

Plein Air Competition

Sponsored by Village Framer & Art Gallery

Saturday, April 5, 2025

The Lake County Fair Plein Air Competition beckons skilled artists who relish the opportunity to immerse themselves in capturing the lively happenings of our fair through their artwork. The resulting pieces vividly encapsulate the essence of the moment experienced in the great outdoors. Few mediums rival the ability of a painting to truly convey the spirit of a location or occasion!

Registration Deadline:

Friday, March 21, 2025 @ 5:00pm *Entry Agreement must be signed and submitted for registration to be accepted*

Entry Fee: \$25.00

Awards:

Spirit of the Fair (1st Place)- \$300 and Award (The painting that most exemplifies the traditions and spirit of the Lake County Fair)

2nd Place-\$225 and Award

3rd Place-\$175 and Award

Eligibility:

- 1. Competitors must reside in Lake County and be aged 18 years or older on day of competition.
- 2. Competition is open to professional, semi-professional, and amateur artists.
- 3. Contest will be limited to 20 entries on a first come first serve basis.

Competition Rules:

- 1. All paintings must be created during at the Lake County Fair during the competition time.
- 2. Village Framer and Art Gallery is graciously framing all paintings. Artists may choose the color of their frame at time of submittal. Paintings must be submitted on an 18x24 inch wrapped canvas with a depth of ¾ inch. Entries submitted on a smaller size will be framed in a floater frame. Contestants must provide their own frame if submitting a painting on a canvas larger than 18x24 inches.
- 3. Artists must check-in at The Art Barn on the day of competition prior to initiating any painting. At Time of Check-In a stamp will be placed on the back of your canvas. This stamp **MUST** be visible when submitting for final judging.
- 4. Competitors may check-in up to 4 canvases(stamped), but will only be permitted to submit **One (1)** Painting for Final Judging.
- 5. Types of media permitted include oils, acrylics, water media, pastels, and graphite.
- 6. Paintings of offensive, controversial, or objectionable nature or subject matter will not be accepted. The Lake County Fair decision in this matter will be FINAL.
- 7. Photographs and Tablets will not be permitted to create paintings, however they may be used to reference lighting of the scene.
- 8. Paintings must be submitted by 7:00pm on the day of competition for final judging. Paintings will not be accepted after 7:00pm and will be disqualified.
- 9. All submitted Paintings MUST be for sale after judging and will remain in the Art Barn for the entirety of the Fair.
- 10. Both Sold and Un-Sold artwork removal date is **Monday, April 14th** from 11am- 6pm. Purchased paintings must stay for the entirety of the fair, and cannot be removed by the purchaser until the removal date.
- 11. Any artwork left after removal time will be recycled. Special arrangements can be made with Creative Living Superintendent if you are unable to remove.
- 12. Artist will set the price of their painting and must do so at time of submittal. Artists are NOT Permitted to change pricing after submission is received. Pricing cannot be changed once painting pricing is submitted.
- 13. The Lake County Fair will retain a 20% Commission. All commission processed support the Creative Living Program.

14. Lake County Fair reserves the right to photograph competition, images of artwork and artists may be used for marketing materials.

How to Enter:

- All Contestants must register and complete their entry online using The Lake County Fair ShoWorks system.
- Visit www.lakecofair.com-Under competitions tab, scroll down to and Click on Plein Air Competition. When registering, please verify that all information entered is correct. Pay close attention to capitalization, names of cities and counties (No abbreviations will be accepted).

Please note mail-in registrations and payments will NOT be accepted.

Contest Timeline:

- MARCH 21,2025- Entry Form & Registration Fee Due by 5:00pm
- APRIL 5,2025- Plein Air Competition Day
 - 9am–10am Check-In at the Art Barn
 - 10am–7pm **Painting time period** in ticketed area of the Fair

Lunch, Drinks, and snacks will be provided to contestants

- o APRIL7,2025 Winners will be announced
- o APRIL7-13,2025 All artwork will be displayed until the end of the Fair

Frequently asked questions:

- **Q:** Do I have to be a professional artist to participate?
- A: No, all levels and experience are welcome!
- **Q:** Do I have to get model releases?
- A: No the Lake County Fair does NOT require model releases.

Questions?

Please contact Leah Fischer: Creative Living Superintendent

Phone: 352-357-7407 Email: LCFCreativeLiving@gmail.com

Plein Air Competition Contestant Agreement:

Please print and sign agreement, entries without agreement will not be permitted to participate.

I hereby certify that I have read the Lake County Fair Rules for the Plein Air Competition at the Lake County Fair. I also agree that the Lake County Fair may use my name, likeness, or photographs (including, but not limited to the photographs and video images of my final painting submission), for use in marketing materials, free of charge and without further notice, consultation, or written releaase. Regardless of cause, the artist agrees to bear all risk and expense for any loss, theft or damage to their artwork or other personal property or injury to their person. The artist agrees to be responsible for ensuring their artwork, all necessary shipping costs if item is not picked up. I understand that the 2025 Creative Living Competitions & Exhibits are held in conjunction with the 2025 Lake County Fair and agree that the Lake County Fair is not liable or responsible for any delay, change of dates or cancellation of the 2025 Lake County Fair due the following unforeseeable circumstances: (a) acts of God; (b) flood, fire, earthquake; or (c) other potential disaster(s) or catastrophe(s), such as epidemics, pandemics, or explosion.

Signature :_____

Date: _____

Thank You Village Framer and Gallery for your support!

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