



PLEIN AIR ON PATTERSON ISLAND

This contest is an open-air painting and drawing competition at Patterson Island, open to all amateur and professional artists ages 18+. Draw or paint the scenery in-person within the 45+ acres of Patterson Island, then submit completed works to be included in a juried art competition for a chance to win an overnight stay in the Patterson Island Cottage (black-out dates may apply). All entries will also be included in a People's Choice award, which will be a curated basket of local specialties and treats.

Artists may paint or draw independently any time between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on February 28th, 2026 (Date will be rescheduled if weather is not cooperative). Artists will be carried over by boat to Patterson Island at an assigned time between 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Submissions will be due by 3:00 p.m. that day. Winners will be announced on March 3rd at 5:00 EST by phone and by social media announcement.

All submitted works will be displayed on the social media pages of Patterson Island, as well as their supporting collaborators. A People's Choice award will go to the artist's piece that receives the highest number of votes on the original post between Patterson Island Facebook and Instagram platforms. There will be an option for artists to list their works for sale, if desired. Artists may not opt out of the on-line exhibit.

There is a one-time, non-refundable entry fee of \$30 per artist. This covers all submitted works; refreshments and a parting reception at 2 p.m.

Plein Air, a French term meaning "in open air" is a method of painting in which the artist paints entirely outdoors, capturing the essence and lighting of the real-life scene in front of them. It first gained popularity in the 19th century with the availability of paints in tube form, which allowed artists to more easily work outdoors. Today it continues to be a popular art form, practiced by artists all over the world. In the spirit of this art technique, all paintings and drawings must be completed entirely outdoors at the stated location.

Registration must be completed to be entered and assigned a boating time to be carried to Patterson Island on the day of the contest. You must read and fully understand all rules and regulations before registering. A registration link is provided on the official flyer and also on www.pattersonislands.com