



Benicia Plein Air Gallery Paint Out 2026
PROSPECTUS
May 29 - June 6, 2026

This is a competitive paint-out celebrating the spirit of plein air painting that will culminate with a public show during the [Benicia Arts Festival](#) on Saturday, June 6, 2026. Artists will be able to paint in Benicia on their own time from May 29 - June 5 and enter up to two pieces of art for the public show on June 6, from 11 - 5PM.

Location

- **Painting area:** Within the city limits of Benicia, CA (plein air only). Here are some [recommended paint locations](#).
- **Show and reception:** Benicia Plein Air Gallery at 301 First St, Benicia, CA (outdoor courtyard)

Key Dates

Date	What
May 15, 2026	Entry deadline. (Full as of 4/13. Join the waitlist here.)
May 29 - 31	Substrate stamping at the gallery between 11AM - 5PM
May 29 - June 5	Artists paint in Benicia
June 1 - 3	Additional substrate stamping at the gallery between 9 - 10:30AM
June 6:	

8 - 9AM	Artists deliver up to 2 paintings for the show
10AM - 5PM	Public show open during the Benicia Arts Festival
11:30AM	Awards Reception and Group Photo
4:30PM	Announcement of the People's Choice Award Winner
5:00PM	Show closes and artists pick up unsold works

Eligibility and Artwork Requirements

- Open to all artists 18+
- Two-dimensional work only (any medium)
- Paintings must be created en plein air in Benicia between May 29–June 5 on a stamped substrate
- Up to two paintings may be entered in the show
- To allow for the highest number of paintings, the maximum **substrate** size is 16" x 20"

Check-in and Stamping

- Stamping:
 - May 29–31, 11 AM–5 PM during gallery hours.
 - Additional stamping will be provided on the following days:
 - Monday, June 1 from 9 - 10:30AM
 - Tuesday, June 2 from 9 - 10:30AM
 - Wednesday, June 3 from 9 - 10:30AM
- You may have unlimited substrates stamped, but only two finished and framed pieces may be submitted.

Framing and Presentation

- All works must be framed, securely wired, labeled, and ready to hang.
- Gallery-wrapped deep canvas with neatly painted edges is acceptable.
- Works on paper must be framed with clear acrylic (plexiglass).
- No sawtooth hangers, ring hangers, or other alternatives to wire.

Exhibit and Awards Reception

Paintings created during the event will be displayed on panels outside of the gallery during the exhibit from 11-5PM. The Awards Reception will take place at 11:30AM and the People's Choice Award winner will be announced at 4:30PM, allowing as many people from the public to vote!

Awards

- First Place \$250, Second Place \$100, Third Place \$50
- Honorable Mention
- People's Choice Award

Awards Juror: Carol Tarzier

Our juror of awards is Carol Tarzier, former member of Benicia Plein Air Gallery.

Carol Tarzier is a Bay Area painter and sculptor recognized for her award-winning plein air and studio oil paintings. After a distinguished sculpture career—earning multiple National Sculpture Society awards and completing major public commissions—Carol returned to painting, where she has since received numerous plein air awards and shown in top national exhibitions, including six consecutive California Art Club Gold Medal shows. She most recently won 1st Place in the 2025 Capitola Paint Out. Spending time between Oakland and Fort Bragg, she actively participates in plein air events and teaches workshops at Rossmoor.



Sales

- All sales will be processed through Benicia Plein Air Gallery.
- Gallery commission: 20% (before tax).
- Checks (including sales tax collected) will be mailed to the artist; artists are responsible for paying sales tax to the State of California.
- A California Seller's Permit is required for works marked for sale and is easy and free! If you do not wish to get one, please mark your painting NFS (Not For Sale).

- If you need a Seller's Permit, follow these easy steps:
 - Visit <https://onlineservices.cdtdfa.ca.gov>
 - Then select:
 - **Register** → **Register a New Business Activity**
 - Choose **Seller's Permit** and follow the prompts

Insurance

While every care will be taken, Benicia Plein Air Gallery, its members, and volunteers **assume no responsibility** for theft, loss, or damage of any kind. Insurance is the sole responsibility of the artist.

Cancellation Policy

Questions?

If you have any questions, please email Jessica de Jesus at sfjess.art@gmail.com.