



Oshkosh Fine Arts Association Plein Air Festival

June 25-28, 2026

The Oshkosh Fine Arts Association is once again hosting our Plein Air Festival. This will be a 4-day event, painting from Thursday, Friday and Saturday ending with a reception and sale on Sunday, June 28, 2026 at Evergreen. Artists are invited to paint throughout the Oshkosh area.

Registration will be open from February 15, 2026, to April 15, 2026.

- Please send completed application, along with \$40 non-refundable entry fee to Oshkosh Fine Arts Association, PO Box 2065, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2065.
- This event has filled up quickly in the past, so we encourage you to apply early.

Event Itinerary

- **Day 1, Thursday, June 25:** The Paine Art Center and Gardens check-in and stamping from 9 AM -12 Noon
- **Day 2, Friday, June 26:** Painting Day throughout Oshkosh
- **Day 3, Saturday, June 27:** Oshkosh Farmers Market Downtown Oshkosh 8 AM – 12 Noon; Fox River Brewing Co. 5 PM to 8 PM
- **Day 4, Sunday, June 28:** Our artist reception and painting sale will be at Evergreen in the Worship & Performing Arts Center.

AWARDS:

Best of show \$750

Second Place \$500

Third Place \$350

Spirit of Oshkosh \$250

Award of Excellence \$250

OFAA Award \$250

Purchase Awards: to be announced at a later date.

Judge to be announced.



2026 Plein Air Festival Guidelines

- All work needs to be stamped prior to painting. Stamping will be done from 9 AM – Noon on June 25, 2026 at the Paine Art Center and Gardens and from 8 AM – Noon on June 27, 2026 Downtown Oshkosh at the Farmers Market.
- Painting must be done within the boundaries on map you will receive at check in.
- 95% of the painting must be done on-site in the true spirit of Plein Air Painting.
- Registration limited to 30 artists.
- Artists are required to attend the reception and sale.
- Accepted media: Oil, acrylic, mixed media, watercolor, pastels, gouache, graphite, or pen and ink.
- Finished work must be archival framed and ready to hang. We reserve the right to reject any painting that is improperly framed or painting that is not of professional standards. ALL ART MUST BE FRAMED.
- No piece can be larger than painted on a canvas that measures 20 inches in either width or height.
- All work entered in the show must have a visible stamp (works on paper can be shown to OFAA staff for approval before backing goes on or cut hole to show stamp).
- Art must be delivered to Evergreen between 8 AM and 9 AM, Sunday, June 28, 2026. Judging begins at 9 AM so late work will not be eligible for awards. Reception and sale will be from 10 AM to 1 PM. Painting pickup will be after the reception. There will be a check out procedure for artists as they leave with their work.
- Paintings will be sold at the price determined by the artist. OFAA will receive 35% commission.
- One Award per Artist. (Not including purchase awards).
- Off-easel sales and selling of work previously created are prohibited.
- Artists must display a minimum of 3 paintings and a maximum of 5 paintings.
- When a painting is sold, the artists may replace it with another painting painted during this event.
- Paintings that have won an award will be moved to a separate area and need to remain at Evergreen for the duration of the event.
- Registration fee is non-refundable and non-transferable.
- Feel free to bring your own floor or tabletop easels, marked with your name, to display your work.

PLEASE NOTE: Oshkosh Fine Arts Association reserves the right to deny entry or reject participation before or during the event, in order to preserve the integrity of the organization.



2026 OFAA Plein Air Event Application Form:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Your social media for promotional purpose (Instagram, Twitter, Website, Facebook): _____

Application Fee of \$40. Canvas/paper/board must be stamped. Stamping will be available between 9 AM – 12 Noon on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at The Paine Art Center and Gardens and 8 AM – 12 Noon on Saturday, June 27, 2026 at the Oshkosh Farmers Market.

As a consideration of my participation in the Oshkosh Fine Arts Association Plein Air Event, I _____, the undersigned, agree to bear all risk and expense for any loss, theft or damage to my artwork or other personal property or injury to my person, regardless of cause, and to abide by all specified rules in the Oshkosh Fine Arts Association Plein Air Event guidelines.

I indemnify and hold harmless the Oshkosh Fine Arts Association from and against any claim, suit, action, liability or expense arising out of any matter, which would result from participating in the Plein Air Festival.

I grant OFAA my permission to use any photography/video, etc. taken during the event for their publicity, advertising, website and social media as they see fit, now and in the future.

The Oshkosh Fine Arts Association reserves the right to accept or not accept any artwork for judging and exhibit at the artist reception. Oshkosh Fine Arts Association reserves the right to deny entry or reject participation before or during the event, in order to preserve the integrity of the organization. The participating artists and/or all paintings may be photographed and/or videotaped by the Oshkosh Fine Arts Association for promotional purpose.

I have read and agree to the Oshkosh Fine Arts Association Plein Air Events terms and conditions. I further acknowledge that I, the participant, have liability insurance and fully accept responsibility for any incidents occurring during the Oshkosh Fine Arts Association Plein Air Festival.

Please mail application and your check to:

Oshkosh Fine Arts Association
PO Box 2065
Oshkosh, WI 54903-2065

Please sign and date:

Signature

Date