

night. The Quick Draw competition — which can be entered separately — takes place on Sunday morning on the Ocean City Boardwalk. Our plein air artists enjoy their time here every year, and the sense of community it brings.

### 7th Annual Harford Plein Air Painting Festival

Dates: September 17–18, 2021

Sponsoring Organization: Maryland Center for the Arts

Venue: Gallery Sale at Bel Air Armory

City: Bel Air, MD

Format: Juried

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At the Harford Plein Air Painting Festival, you'll get to meet friendly artists from all over the U.S. and enjoy painting numerous locations throughout Harford County, including expansive farms, historic homes and mansions, beautiful creeks and marinas, and the Susquehanna River from several vantage points. This juried competition includes a quick draw event on Saturday, open to all artists, as well as a collectors' preview party, award ceremonies, and public gallery sale at the majestic Bel Air Armory in the heart of the county. We have generous host families who accommodate out-of-town artists and lots of social opportunities!

## MASSACHUSETTS

### EXPANDED LISTING

#### Cape Ann Plein Air Festival

Dates: May 23–30, 2021

Opening Reception: May 23, 2021

Sponsoring Organization: Cape Ann Plein Air

Venue: Rockport Art Association, Essex Shipbuilding Museum, North Shore Arts Association, Cape Ann Museum, Manchester Historical Museum

City: Cape Ann, MA

Format: Juried

Juror of Awards: Hiu Lai Chong

Award Total: \$24,000

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Held in the birthplace of American plein air; hosted in Gloucester, Rockport, Essex, and Manchester-by-the-Sea; Cape Ann Plein Air is a juried and judged competition that has become a favorite among artists. A rich art history colors the 400-year-old community and has been the muse for painting greats such as Homer, Lane, Hopper, Wyeth, Sargent, and Davis. Juried artists traveling to participate are provided housing, opportunities to mingle with each other and the public, dinners with organizers, opportunities to engage with local art organizations, and free access to world-class museums and theater.

#### Plein Air in the Berkshires

Dates: June 1–September 30, 2021

Opening Reception: July 1, 2021

Entry Deadline: September 28, 2021

Sponsoring Organization: Guild of Berkshire Artists

Venue: The Mount, Hancock Shaker Village, Norman Rockwell Museum, and the Berkshire Botanical Garden

City: Lenox, MA

Format: Combination

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Create art outdoors in the Berkshires of Western Mass. Every day of the week from 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m., weather permitting, June–September. Meet at a beautiful Berkshire location such as

The Mount, Hancock Shaker Village, Norman Rockwell Museum, and the Berkshire Botanical Garden. Work until noon, then positive critique over lunch (bring or buy). Oil, acrylic, photography, watercolors, pastel, drawing, digital painting are encouraged. Bring your own supplies. Open to all levels. Come for a day, a week, or more. We encourage you to join your favorite venue at the NARM level. Stay safe and leave the area pristine. [www.berkshireartists.org/creating-art-outdoors](http://www.berkshireartists.org/creating-art-outdoors)

## MICHIGAN FREE BASIC LISTING

#### Paint Grand Traverse

Dates: August 7–14, 2021

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Website: [www.paintgrandtraverse.com](http://www.paintgrandtraverse.com)

#### Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival

Dates: August 16–21, 2021

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Website: [www.paintdexter.org](http://www.paintdexter.org)

## MINNESOTA

#### Plein Air Grand Marais

Dates: September 10–17, 2021

Opening Reception: September 17, 2021

Entry Deadline: May 1, 2021

Sponsoring Organization: Outdoor Painters of Minnesota

Venue: Johnson Heritage Post Art Gallery

City: Grand Marais, MN

Format: Combination

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Every September for 18 years, painters from across the country have gathered to paint in Grand Marais, Minnesota, on the North Shore of Lake Superior and up the Gunflint Trail to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Daily mini-workshops, paint-outs, artist social events, and a traditional hootenanny with the "Plain Errors" make this a beloved annual tradition. A successful 2020 event during the pandemic, with optional remote participation, has given us the tools and experience to continue planning a flexible and enduring annual festival of plein air painting. Join us in Grand Marais in 2021!

## MISSISSIPPI

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## MONTANA

#### Plein Air Glacier Paint Out

Dates: June 17–24, 2021

Opening Reception: June 26, 2021

Entry Deadline: March 19, 2021

Sponsoring Organization: Hockaday Museum of Art

Venue: Hockaday Museum of Art

City: Kalispell, MT

Format: Juried

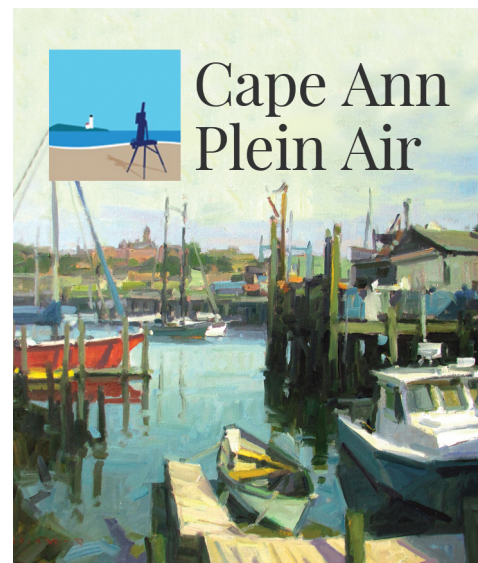
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Cape Ann Plein Air Festival | May 23 - 30, 2021  
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Cape Ann, Massachusetts  
Essex, Gloucester, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Rockport

There's something special  
about the light here.

Known for its unique and penetrating beauty, artists have long been drawn to America's oldest sea port on Cape Ann.

This rich cultural tradition continues, painting alongside the echoes of Winslow Homer, Edward Hopper, Milton Avery, and Nell Blaine.

    
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