

PRAIRIE PLEIN AIR COMPETITION

Sponsored by the Prairie Center Arts Foundation

Plein air is a French expression which means "in the open air," and is used to describe the act of painting outdoors. Artists are invited to participate in the week leading up to the Prairie Arts Festival by depicting scenes within Schaumburg's borders.

Plein Air artists may check in at the Prairie Center for the Arts office to register between 8am - 6pm on Friday, May 21 or between 8am - 6pm Monday, May 24 through Wednesday, May 26. *The deadline for submittal of work is by Thursday, May 27 from 8am - 2pm.* The painting or photography subject must be located in Schaumburg, IL and must be created after registration from May 21- May 27, 2010. Participating artists will be provided with a map of Schaumburg noting specific areas of scenic interest within the community; however, they are suggestions and not required locations. The size of the framed piece must not exceed 16" x 20".

\$50 entry fee; cash prizes for the top 3 entries (pending enough artist participation).

Visit www.prairiecenter.org or contact Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@ci.schaumburg.il.us or 847-923-3605 for more information.

Artists Clark Bending, Frankie Johnson, and Tom Trausch will be holding workshops during Plein Air week at outdoor locations throughout the village and may be contacted at clinkventing@comcast.net, frankie847@aol.com or thomas@trauschfinearts.com.

Application Checklist

- Completed and signed application form (on reverse).
- Three images of artwork per medium with description of each attached. Images may be submitted on slides, photo prints, or as image files (jpg, tif) on CD.
- Previous art show participation list.
- Additional information required for jewelers.
- \$110.00 registration fee per space (checks payable to the Village of Schaumburg).
- Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope. (Envelope must be large enough to accommodate photos, with proper postage amount.)

Send Materials to:

Prairie Arts Festival, c/o Prairie Center for the Arts
201 Schaumburg Court
Schaumburg, IL 60193
847-923-3605 or 847-895-3600
www.prairiecenter.org
rbenvenuti@ci.schaumburg.il.us

Prairie Arts Festival

23rd Annual Fine Art Show & Sale

May 29 & 30, 2010

Also featuring live entertainment, refreshments, and children's activities on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center adjacent to the Prairie Center for the Arts in Schaumburg.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1 Postmark deadline for application.
March 26 Notification of jurying results mailed to artists.
May 14 Set-up information sent.
May 29 & 30 Show dates, 10 am - 5 pm both days.

LOCATION

The grounds of Schaumburg's Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center adjacent to the Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts.

ENTRY FEE

\$110.00 for the two day event per 15'x10' space. No commission will be charged for work sold.

DISPLAY SPECIFICATIONS

Artists must supply their own tents, racks, tables, chairs, and other display equipment. Booths must have a professional look. Artists must provide an identification sign listing their name. Artists must be present both days and plan to exhibit rain or shine. No agents allowed. Artists shall only exhibit work typified by images submitted with the application. The Prairie Arts Festival Committee will screen booths during the weekend. If the work is not consistent with submitted images, or rules have not been followed, artists will be asked to leave. The committee's judgment is final; no refunds will be given. Village ordinance prohibits dogs on the municipal grounds during festivals and concerts.

LIABILITY

Artists are fully responsible for the care, safety, and security of their work and property. The Village of Schaumburg assumes no liability for loss or damage to artwork or other property from any cause.

AMENITIES

A complimentary continental breakfast with invited art patrons will be available to all artists from 9:00 am - 10:00 am both days, on the plaza in front of the Prairie Center.

AWARDS

A panel of judges will award the following cash prizes:
First Place \$500.00
Second Place \$300.00
Third Place \$200.00
(8) Merit Awards \$100.00 each

Purchase awards will be chosen by supporting individuals and business donors.

Department of Cultural Services

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Schaumburg, IL 60193

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Featured 2010 Event
Prairie Plein Air Competition
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Dear Fine Artist and/or Artisan:

The Village of Schaumburg cordially invites you to display your fine work at our 23rd annual Prairie Arts Festival Memorial Day weekend, May 29 and 30.

The site is beautiful, with clusters of display areas bordering a picturesque pond guarded by a pair of graceful mute swans named Louis and Serena. And possibly a knot of newly hatched cygnets.

It's a juried art fair, both for entry and prizes. Last year over \$3,000 was spent in purchase awards.

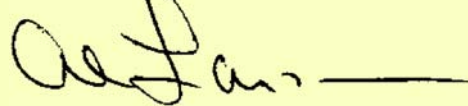
Our Awakening Muse sculpture will be here to greet you and watch over the grounds. At 40 feet in length she is an imposing figure.

A new opportunity for this year is the Prairie Plein Air Competition which is being sponsored by the Prairie Center Arts Foundation. Plein air is a French expression which means "in the open air", and is particularly used to describe the act of painting outdoors. Participating artists may check in at the Prairie Center for the Arts office to register and have their canvas stamped the week before the Prairie Arts Festival. The subject of the work must be located in Schaumburg and created after registration.

So be sure and mark your calendar for this year's show. And oh yes, don't forget to send along a check to apply for your space along with samples of your artistry. We don't want you to miss Schaumburg in the spring. And we don't want Schaumburg to miss you and your art.

See you in May.

VILLAGE OF SCHAUMBURG



Al Larson
Village President

JURY PROCEDURES

Media: ceramics, drawing, fiber art, glass, graphics, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, pottery, and sculpture.

Entrants – including returning artists – must observe the following requirements:

- All work is to be original.
 - Submit three images representative of your work in each medium in which you plan to exhibit (i.e. artists exhibiting oil paintings and watercolors need to submit six (6) images). The images may be submitted on slides, photo prints or image files (i.e. jpg or tif) on CD. When exhibiting more than one medium, please indicate the approximate percentage of each type to be exhibited at the Prairie Arts Festival (e.g. 25% oil and 75% watercolor). Slides, photo prints and CDs should be labeled with artist name.
 - Provide a brief description of each work pictured in the images.
 - Provide a list of juried art fairs/shows in which your work has been exhibited recently. Please include name of show and location.
 - Jewelry will be accepted by a separate jurying process. All jewelry must be of original design and be handmade by the attending artist. On-site verification will be made. Additionally, please include with the application form a list detailing:
 - Types and approximate percentages of pieces to be exhibited (e.g. 20% rings, 80% earrings).
 - Materials (e.g. gold, ceramic, paper, etc.).
 - Processes (e.g. enameling, casting, etc.).
 - Price range.
 - Other descriptive information which might be helpful to jurors.
- The sale of offset lithographic reproductions of artists' original work will be subject to the following restrictions:
 - No more than 25% of work displayed on booth (tent) walls can be commercial reproductions (i.e. 75% originals).
 - A majority of work offered for sale should be original.
 - All commercial reproductions should be labeled as such.
 - Programs distributed at the Prairie Arts Festival will include a general statement about commercial prints advising patrons to ask artists if a work they are considering for purchase is an original or a commercial reproduction.
 - Send labeled images, descriptions, and check (payable to the Village of Schaumburg) with entry form and self-addressed stamped envelope. (Envelope must be large enough to accommodate photos, with proper postage amount.)

Notification of acceptance will be sent by March 26, 2010. Your uncashed check will be returned with your images and notification in the event you are not accepted. Space assignments and set-up instructions will be mailed to you by May 14, 2010. Slides/photos/CDs by artists accepted in the show will be returned after the festival. The Village of Schaumburg accepts no responsibility for contents lost in mailing.

Help us conserve resources!

The Prairie Arts Festival application is also available online at www.prairiecenter.org. If you'd like to receive future notifications electronically, or be removed from our mailing list, notify Roxane Benvenuti at rbenvenuti@ci.schaumburg.il.us.



ENTRY FORM

Entry Deadline: Postmarked by March 1, 2010

Telephone: 847-923-3605 or 847-895-3600

Artist(s): _____

Telephone: _____

Street: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Sales Tax #: _____

Medium(s): _____

Artist name for name tag (or names if more than one artist exhibiting): _____

_____ Number of spaces @ \$110.00 per space

Please detach completed entry form and mail with labeled slides/photos/CD, descriptions, self-addressed stamped envelope, and check to:

Prairie Arts Festival, c/o Prairie Center for the Arts,
201 Schaumburg Ct., Schaumburg, IL 60193

**Please make checks payable to:
Village of Schaumburg**

Total Enclosed \$ _____

I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Village, and all of its agents, assigns and employees with regards to any damages and/or causes of action resulting from the negligence and/or willful conduct of the vendor or its agents, assigns, or employees, or as the result of the use of the vendor's product or equipment in the display of the products. I certify that all items represented in the Prairie Arts Festival show are individually hand-made items, created by the undersigned artist. I further understand that no imports, kits, resale products, or manufactured items are permitted.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

A print-ready Entry Form can be downloaded at
www.ci.schaumburg.il.us/PCA/art/Documents/PAF_2010_EntryFormOnly.pdf