



Artist Registration & Waiver

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Rock School Arts Foundation PO BOX 837 Valdese, NC 28690

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

By submitting this registration form, I agree & understand the following:

1. Artist check-in and required stamping of canvas or other art surfaces is from 9am – 5pm at the Old Rock School on October 10th at 400 Main Street West, Valdese, NC 28690.
2. Awards: All participating artists can select one of their masterpieces to be entered to win prizes: 1st - \$500 plus an exhibition in the RSAF gallery, 2nd - \$250, 3rd - \$125, People's choice - \$75
3. I agree that canvas or other surface used for artwork submitted for judging or sale must bear the stamp of the event.
4. I may submit two pieces for display, one of which must be identified as the piece to be judged.
5. The piece I submit for judging will feature a subject painted in the Town of Valdese (publicly accessible areas only), Valdese Lakeside Park¹ or McGalliard Falls Park during the dates of the event: October 10th – October 16th (daylight hours only).
6. The piece I submit for judging will be painted in oil, acrylic, watercolor, gouache, or pastel.
7. I will display name, medium(s) title and pricing information on artwork that is submitted.
8. I will submit my artwork for display and judging between the hours of 9am-5pm on October 16th, to the Rock School Arts Foundation at the Old Rock School.
9. I will pay my \$35 registration fee with this registration form. Make checks payable to Rock School Arts Foundation and remit with application.
10. Commission of 20% will be charged for each piece of artwork sold.
11. I agree to the waiver and release of liability:

I will abide by all Town of Valdese, Valdese Lakeside Park and Valdese public facility rules and regulations. Failure to do so may result in suspension from the facility and event without refund/credit. I agree and represent on behalf of myself and my invited guests that use of all facilities shall be undertaken at each participant's own risk. I release from liability Friends of the Valdese Rec., Rock School Arts Foundation, and the Town of Valdese for any claims, demands, injuries, damages, actions or causes of action during my participation, or that of my invited friends or family, in connection with the Valdese Plein Air Fest event. I release Rock School Arts Foundation for any damages due to faulty framing or hanging devices on my artwork.

12. I agree that Rock School Arts Foundation has the right to determine display location for the exhibit and has the right to reject a painting for any reason.
13. I agree to permit the use of photographs of me and my invited guests taken during the event to be used in physical and electronic media, as long as any images of my artwork are not of sufficient resolution to be reproduced.
14. I agree that the judge's decisions are final.

Signed _____ Printed Name _____

Return this completed page, with payment, by September 1, 2026.

Register online, by mail or in person (info above). Include a copy of registration form with payment.



The Town of Valdese, Friends of Valdese Rec, and the Rock School Arts Foundation welcome you to join us for the 2026 Valdese Plein Air Fest!

Applications available July 1st – September 1st

First, a little about Plein Air. Plein air, pronounced "plehn air," is a French term that translates to "open air." It refers to the act of creating art, particularly painting, outdoors, directly in the natural environment, rather than in a studio or from reference photographs. It's a perfect fit for Valdese, a picturesque small town in the foothills of Western North Carolina, nestled between Mineral Springs Mountain and Lake Rhodhiss. Known for celebrations, Valdese also features beautiful parks, a quaint walkable downtown, and a truly unique heritage showcased in a variety of attractions.

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Artist Check-In and Canvas Stamping

October 10, Time: 9am to 5pm

Location: Old Rock School, 400 Main Street West, Valdese, NC 28690,

Artists check-in and bring the surfaces they will use to paint on during the week for stamping. Only stamped canvases will be admitted for judging and sale. A check-in packet will include information about Valdese, Valdese Lakeside Park and the beauty and vitality of our foothills home.

Artwork Submissions

October 16, Time: 9am to 5pm

Location: Old Rock School, 400 Main Street West, Valdese, NC 28690

Artists bring their final works (some of them will still have wet paint!) to the Rock School, where they will be checked in, labeled, hung and prepared for the exhibition, reception, and awards ceremony on Saturday.

Wet Sale & Reception

October 18, Time: 2pm to 4pm

Location: Old Rock School, 400 Main Street West, Valdese, NC 28690

This is the big day at the Old Rock School for the reception & wet sale from 2pm to 4pm. The evening features the work of the plein air artists, a wet paint sale, the awards for winning entries, and a wonderful selection of hors d'oeuvres.

For full details and applications visit: valdesepleinairfest.com