

PAINT THE TOWN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What exactly is a plein air event? Arts Alpharetta is happy to host a *plein air* (or open air) painting event for artists that will occur in the city of Alpharetta, in partnership with in partnership with the City of Alpharetta, the Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau

Does everyone who registers ‘get in’? Artists 18 years and over are invited to participate; the final (late) deadline for registration was April 23.

Where can I stay if coming from out of town? The Alpharetta Convention and Visitors Bureau will be securing blocks of hotel rooms at a discounted rate soon. Included in that message will be a link to see all hotels in Alpharetta for artist’s consideration.

Can I check in early? No. Check in is at 8AM on Tuesday the 18th. There will be someone to stamp surfaces every day at the Alpharetta Art Center.

Can I start a painting early and finish it at the event? No. This is a juried exhibition. All surfaces must be stamped on the back at registration and have to be completed during the dates of the event (May 18 – 21). Yes, we know your paintings will be wet at the judging and expect that.

How many paintings may I submit for the competitions? Artists may enter up to nine (9) pieces total

- Up to four (4) pieces for exhibition (2 for the Juror and 2 back-up pieces)
- One (1) piece for Quick Draw/Paint for Juror (and display at the exhibition.)
- Up to four (4) pieces for the Wet Paint Tent Sale (6”x6” maximum size)

Is there a size limit to paintings? Yes, artworks for the gallery exhibition for the 5 day event and Quick Draw/Paint competition are to be no larger than 36” in any direction (including frame.) Small works are to be no larger than 6” in any direction. (Frames on small works may exceed the 6” painting surface.

Are gallery wrapped canvases allowed? Yes, gallery wrapped canvases (2” deep) are allowed. We ask that artists paint/prepare the edges with black or medium gray acrylic paint to keep paint from marring gallery walls. Traditional stretched canvases (less than 1” deep) and panels are allowed. A famer will be on site with standard sized frames for sale for artists to insert finished works for exhibition.

Can I paint somewhere that is not on the map? It is recommended to select a site from the map because we have permission to use those locations for our artists. If an artist has a spot which is either public, or they have otherwise secured the necessary permission to be there and it is in within the Alpharetta City limits, you may paint there. Artists may seek their own locations as long as they paint within the city limits of Alpharetta. Maps will be provided showing: 1. Alpharetta City Limits, 2. Pre-approved locations, 3. Locations for painting during the Quick Draw/Paint competition.

Do we have to stay the whole time? Can we arrive late? Registration begins on Tuesday, May 18th at 8 AM. You may work at your leisure until the competition pieces are due, Friday, May 21 at 7PM. Judging will take place on Saturday. Artists may arrive late but need to alert Nancy Murphy at nancyjmurphy16@gmail.com of their arrival date to accommodate late registration.

Will anything be provided, like chairs or small tables, etc.? Or do we bring everything that we would need? Artists should bring all supplies that they would need to paint outdoors. Please be a good guest, do not leave any trash behind and do not dispose of solvents in public trash cans or onto the ground.

What is the rain plan? If there will be a rain date do you have that yet? Presently the event will be held rain or shine, depending on the severity of the forecast.

Are children permitted to accompany the artist? Families are welcome at the reception. Paint the Town is designed for adult artists, there are no activities planned for children at this event.