

For Artists Participating in A Brush with Nature

Calendar:

Event Dates are Saturday, March 24 through Sunday, March 25, 2018 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Gates Open at 7:00 am both days for participating artists

Delivery Begins: Friday March 23rd (time to be announced)

Reception and Awards: Sunday, March 25, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Eligibility: Members who are current with membership dues for 2018 and who registered by March 1, 2018 may participate. Members may submit artwork done prior to the event provided artwork was produced at the Arboretum and the subject matter is a scene from the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens.

Eligible Work: Only original artwork completed "en plein air" are eligible. No giclee prints, work copied from other artists, work from photographs, advertisements, or reproductions of any kind will be permitted. Works created in-studio are not eligible, though paintings done on location that are corrected, or touched up in studio are permitted.

Media: Oil, acrylic, watercolor, gouache, and pastel are acceptable media.

Size and Framing: Artwork is to be no larger than 16x20" in size, not including matting and framing. Paintings must be framed and ready to hang with picture wire. NO frames with sawtooth hangers. Watercolor and pastel works must be properly matted and framed under glass or Plexiglas. Gallery wrap canvases without frames are permitted provided sides are finished. No staples are to be visible. Cradled hardboard panels are also acceptable without framing provided sides are finished. There will be a tent solely for the artists to use for breaks and for framing.

Artwork Check-in: All art needs to be checked in with a volunteer at the Exhibition Tent. The work must be logged in to the logbook and a form with artist's name, title of painting, size, and medium must be filled out and attached to the bottom of the frame back where it is visible to the viewing public. The number of each form must also be logged in along with the artwork information. The artwork may remain on display in the Exhibition Tent until the end of the event or until it is sold.

Submission Limit: Due to the enormous response by our members to participate, and in order not to overwhelm the exhibition tent, each artist may only have four pieces on exhibition at any time. If a piece sells, the artist has the right to replace any sold work with another painting.

The Event: All registered artists are expected to paint at least one full day during the event. Both days are preferred. Please come by the Artists' tent to pick up your name tag before painting on Saturday morning and wear your name tag whenever you are on premises. All artists are expected to attend the after-event reception from 5:00 until 7:00 pm Sunday Evening, March 25. All unsold artwork needs to be collected at the close of the reception. Each artist is responsible for collecting their own work. If someone other than yourself is picking up your artwork, please make one of the FCPAP volunteers working the exhibition tent aware of your arrangement. The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens and First Coast Plein Air Painters will not be held responsible for any artwork left accidentally beyond the conclusion of the event, nor will they be held responsible for any artwork that may be lost or stolen during the event. There will be a security volunteer staying Saturday evening, but there is no guarantee against theft, nor assumption of responsibility by The Arboretum or FCPAP should theft occur.

Sales: All Sales will be handled by First Coast Plein Air Painters. Artists agree that the Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens shall take a 40% commission of each painting sold during the two-day event. Artists will receive a check from First Coast Plein Air Painters within 30 days of the close of the event for artwork sold. Absolutely no private sales off of the artists' easels. Sales are to be handled and logged in through the sales staff in the exhibition tent only.

Liability: First Coast Plein Air Painters will take every reasonable precaution to safeguard artwork from damage. However, they are not responsible for loss or damage to any artwork. The Jacksonville Arboretum & Gardens or First Coast Plein Air Painters are not responsible for any injuries any artists might incur while participating in this event.

Parking: Parking for participating artists will be available near the storage shed down the dirt road to the left of the main parking area. Spaces will be somewhat limited so it will be first come first serve. If all spaces are taken, please park out along Millcoe Road in available overflow parking and not in the main parking lot. Please leave the main parking area for the public. You may drop your equipment off near the kiosk at the east end of the main parking area before parking.

Food: The Arboretum will be providing coffee, bagels and danish for artists Saturday and Sunday mornings. They ask that you purchase lunch from the food truck vendors that will be onsite.