

Royersford Community Art Center presents
“Paint Royersford!” a Plein Air Event
Saturday, September 12th 2026

Introduction

Artists, here is an opportunity to paint En Plein Air in Royersford, PA! This plein air event is an opportunity to introduce the Royersford Community Art Center to the public during The Community Day celebration, which is held on Saturday, September 12, 2026 in the borough of Royersford. The Royersford Community Art Center’s mission is to enrich the community by making art available to all through exhibitions, classes, lectures and events such as this. Plein air painting is the act of painting outdoors on location and lets spectators be included in the artist’s creative process.

Our Plein Air Event is a one-day, 4-hour plein air painting event with general awards including a People’s Choice Award. The event begins with a sign-in at the RCAC tent at 9 am where blank canvases, paper, or panels are stamped insuring that the work that will be submitted has been solely created during the allotted time and in “Plein Air”. The work is then presented to the public on the artists’ own easels lined up along Main Street and be on view from 3 to 6:00 pm.

The event will be held rain or shine. In the event of extreme weather being forecast RCAC will make every effort to proceed but may be forced to cancel. There will be no rain date for this event.

2026 Royersford Community Day
Featuring Royersford Community Art Center
Plein Air Event

Prospectus

Plein Air Dates & Times

- 8:00 to 9:00 am – Artists check in at the RCAC Plein Air tent in front of Royersford Commons, 624 Main St. Royersford, PA. (free parking is behind the building) to sign in and get panels stamped.
- 10:00 to 2:00 pm - Find your spot and paint the town within the designated limits. The boundaries (see map) are *one block on either side of main street from the train station to Handels Ice Cream.*
- 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm – Mat and frame and wire your work suitable for hanging (no saw tooth hangers or clip frames will be allowed). All work must be set up on the artist's easel by 3:00 pm and staged in front of Royersford Commons where space permits. Two artist's labels should be attached to the bottom of the painting – one for identification (for the judge of awards) and one to be handed in at the sales desk by the buyer. Artists should stay with their painting at all times, *or have an event volunteer attending, if a short break is needed.*
- Exhibition of plein air artwork will be on the artists' easels and will take place from 3:00 to 6:00 pm. Awards will be announced at 4:00 pm so every attempt at presentation should be made.

- *During the exhibition ballots will be handed out to the public asking for their favorite piece. A “People’s Choice” award will be presented at 5:00 pm.*
- Sales of artwork may be made at any time during the day including while the painting is in process. All sales will be referred to the RCAC tent which will also serve as a sales desk. Note that if someone is buying the painting it should stay in place until after the awards ceremony. (See *additional sales information on Page 6*)

Awards

Over \$1800 in cash awards, including The \$ 500 Best of Royersford

Open to all applicants of the Plein Air event and those who pay the application fee either online or in person at the time of the event.

General Awards: All applicants at the Plein Air event qualify to compete for general awards and Special Awards:

\$ 500 Best of Royersford (Best in Show)

\$300 2nd Place

\$200 3rd Place

\$200 Peoples’ Choice Award

Special Awards at \$100 each

\$ 100 Historic Royersford

\$ 100 Main Street

\$ 100 Gardens in the Borough

\$100 Emerging Student Artist

\$100 Pottstown Area Artists Guild Award

\$100 Perkiomen Valley Art Center Award

General Rules & Regulations

- Artwork submitted for exhibit and awards must have been created en plein air, within the designated Royersford community on September 12, 2026.
- Substrate may be tinted, with a solid color, no image, prior to stamping.
- All paintings must have the RCAC stamp on the substrate.
- Mediums of oil, acrylic, watercolor, gouache, ink, and pastel are all acceptable for this event.
- Artists are responsible for submitting their plein air piece framed and ready for hanging. No saw tooth hangers or clip frames allowed.
- Frames must be in good condition, with D-rings and wired in the upper third of the frame and completely ready for hanging. Glass, when used, should be clean and free of any scratches or abrasions.
- RCAC reserves the right to decline artworks that do not fall within the defined scope of this competition or are deemed inappropriate. Entries that do not adhere to all guidelines will not be judged or be eligible for awards.
- Artists may not block sidewalks, driveways, roadways, or use private property (without obtaining permission from owner). Please use common sense when picking a location and setting up.
- Artists should bring water with them if needed for painting use, or water can be obtained at the RCAC tent (sign up location), but artists must supply their own container. Solvents may not be discarded on borough property but must be carried out by the artist.
- Artists are responsible for their safety in selecting their painting locations such as, but not limited to, awareness of traffic patterns near them, stable footing, appropriate caution in traveling to and from their painting location.
- The weather may be hot and humid in early September, so artists are recommended to plan accordingly. If you are new to plein air painting know that you could be in sunlight for several hours, so plan on creating needed shade including a large brim hat, umbrella, long sleeve UV shirts, etc.
- Artists need to bring their own painting supplies, materials, substrates, tools, and equipment.

- Artists need to bring frames and any framing tools, mats, tape, hanging hardware needed. (A location for framing may be provided by RCAC).
- Artists need to bring their own trash bags for their use while painting and carry out their own waste.
- Oil and solvent rags are to be carried out by the artist and disposed of accordingly.
- Artists must be 18 or older to participate; **however High School age students will also be welcome.**
- Any additional information posted after the publication of this prospectus can be found on the RCAC website.

Application Submissions

All applicants are welcome to this event but some plein air experience is encouraged.

- \$15 online registration fee (non-refundable). Pre-Registration qualifies the artist to compete for awards. **Online registration deadline is August 31st.**
- \$20 In Person Registration fee (non-refundable). Registration qualifies the artist to compete for awards. In person registration will take place at the RCAC Plein Air tent, **624 Main St. in Royersford, on** September 12th between 9 and 10 am.

Application Process

- All those who register as plein artists are invited to participate in the event and compete for the general awards. If you are new to plein air this is a great opportunity to paint in public with your fellow artists.

Geographic Area

Borough of Royersford, PA (see map for details) specifically one block on either side of Main Street from the train Station to Handels Ice Cream.

Royersford is situated in Montgomery, PA 32 miles NW of Center City Philadelphia off Rte. 422.

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People's Choice Awards

\$ 200.00

This award will be chosen by community spectators by ballot. Encourage those who stop by to get a ballot at the RCAC tent and make their selection. Note – **One vote per person.**

All awards will be at the juror's discretion except for the Peoples' Choice.

Judge of Awards

Randall Graham

Randall's passion for art has been apparent since childhood. His love of drawing and creating stories through works of art started at a very young age and hasn't stopped yet. He studied at The Carlin Academy of Fine Art and The University of Delaware. Bo Bartlett has also taught Randall and influenced his style. The tradition of Chester County artists continues with Randall. He was born in Malvern Pa and today he resides in West Chester PA with his family. Randall is ambitious when it comes to his approach to painting. His work comes in a variety of channels including studio work, en plein air (outdoor painting) and his "en rain air" style. The "en rain air" style comes about from painting a scene from his mini

van or window while it is raining. He has won numerous awards for his art. Randall also loves to share his knowledge of painting through teaching. Helping others create is a truly gratifying experience. Randall teaches traditional painting fundamentals at Graham Painting Studio in West Chester PA. He also teaches workshops at Andrew and NC Wyeth's Studios in partnership with the Brandywine River Museum.



Off Season



Sentinal Sycamore

Sales

- Artwork may be for sale during the event and before completion. If a buyer wants to purchase the painting prior to completion an artist's label complete with artist name, title and price should be processed at the sales desk. If the buyer must take the painting before the judge of awards makes his or her rounds that piece will be excluded from awards.
- Paintings do not have to be for sale to be eligible for awards.
- Artists set their own prices.
- **All sales transactions are processed by RCAC at the Plein Air tent.**
- A 30% commission on all sales is retained.
- Payments for sales and awards may take up to 4 weeks after date of sale.
- Unsold artwork is the responsibility of the artist and must be removed at 7:00 pm..

Disclaimer/Legal

Submission of work to this event and exhibition constitutes an agreement on the part of the artist to all terms and conditions of this prospectus, which includes, but is not limited to, the right of the borough of Royersford and Royersford Community Art Center to use artist's images for publicity purposes.

Artists will be asked to sign an accident waiver and release of liability form at the time of sign-in. **Artist paint and exhibit at their own risk.** RCAC assumes no liability for participation in this event.

Insurance and Liability

Artists agree that in the event of loss or damage to Artist's work while it is in RCAC possession, RCAC will not be held liable.

All unsold artworks must be removed from the event area at the conclusion of the event - 7:00 pm.

Painting area MAP:

