



Juried Artist Information

GENERAL INFORMATION

Artists 18 years or older are eligible to apply for the River Towns Plein Air 2024 Competition and Exhibit. Application constitutes agreement that images may be used for web and print promotional purposes.

DISCLAIMER: None of the involved groups (including Marietta Art Alive!, the Marietta Community House, the Borough of Marietta, and Rivertownes PA USA) are responsible for personal injury and illness or damage/loss/theft of artwork that may happen during the entire event. Artists must provide their own insurance coverage if desired. In addition, artists are responsible for their own personal safety during the event. Applying for the event constitutes the artist's agreement with all rules and statements made here.

ARTIST SCHEDULE

January 2, 2024 (8am) - February 15, 2024 (8pm)

Application period for River Towns Plein Air 2024

February 26, 2024

Notification of Juried, Waitlist, and Non-Acceptance

March 1, 2024 (8am)

Quick Draw open for registration

April 10-17, 2024

Juried artists paint the river towns.

Artist check in, goodie bag pick up, and W-9 drop off at MH Art Gallery, 42 W Market St, Marietta PA: No canvas stamping required.

-Wednesday, April 10 (8AM-11AM and 6PM-8PM)

-Thursday, April 11 (8AM-10AM)

-Friday, April 12 (8AM-10AM)

April 12, 2024

Artist Meet and Greet at Musselman-Vesta Furnace Museum, 4 Donegal Pl, Marietta PA. Eats and artist giveaways will occur at this event.

April 13, 2024

Quick Draw event

8AM-10AM - Anyone who wants to participate may register for Quick Draw. This year's event will be held in Marietta, PA. Registration fee is \$10. Registered artists check in before or after paint out. RTPA 2024 applicants are automatically registered. Artwork forms must be picked up at registration table.

10AM-12Noon - Registered artists paint in designated Quick Draw area

Noon-12:30PM - Deliver framed/gallery wrapped artwork by this time to the Designated Exhibit Area, for judging

1:30PM - Presentation of Quick Draw Awards

April 17, 2024 by 8PM

Artist deadline for entering and submitting online label information

April 18, 2024

9AM-Noon - Artists deliver and hang their work

5PM-6PM – Reception at Marietta Community House (white house)

6:15PM-7PM - Artists' awards presentation and preview at Marietta Community House, 264 W Market St, Marietta (Studio 264 in rear). Awards will also be posted on our website and Facebook pages. Artists will be notified by email.

April 18-April 21, 2024

Public exhibit: **Thu 7PM-9PM; Fri/Sat 10AM-8PM;**

Sun 10AM-3PM

April 21, 2024

3-5PM - Artists pick up unsold artwork

RULES OF THE COMPETITION

MEDIA: Any medium used to create 2-dimensional art such as oils, acrylics, watercolors, pencil, pastel, or charcoal are permissible. Other materials and mediums may be acceptable with permission of the RTPA Plein Air Committee.

PLEIN AIR DEFINITION: All paintings must be completed “en plein air” described as painting in the open air, working directly from the landscape or scene as it appears at that moment, without the aid of photos or cameras or more than a few marks afterward in the studio. Porches, gazebos, and pavilions can be used as shelter while painting; artists are responsible for gaining necessary permissions.

PAINT OUT AREA:

[Google map and paint out area.](#)

SUBJECT MATTER:

Subject matter is anything observed while standing within the confines of the River Towns Plein Air Paint Out Area . Designated sites were selected with the Susquehanna River in mind, but we encourage artists to paint the beautiful architecture, street scenes, wildlife, people, etc., that also can be found in this area.

SURFACE STAMPING:

Artists will not be required to have surfaces stamped.

This year we are using an honor system. All artwork must be created on-site within the River Towns Plein Air Paint Out Area or at a Designated Painting Site from April 10-17, 2024, to be eligible for entry into the show and for awards. Unsold Quick Draw work completed by juried artists are eligible for entry and awards in the main competition.

ARTIST CHECK-IN:

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SUBMISSION OF ARTWORK LABEL INFO:

Submit painting details as you go. Go to <https://www.mariettaartalive.com/label> each time you complete a painting. The information gathered here will be used to create labels for the final show. Deadline for submission is April 17, 2024, at 8PM. With each label submission, you should see the message “Thanks for submitting! Add another.”

EXHIBIT SPACE:

At the end of the paint out period, each artist is given a designated display area. The exhibit space is 2 standard art display panels (approximately 6 ft. wide X 6 ft. high). Artists may install as many eligible RTPA 2024 works as will fit in this area and are encouraged to use various formats to create an interesting display.

EXHIBIT AND DISPLAY SET UP:

The RTPA 2024 Planning Committee will provide display panels, labels, and hooks for use at this show. Artists are required to install their own work. Location for the show

and sale will be at Studio 264, Marietta Community House, 264 W Market St Rear., Marietta, PA.

All works will be eligible for JURIED AWARDS. During set up, artists will designate up to one painting for each SPECIAL CATEGORY AWARD.

All artwork must be professionally framed or gallery wrapped. If pieces are gallery wrapped canvas, the sides must be painted and finished neatly. All work must be wired for hanging--no sawtooth hangers will be accepted. Artwork that is unfinished or unprofessional in appearance may be disqualified from the judging and exhibition.

Organizers will make every effort to ensure patrons are a sufficient distance from the displayed artwork. The exhibit building will be locked overnight. Two or more volunteers will be on hand during the exhibit hours to monitor the exhibit and manage sales.

SALE OF ARTWORK:

All artwork must be for sale. A 30% commission will benefit Rivertownes PA USA, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Artists receive 70% of amount paid for their paintings. A PA sales tax of 6% will be collected at the time of sale. Rivertownes PA USA is responsible for the payment of PA Sales Tax.

QUICK DRAW EVENT:

The Quick Draw event will be held in Marietta, PA on Saturday, April 13 from 10AM to Noon. It is open to all artists. Artists who apply for River Towns Plein Air 2024 and pay the \$40 application fee are automatically registered for the Quick Draw event. Additional artists can register and pay the \$10 online beginning March 1 up to the day of the event. Artists under 18 years do not need to register.

[Learn more.](#)

[Quick Draw Map.](#)

JUROR of AWARDS:

[Aaron Thompson](#) is a professional painter whose paintings and drawings have been exhibited in Samuel M. V. Hamilton Museum at The Pennsylvania academy of the Fine Art. A native of Charleston, SC, Thompson earned his BFA in Illustration, from Savannah College of Art and Design. After being awarded The Merit Scholarship from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, he moved to Philadelphia where he earned the master's degree in painting. Thompson attended the Barnes Artist Residency in Umbria, Italy and currently is an Assistant Professor at the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design in Lancaster, PA.

QUICK DRAW JUROR:

Scott Cantrell has been a professional artist and teacher since 2001. He earned his Masters in Art Education from Millersville University in 2007 and his Masters in Fine Arts from Vermont College of Fine Art in 2011. Since graduating with his MFA, Scott has exhibited in many juried shows throughout the country including the North American Graduate Art Survey in Minneapolis, the Boston Young Contemporaries in Boston, Trompe L'oeil Exhibition in the John F. Peto Museum of NJ, and the Art of the State in Harrisburg to name a few. He also shows regularly at Red Raven Art Company in Lancaster PA and Gallery Piquel in New Hope PA as well as Lambertville NJ.

AWARDS:

Total Awards: \$5,550	
Juried Artists Awards - \$4900	
Award	Prize Amount
1ST Place	\$1,000
2ND Place	\$900
3RD Place	\$700
4TH Place	\$600
Best Structure at Nissley Winery	\$300
Best Marietta Scene	\$300
Best Columbia Scene (Create Columbia)	\$200
Best from John Wright Restaurant	\$200
Honorable Mention	\$100
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People's Choice	\$200
Quick Draw Awards - \$650	
Award	Prize Amount
1ST Place	\$350
2ND Place	\$200
3RD Place	\$100
Guerilla Painter Award	Merchandise

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