

## Arts By The Pond - Plein Air Paint Out 2025 FAQs

Welcome to the updated FAQ section for **Arts By The Pond Plein Air Paint Out 2025!** Here, you'll find all the essential information to ensure a successful day of outdoor painting. Explore commonly asked questions and helpful rules below.

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### General Information

#### What is the Arts By The Pond Plein Air Paint Out?

This is a one-day plein air (outdoor) painting event for artists of all skill levels. Join us to capture the scenic beauty of Hillsburgh in a competitive or non-competitive environment.

#### When and where does the event take place?

- **Date:** Sunday, June 8, 2025
- **Time:**
  - Registration opens at 10 a.m.
  - Painting begins at 10:30 a.m.
- **Location:**  
Hillsburgh Library (9 Station Street, Hillsburgh, ON)

#### What's the cost to participate?

- **Competitive Entry** (eligible for prizes): \$15
- **Non-Competitive Painting Session** (for fun only): Free

#### Who can participate?

The event is open to everyone, regardless of skill level! Beginners, hobbyists, and professionals are all welcome. Please note that participants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will authorize their participation.

#### What's new this year?

- Participants must wear their event badge at all times.
  - All artwork must be created on-site and during the allotted event time.
  - Participants remain fully responsible for their materials, comfort, and safety throughout the event.
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## Registration and Event Day

### Do I need to pre-register?

Pre-registration is highly encouraged to secure your spot, but walk-ins will be accepted on the day of the event, depending on availability.

### How can I register?

Register online [here](#) or sign up onsite on the day of the event. Arrive early to confirm your spot and complete sign-in.

### What do I need to do upon arrival?

- Check in at the registration table to receive your event badge and materials.
- Have your painting surfaces stamped for eligibility. Only stamped surfaces are eligible for judging.

### What's the schedule for June 8, 2025?

- 10 a.m.: Registration opens
- 10:30 a.m.: Painting begins
- 1 p.m.: Submit completed artwork for judging (one entry per participant).
- 2–4 p.m.: Winners announced and artwork displayed.

### Important Rule:

No setting up or preliminary sketching is allowed before the official start time (10:30 a.m.). Walking around the venue to scout locations is permitted but nothing more.

### Is parking available?

Limited parking is available at the library. Additional street parking and overflow parking can be found nearby. Look for signs directing you to suitable spots.

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## Materials and Equipment

### What should I bring?

- Your painting supplies (e.g., easels, brushes, paints, canvas).
- Outdoor essentials like sunscreen, a hat, and an umbrella in case of sun or rain.
- Optional personal comfort items like chairs, mats, or water bottles.

### Are there restrictions on painting materials or size?

- Artwork must not exceed 15" x 11" in any orientation unless pre-approved by event organizers.
- Dirty brush water must be disposed of at designated cleaning stations, not in public wash areas.

### **Where are participants allowed to paint?**

Artists can paint anywhere on the Hillsburgh Library grounds.

### **New Rule:**

Participants are fully responsible for ensuring their materials are safe and their personal comfort needs are met throughout the day.

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## **Competition Details**

### **What prizes are available?**

- **1st Place:** \$150
- **2nd Place:** \$125
- **3rd Place:** \$100
- **Honourable Mention:** \$75
- **People's Choice Award:** \$75

### **What's the judging process?**

- Submit one completed artwork at the registration desk by **1 p.m.** with the official verification card (provided at check-in).
- Judges will evaluate pieces based on originality, technique, and interpretation of the surroundings.
- Winners will be announced between **2–4 p.m.**

### **How does the People's Choice Award work?**

Visitors can cast their votes at the main tent by placing ballots in the designated voting box. Winners will be announced with the other awards.

### **New Rule:**

All submitted artwork must be original and created entirely during the event to qualify.

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## **On-Site Facilities and Policies**

### **What facilities will be available on-site?**

- Washrooms and drinking water
- A café and licensed bar offering beverages and snacks
- Designated cleaning stations for brushes and painting tools

### **What happens if it rains?**

The event will proceed rain or shine! Bring weather-resistant supplies or a small tent/umbrella to stay protected.

### **Are there rules for cleaning up?**

Yes! All painting materials must be cleaned at the provided cleaning stations. Do not use the library sinks or handwash stations.

### **New Rule:**

Participants must adhere to all venue rules, including proper disposal of materials, to ensure a safe and clean environment for everyone.

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## **Post-Event Details**

### **What happens to the artwork?**

- Artists retain all rights to their work. However, event organizers may use photographs of pieces or winners for future promotions (with appropriate credit).
- The People's Choice Award winner and select works may be displayed at future community events.

### **When should I collect my work?**

All artists must collect their artwork by **4 p.m.** on the event day.

### **Terms and Conditions**

By participating in the event, you agree to abide by all rules, guidelines, and venue policies. Violations could result in disqualification or removal. A full copy of the terms is available at registration and online [here](#).

For more questions, feel free to contact the event organizers. We're excited to see you at **Arts By The Pond Plein Air Paint Out 2025!**

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