan Young, Gary Price, Keith Christie, Nancy Boren and many others.

REGISTRATION

Collector Registration:
\$150 per person

Secure your place by clicking the link below.

Registration includes a \$150 acquisition credit*, redeemable toward the purchase of a painting from the National Exhibition at the Steamboat Art Museum or a Wet Paint Competition piece at the Steamboat Grand Hotel. *Please note: Mystery Mini paintings are excluded from the credit.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

For questions, contact Liz at lpusch@oilpaintersofamerica.com

LODGING

LOCATION The convention is held at The Steamboat Grand Hotel in Steamboat Springs in the beautiful state of Colorado. OPA has negotiated a discounted room rate for convention attendees. *The cutoff date to receive this special rate is Friday, May 8.*

The Steamboat Grand Hotel

2300 Mt. Werner Circle
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

[RESERVE ONLINE](#)

TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS 1-877-269-2628.

Please identify yourself as an Oil Painters of America Convention attendee.

Room Type	OPA Nightly Rate
Standard King Room	\$133 + tax
Standard Double Queen Room	\$133 + tax
Condos & Suites	Prices differ per option

Parking Hotel guests receive complimentary parking in the Ski Time Square Condominiums garage, opposite the hotel. \$10 per day for non-hotel guests. Parking in the hotel's underground garage is \$15 per day. Pay in advance to gain access. Valet parking is \$20.

TRAVEL

Yampa Valley Regional Airport (HDN) is a small airport twenty-five miles west of Steamboat Springs in Hayden, Colorado. Confirm ground transportation reservations in advance; limited shuttles and rental cars require advance booking. Onsite options are usually unavailable. Uber/Lyft availability is inconsistent.

HDN Airport Shuttle

Storm Mountain Express provides a premier shared ride shuttle service to and from Steamboat Springs and HDN. Reservations must be made more than 48 hours in advance. Call (970) 879-1963, or visit www.stormmountainexpress.com.

Denver International Airport (DEN) is a three- to four- hour drive to Steamboat Springs, depending on the weather. Rideshares like Uber and Lyft are not available for travel between Denver and Steamboat Springs.

Hotel Shuttle The Steamboat Grand Hotel provides a limited shuttle service between the hotel and downtown Steamboat Springs, enabling guests to visit the Steamboat Art Museum or Tread of Pioneers, or simply to enjoy downtown. Participants are responsible for their own transportation for all other events.

[download the hotel shuttle app](#)

Events marked with a star (★) are special collector events.