



Sweetwater County WY Plein Air Competition: *Paint in historic downtown Rock Springs!*

Co-sponsored by: **Green River Arts Council** and **Community Fine Arts Center**
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PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

The event will take place on Saturday, June 24, 2023. A silent auction and reception will be held from 4:00 to 5:00 pm at the Community Fine Arts Center (CFAC).

Original Plein Air works painted on June 24, 2023 between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. are eligible. Artists may enter more than one surface. Multiple surfaces may be stamped. Only surfaces registered are eligible for the competition and silent auction. Maximum surface size 24" x 36".

ELIGIBILITY

The second annual Sweetwater County WY Plein Air Competition is open to all artists, ages 18 years and above.

BOUNDARIES

Artists will paint in the historic downtown of Rock Springs including Bunning Park. These locations will be announced to the public so that they can observe artists at work.

REGISTRATION & STAMPING

Registration and Stamping will occur at the CFAC from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. For those early birds, registration and stamping will also be available on Friday evening at the CFAC from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

FEES

FIRST ENTRY: \$25.00 due at registration.

ADDITIONAL ENTRIES: \$10.00 per entry to be paid before the judging.

Participants may have multiple surfaces stamped at the time of registration for the fee of one entry. Additional fees will be charged if you decide to turn in more than one surface.

All fees are non-refundable, even if the original surface is unfinished. Entry fees are used for prize money and publicity.

PAINTING TURN IN

Return works to the CFAC, by no later than 2:30 p.m. All work entered for the Plein Air Competition will be exhibited and offered for sale in a silent auction. Works must be framed and ready to hang in exhibition condition and ready to sell. Works will be judged prior to the silent auction, which will begin at 4:00 p.m. during the reception.

SALES

Artists will establish a minimum price for which they are willing to sell their work, an immediate sale/premium price (Buy it Now) will also be established. The silent auction opens at 4:00 pm and closes at 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2023.

Art enthusiasts and collectors may bid on the freshly painted masterpieces beginning at the artist's minimum price. Sales will be encouraged and the sponsors (GRAC and CFAC) will retain a 25% commission on sales. Artist will be mailed checks for their work less the commission after payment is confirmed on sold works.

AWARDS

This year's award juror is artist Sue Sommers from Pinedale, Wyoming. An accomplished artist, Sue has had numerous solo and group exhibitions throughout Wyoming, as well as Colorado, Illinois, California and Florida. She has been selected for several artist in residence programs and received grants for group and public art projects. She also received a Visual Arts Fellowship from the Wyoming Arts Council. Sue received a MFA in Painting from University of Wyoming and a BFA in Printmaking from School of the Art Institute of Chicago. www.suesommers.com

- Best of Show: \$600
- 2nd Place: \$300
- 3rd Place: \$200
- 3 Honorable Mentions: \$100 each

Awards will be announced during the reception that evening and award payments will be mailed within 30 days.

PICK UP

Works accepted for exhibit and not sold must be picked up that evening when the auction closes. Those individuals purchasing silent auction items must also complete the purchases that evening.

SCHEDULE

Friday, June 23, 2023

7:00 PM – First Canvas Stamping/ Artist Check-in at CFAC for those wanting
8:00 PM: to be out early Saturday morning.

Saturday, June 24, 2023

7:00 AM Painting begins at artists' chosen locations.

7:00 AM – Second Canvas Stamping/ Artist Check-in at CFAC.
9:00 AM:

9:00 AM: All artists should be at their chosen locations, anticipating you may have the public looking on.

Lunch is on your own. There are several restaurant options downtown that also provide takeout.

2:00 PM: Complete your work and bring your framed entry(s) to the CFAC by 2:30 pm.

3:00 PM: Judging takes place, and all artists are to leave and return at 4:00 pm.

4:00 PM: Reception and Silent Auction begins and awards will be announced.

5:00 PM: Silent Auction ends and sales are finalized. *(If your artwork does not sell, you are required to take your piece with you.)*

Enter online by scanning this QR code or completing the attached form and return to the CFAC. Checks are to be made out to "Green River Arts Council."

Or go to <http://e.givesmart.com/events/wwj>





Sweetwater County WY Plein Air Competition 2023 Registration

Artist: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____

Email _____

CFAC/ GRAC fill in only

Date/Time: _____

Registered by: _____

Work submitted for judging and silent auction? _____ YES _____ NO

Fees paid: _____

Accepted by: _____

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By signing I agree to the terms listed on this form and the Participation Guidelines provided by the Green River Arts Council and the Community Fine Arts Center.

Artist signature _____

Date _____