



PLEIN AIR PAINTING CONTEST

ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025

ENTRY FEE	AGES	SKILL LEVEL
One-Time \$25 per Exhibitor	18 & up	Amateur & Professional
Exhibitors will be allowed entries throughout all the Erie County Fair Competitions. A promo code redeemable for three (3) admission passes will be emailed to the exhibitor on Monday, July 28, 2025.		
AMATEUR		
1 ST PLACE BLUE - \$100	2 ND PLACE RED - \$75	3 RD PLACE YELLOW - \$50
PROFESSIONAL		
1 ST PLACE BLUE - \$200	2 ND PLACE RED - \$150	3 RD PLACE YELLOW - \$75
Contest Date:	Saturday, August 9, 2025. Check-in will take place in the Creative Arts Building in the Fine Arts & Photography Room. All paintings must be turned in by 5:00 PM to be judged.	
Prize Checks:	Available Tuesday, August 12, 2025 between 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM at the Creative Arts Info Desk along with satin ribbons earned. Checks remaining after this time will be mailed.	
Entry Removal:	Wednesday, August 20, 2025 between Noon - 8:00 PM or Thursday, August 21, 2025 between 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM.	

Please call the Competitive Exhibits office at 716-649-3900 ext. 6407 or email ceoffice@ecfair.org with all questions.

Plein Air Contest Rules:

1. Please read and abide by all The Erie County Fair and Creative Arts Department rules and regulations.
2. **All entries must be registered by Friday, July 11, 2025.** Entries not registered will not be accepted. For more information see the Important Entry Information page at www.ecfair.org.
3. This section is open to exhibitors ages 18 & Up ONLY.
4. A plein air contestant is limited to a total of one (1) entry in the Plein Air Contest.
5. **If you have won a Blue Ribbon in the previous year, you must wait one (1) year to compete again.**
6. **Check-in:** This will take place between 11:00 AM & Noon in the Creative Arts building on Saturday, August 9, 2025. The artist's canvas, paper, board, etc. must be stamped by the Fine Arts Staff prior to beginning work. Only two (2) surfaces may be stamped at check-in. At the time of check-in please let the staff know where on the Fairgrounds you will be painting. Only one (1) submission will be accepted and judged.
7. **Supplies:** Bring your own art supplies; be ready to paint on location, within the Fairgrounds. Size restrictions for adults are no larger than 36" x 36" and no smaller than 11" x 14". Matting or framing of acrylic is optional. Matting is suggested for all other mediums. **NO OIL PAINTS ALLOWED.** You are encouraged to visit the Fair before contest day to scout out your subject. However, no photos or sketches of your subject will be allowed on contest day. Frames & Canvases need D-Ring/Screw Eyes and flexible picture wire to hang.
8. **NOTE:** The artist must ask building superintendents/concessionaries where to set up to avoid blocking aisles/lines.
9. **Judging:** Artwork must be completed and returned to the Creative Arts building by 5:00 PM on Saturday, August 9, 2025 for judging. You will not be allowed to touch your painting after 5:00 PM. Awards will be announced at 5:30 PM and your painting will remain on display for the remainder of the fair.

CLASSES

ADULT PLEIN AIR - 1

1. Amateur Plein Air
2. Professional Plein Air

Erie County Fair Dates: August 6 - 17, 2025