

Orion Art Gallery & Studio
237 Mullin Street, Watertown, NY 13601

2026 Jefferson County – 1000 Islands Plein Air Competition Wednesday August 5 - to Sunday August 9



“Bee Boxes on Hot Hazy Summer Afternoon”

2025 1st Place - Tarryl Gabel

Invitation to Artists

Orion Art Gallery & Studio presents the 2026 *Jefferson County - 1000 Islands Plein Air Competition* Wednesday August 5 to Sunday August 9, 2026. This event is open to plein air artists at all levels, to create “on-location” plein artworks anywhere within the boundaries of Jefferson County, NY, as provided below.

We are pleased this year to hold the final day of judging, awards, and sale open to the public on Sunday August 9 at the Thousand Islands Winery, Alexandria Bay, NY.

Welcome to the 2026 Jefferson County – 1000 Islands Plein Air Festival & Competition!

This plein air event will follow currently accepted plein air guidelines for national level plein air competitions. The following guidelines have been established to make participation in this year’s event both enjoyable and fair to all.

1. **Registration.** Artists may register at Orion Art Gallery & Studio in Watertown, NY 8AM – 4PM, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, August 5-7.

If registering by mail, entry forms must be received in post box by Monday, August 3, 5PM

Tuesday, August 4. Early sign-in and canvas stamping at Orion Art Gallery 4pm-7pm.

2. **Artist Sign-in:** Artists must sign in and have canvases stamped during regular business hours until 2PM, Friday August 8. Once registered artists do not need to sign in daily thereafter.

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3. Each canvas intended to be entered for competition must be completely bare and shall be stamped by OAGS on back at registration station.
4. LIMITS: Paintings should be completed within the boundaries of Jefferson County NY.
5. It is the responsibility of the artist to provide suitable hanging, support mounting, packaging, and/or framing for artworks sold to the satisfaction of the buyer.
6. A limit of three (3) completed artworks may be entered for final judging.
7. Only 2-dimensional artworks will be accepted. No photography or prints will be accepted.
8. Maximum framed outside dimensions of artwork, including framing: 36" ht x 36" width
9. It is the responsibility of the artist to secure permission to paint on private properties, if not listed as an approved Art *Spot*.
10. This year's judging, awards, and sale will take place at the Thousand Islands Winery, Alexandria Bay, NY. All artwork intended to be entered for judging shall be brought to the registration station at the outdoor tent area, Thousand Islands Winery from 10AM-12PM. Sunday, August 9. A "one-hour" grace period will accept late arriving artworks until 1:00PM. All artworks will be listed "For Sale" at the artist's price
11. Judging will take place approximately 1:30PM-2 PM.
12. All artwork entered for judging will remain on display, and for sale to the public at the artist's listed price until 4PM. All unsold artworks must be removed by the artist Beginning at 4:00PM and by 5PM. August 9, 2026
13. Sale of Artwork: All sales of artwork entered for judging shall be processed by Orion Art Gallery & Studio. All artworks sold are subject to an 8% sales tax. Artists will receive 70% of the sale price, minus any Square Retail credit card processing fees. Payments will be mailed to the artists listed mailing address upon clearance of funds by Orion Art Gallery & Studio.
14. Buyers will process the sale of purchased artwork at the Orion Art Gallery & Studio checkout table at the Thousand Islands Winery.

SPECIAL NOTE! INFORMATION COMING SOON!

All artists are invited to register for our 2026 Plein Air Workshop days to be held on Monday August 3, and Tuesday August 4, instructed by our local talented plein air artists Jan Byington and Cheryl Simeone!

Visit www.orionartgallery.com for complete information and registration procedures.



Instructor Jan Byington
Tues. 8/4 9:30 AM-4PM



Instructor Cheryl Simeone
Mon. 8/3 9:30AM-4:00PM

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ARTIST REGISTRATION FORM

Artists may register & pay online at www.orion-artgallery.com

Registration at Orion Art Gallery ends Friday August 7, at 2PM.

Mail or hand deliver this form with payment to: Orion Art Gallery & Studio
327 Mullin Street, Watertown, NY 13601. Mailed forms must be received at the post box by Aug 3, 5PM.

Artist Assigned No. # _____ (OAGS will assign)

Name: _____ . Mobile Tel. (____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

REGISTRATION PAYMENT

Plein Air registration entry Fee: \$40 per artist \$ _____

Mailed payments: Check, or card, please no cash in mail.

Visa Master Card Discover American Express

Amount \$ _____. Card # _____ Exp. Date: Mo. ____ Year ____

Security CW code (back) ____ Signature: _____

Artists may enter up to three (3) artworks for judging

If artists DO NOT wish to have either themselves or their artworks photographed, initial here: _____

Event Contacts for assistance before, and during event:

Gallery Contact: Ph: 315-215-4099 email: Info@orion-artgallery.com

William Christopherson Ph: 315-783-5077

Thank You, and we hope you enjoy your stay in beautiful Jefferson County NY!