

**Livermore Art Association's**  
**PAINT LIVERMORE 2026**  
**PLEIN AIR PAINTING COMPETITION**

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<b>Competition Dates</b>	<b>Saturday May 9 to Sunday May 17, 2026</b>
<b>Judge</b>	<b>Jane V. Farley, MFT</b>
<b>Show Email</b>	<b><a href="mailto:paintlivermore@livermoreart.org">paintlivermore@livermoreart.org</a></b>
<b>Registration</b>	<b>Pre-register online or at check-in</b>
<b>Website &amp; Registration</b>	<b><a href="http://www.livermoreartassociation.org/paint-livermore-2026">www.livermoreartassociation.org/paint-livermore-2026</a></b>

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## Rules & Information

### Eligibility

- Open to all artists working in plein air.
- Collaborations welcome, each artist registers separately

### Entry & Fees

LAA and PAL Members	\$40
Nonmembers	\$45
Students with ID	\$30

### Awards

First	\$250
Second	\$185
Third	\$100
Honorable Mention	\$50 gift card
Way Up Art & Frame Award	\$100 gift card
Tri-Valley Conservancy Award	\$100
Paint Livermore Selects June Exhibit	Approximately 20 works will be selected for exhibition at the Robert Livermore Community Center in June

### Artwork & Display Requirements

- Work must be completed between May 9 and May 17.
- Artwork must be **95% completed outdoors** within **Livermore's 94550 or 94551 zip codes**.
- Artists can only use stamped surfaces when painting for this event. Only stamped surfaces will be accepted for judging or selection for the RLCC June show.
- Unlimited surfaces can be stamped. Maximum of two allowed for judging and jurying.

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- There is no size limit on artwork, however, display panels support a maximum size of 30" wide by 48" tall. If your work is oversized, contact the show chair at [paintlivermore@livermoreart.org](mailto:paintlivermore@livermoreart.org) before May 16 so arrangements can be made.

**Preparing Your Work** – All work must have a finished presentation

- Framed (preferred) or finished edges if a wrapped canvas.
- Works on paper must be matted and fastened using a binder clip for hanging on the panels
- All finished work must be securely wired across the back with D-rings to allow for hanging on panels.
- Wet paintings must be framed for safe handling and a "Wet Paint" sign hung next to them.

**Labels** - Your check-in packet will have tags for the pieces you are submitting for judging:

- Tag with your name - attach to the back of your work being submitted for judging
- The tag without your name will be put beside your work
- A retrieval tag to show the volunteer upon leaving. If you sell any work, please give the buyer the retrieval tag.

## Sales

- Livermore Art Association receives a 20% commission on all sales.
- Artists can process their own sales and provide a commission check to LAA or LAA can process sales for you and send you a commission check after the show.

## Locations and Notes on City Events

Painting in public areas only unless permission has been obtained by the artist.

See the show page for a list of location options. There are wineries and other locations that are willing to have artists paint on location. You need to call ahead.

The Growers' Markets are Thursday, May 14 from 4-8pm at Carnegie Park and Sundays, May 10 and May 17, on Second St from 9am to 1pm. There are road closures for these events.

## Photography & Media Release

Event photographers will be documenting the festival, starting with the May 9<sup>th</sup> kickoff (The Daily Grind - 1188 S Livermore Ave).

Artists comfortable being photographed while painting may connect with ProBono photographers to make arrangements.

Photographs and/or videos taken or submitted during this event may be used by LAA for promotional, marketing, and media purposes, including print, digital, and social media, without compensation or further approval.

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## Schedule of Events

### Key Dates

Online Registration	Opens May 1
Check-in & Stamping	Saturday May 9, 8-10AM   The Daily Grind - 1188 S Livermore Ave Tuesday May 12, 9-9:45AM at Bothwell Park, corner of 8 <sup>th</sup> and H Streets Friday May 15, 4-6PM   Zachary's Chicago Pizza - 2470 First St, or by appointment, call Stefanie at 571-213-7393
Artists' Social	Friday May 15 4-6PM   Zachary's Chicago Pizza - 2470 First St
Reception & Judging	Sunday May 17   Bankhead Theater Lobby 2-4pm Artwork setup 4-6pm Reception, award announcements at 5:15 6-7pm Take-down
Paint Livermore Selects	June 1-30 Exhibit of selected works at Robert Livermore Community Center Art Wall.

### Online Registration

Pre-register online starting May 1. Walk-up registrations are also accepted at check-in.

[www.livermoreartassociation.org/paint-livermore-2026](http://www.livermoreartassociation.org/paint-livermore-2026)

### Check-in and Stamping

All artists must check in to receive their check-in packet and have their blank surfaces stamped. There is no limit on the number of substrates stamped.

There are several stamping opportunities throughout the week:

- Saturday May 9, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM | Stamping Kickoff | The Daily Grind - 1188 S Livermore Ave
- Tuesday May 12, 9am-9:45am | Stamping at Bothwell Park, corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and H Sts
- Friday May 15, 4-6PM | Stamping at the Artists' Social | Zachary's Chicago Pizza - 2470 First St
- By appointment | Contact Stefanie Sylvester, 571-213-7393

### Artists' Social

Friday May 15, 4-6 pm | Zachary's Chicago Pizza - 2470 First St

An opportunity to meet your fellow artists, swap stories, and get more blank surfaces stamped.

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## Reception & Judging

Sunday May 17, 4 - 6pm | Bankhead Theater lobby, 2466 8th St, 94550  
Free parking in the parking garage on Railroad across from the Bankhead.

This event is open to the public. Make sure your friends, family and followers know about it!

- 2-4 pm Artwork Drop-off and Setup
- 4-6 pm Reception & Judging start.
- 5:15 Award Announcements
- 6-7 pm Take-down.

***Competition work for judging must be  
submitted and set up by 4pm.  
No work will be accepted after 4pm***

Artwork drop off for work to be judged (indoor exhibit) is at the front door of the Bankhead Lobby. No artwork may be placed on the floor. REMINDER any wet work must be framed and clearly labeled as WET PAINT

**Indoor exhibit** | Judging and jurying is at The Bankhead Theater in the lobby. Light refreshments and live music will be available.

**Outdoor Exhibit** | Work completed between May 9 and May 17 but not submitted for jurying/judging may be set up outside in the plaza in front of the Bankhead Theater. Artists must provide their own easels and/or tables as needed. Please keep the entrance area clear.

## June Exhibit at RLCC

June 1-30, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Ave, 94550  
Contact Parul Luhar [rlcc@livermoreart.org](mailto:rlcc@livermoreart.org)

Approximately 20 pieces will be selected for exhibition at The Robert Livermore Community Center for the month of June. Jurying for this special exhibit will happen at the reception. If you know you cannot participate in the exhibit, please let us know at that time.

If your piece is chosen, please bring it framed and **wired with D-rings** to The Robert Livermore Community Center May 29<sup>th</sup>.