

River Muse



Art Gallery & Studio

2021 Clayton – 1000 Islands Plein Air Artist Competition

Wednesday August 18 4:00 PM to Saturday August 21 2:00PM

Invitation to Artists

River Muse, Art Gallery & Studio will present the 2021 *Clayton – 1000 Islands Plein Air Artist Competition* Wednesday August 18 to Saturday August 21. This event is limited to 30 plein air artists, on a first-come first serve basis. The first 30 registering artists will be accepted. Artists registering after 30 will be placed on a waiting list.

There are important additions to this years event including increased Awards Purse thanks to our generous sponsors, and a Friday August 20 Artist's boated painting day at historic Canoe Point State Park on Grindstone Island. Please read below for additional details.

AWARDS

1st Place: 400.00

2nd Place: \$300.00

3rd Place \$200.00

Honorable Mention \$100.00

People's Choice Award; \$50.00

River Muse Art Gallery & Studio is proud to join our artists in support of our community!

Again this year, portions of proceeds from event entry fees and artwork sales will benefit the Depauville Free Public Library and the Hawn Memorial Library in Clayton.

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2021 Clayton – 1000 Islands Plein Air Artist Competition Guidelines

This competition 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 by mail or at River Muse Art Gallery & Studio during regular business hours until Friday 5PM August 20, until all 30 painting slots are filled. Mailed entry forms must be received by Saturday, August 14.
2. **Artist Sign-ins:** Artists must sign in and have canvases stamped at the registration station, 229 John Street, Clayton, at River Muse Art Gallery & Studio during the following hours:
 - Wednesday August 18, 4pm – 7pm: Early sign-in, and stamping of canvases
 - Thursday, and Friday August 19, 20 8am – 5pm. Sign-in, stamping of canvases, review of event guidelines. Once registered artists do not need to sign in daily thereafter.
3. Each canvas intended to be entered for competition must be completely bare, with no markings and shall be stamped by RMAGS on back at registration station.
4. Use of reference photos and reference material is discouraged, and artworks must be direct paintings of the scene before the artist.
5. Artists may sign their work prior to judging. Artworks must be framed, or gallery wrapped canvases, with suitable mounting wires on back for hanging.
6. It is the responsibility of the artist to provide suitable support mounting, packaging, and/or framing devices used to transport artworks sold to the satisfaction of the buyer.
7. A limit of three (3) completed artworks may be entered for final judging.
8. Only 2-dimensional artworks will be accepted. No photography or prints will be accepted.
9. Maximum framed outside dimensions of artwork, including framing: 36" ht x 36" width
10. All artworks must be completed in an outdoor setting within the limits of the area map provided herein. This range includes the entirety of the Town of Clayton, including the Villages of Clayton and Depauville, the area on the riverside of NYS Rt. 12 from the Village of Clayton northward to the 1000 Islands Bridge, and Wellesley Island west of Rt. 81 including Fineview, and Thousand Island Park. The entirety of historic Grindstone Island is included within painting limits. See Artists boating day event, Friday August 20 herein. A detailed map showing approved painting locations will be supplied to each artist at registration.
11. In the event of inclement weather, artists will be notified of alternate protected painting locations.
12. It is the responsibility of the artist to secure permission to paint on private properties, if not listed as an approved *Art Spot*.
13. All artwork intended to be entered for judging shall be brought to the registration station, 229 John St., from 11am – 2pm. Saturday, August 21.
14. Judging will take place approximately 2:15PM – 2:45PM Award winners will be announced at beginning of reception at 3 PM.
15. All artwork entered for judging must be considered for sale, at a minimum opening bid price of \$75 or higher at the discretion of the artist, or at a "buy-it-now" price at the option of the artist, and/or the highest price bid at the official closing of bidding - 3:00pm Saturday, August 22. Artists may choose a percentage of their sale of one selected artwork to benefit the DePauville Public Library, and Hawn memorial Library.

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16. Sale of Artwork: All sales of artwork entered for judging shall be processed by River Muse Art Gallery & Studio. All artwork sold is subject to an 8% sales tax. Artists will receive 70% of the sale price, minus any additional voluntary artist pledged percentage to the DePauville and Hawn Memorial Libraries. Payments will be mailed to the artists listed mailing address upon clearance of funds by River Muse Art Gallery & Studio.
17. Silent Auction: Any time during the event bidders may enter a bid at the artists' work station on clip board provided. All artworks must have a minimum opening bid of at least \$75.00. Final bidding will take place during Awards Reception on Saturday, from 2:00pm – 3pm, when winning bidders will be notified.
18. Upon notification of winning bid, buyers will process the sale of the purchased artwork at the River Muse Art Gallery & Studio checkout desk.
19. Unsold artworks: Artworks with no bids will be made available at a price set by the artist from 3:00pm on until 5pm, closing hours of River Muse Art Gallery & Studio. All unsold artworks at that time must be removed from the gallery by the artist. Any artwork left at the gallery after closing shall become the property of River Muse Art Gallery & Studio, unless special arrangements are made via artist/buyer.
20. Important Dates:
 - Saturday August 14. Deadline for receipt of mailed entry forms from the Clayton NY USPS Post Office.
 - Wednesday, August 18. Early sign-in and canvas stamping at registration tent. 4pm-7pm.
 - Thursday, August 19, Friday August 20: Sign-in, and canvas stamping. 8am – 5pm.
 - Friday August 20: Artist Island Painting on Grindstone Island. 8AM – 3PM.
 - Friday August 20, 5PM – 7PM. Artist's reception under the tent. Provided by River Muse Art Gallery & Studio.
 - Saturday August 21, 11am – 2pm. All completed artworks brought to registration tables at RMAGS. Deadline is 2pm. Any artworks arriving beyond 1pm will be rejected.
 - Saturday 2:15PM – 2:45PM Final judging. All artists and spectators must vacate the artwork display area at this time.
 - Saturday 2:45PM – 3:00PM Final artwork bid period.
 - Saturday 3pm. Announcement of award winners and final bid winners.
 - Saturday 4PM – 5PM. – Unsold artworks available at opening bid price.

GALLERY CONTACT & OPERATING HOURS

River Muse Art Gallery & Studio
229 John Street, Clayton NY 13624
Phone: 315-285-5162
Hours May-Sept.: Wed, Thurs, Fri., Sat.: 11am – 5pm
Sunday 12pm – 3pm
Hours Oct-April: Thurs, Fri., Sat.: 11am – 3pm
Sunday 12pm – 3pm

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2021 Competition Judge:

Kim Hoerster hails from Georgetown, Texas. Kim travels throughout the US, and overseas in pursuit of plein air adventure. She has developed and expanded a very successful online watercolor workshop titled at ArtseaLessons & Studio by Kim Hoerster.com. Her online workshop has become very popular during the 2020-21 Covid-19 pandemic quarantine period.

Kim is presenting a special “In-person” Plein Air Watercolor Workshop in Clayton during our event week! Proper pandemic distancing and facial covering guidelines will be observed during the workshop, and throughout the plein air event.

All artists are welcome to register for Kim’s class, which is scheduled for Tuesday August 17 and Wednesday August 18. Please complete the form provided with payment to River Muse Art Gallery & Studio.



Clayton’s tradition of charm and hospitality began more than a century ago when the Thousand Islands region was the playground of the nation’s wealthy and powerful. Now that tradition is embraced by a new generation of visitors A tradition we invite you to experience first hand. Come and soak up the small town atmosphere. You’ll find quaint shops and galleries, nationally known museums, and outdoor activities ranging from fishing to diving, kayaking, to hiking, all within walking distance. For accommodation information call the Clayton Chamber of Commerce 315-686-3771 or info@1000islands-clayton.com.

And of course, the Clayton Chamber of Commerce, and our River Muse Art Gallery & Studio are on Facebook !

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Please completely fill out the registration form attached herein.
ARTIST REGISTRATION FORM

Registration at plein air tent ends Friday August 20 at 5PM.

Mailed entry forms must be received by Saturday August 14, 5PM.

Mail or hand deliver this form to: River Muse Art Gallery & Studio
229 John St., Clayton NY 13624.

Artist Assigned No. # _____ (RMAGS will assign)

Name: _____ . Tel. (____) _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

SELECT ONE :

Plein Air registration entry Fee: \$30 \$ _____

Kim Hoerster 2-Day Watercolor Plein Air Workshop August 17, 18.
\$225 before July 1, 2021 \$250 after July 1 2021. \$ _____

Grindstone Island Painting Day – 8-20-2021. Includes boxed lunch,
Transportation by boat to island 8AM, and back to docks. 4PM - \$20. \$ _____

Total: Check \$ _____ \$ Cash _____

___ 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

Artists may select one entered artwork to pledge an additional percentage of sale price to DePauville Free Public Library & Hawn Memorial Library at time of judging.

Artists Reception Friday 5PM – 7PM, River Muse Art Gallery & Studio Free to registered artists and one guest.

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

Event Contacts for assistance before, and during event:

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Thank You, and we hope you enjoy your stay in beautiful Clayton, New York!