

GUIDELINES

1. This Plein Air Paint Out Event is not a juried event; it is open to all to register.
2. Black Hills Plein Air Paint Out dates: Thursday, September 21 through Saturday, September 23, 2023.
3. Registration fee is \$125.
4. **Rules for your paintings:**
 - A. **Previously Completed Paintings (Homework):**
 - To encourage more sales and to promote our Artists more effectively, Artists are asked to bring two previously completed studio or plein air, framed paintings (16"x20" or smaller) that will be hung Thursday morning.
 - B. **Event Paintings:**
 - All BHPAPO event paintings must be painted "en plein air" (outside) in the Black Hills of South Dakota and completed during the dates of the event. **These will be the only paintings eligible for awards.**
 - C. **Painting Sales:**
 - Your paintings will be offered for sale to the general public beginning Thursday, September 21st through Saturday, September 23rd at the *Jon Crane Gallery*.
 - D. **Check Out:**
 - **Artists may pick up unsold art from the Jon Crane Gallery any time after the completion of the auction and no later than 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 23rd.**
5. Blank canvas panels must be stamped at the Hill City Arts Council Office at 280 Main Street, Suite 12. The canvas must be blank but may be tinted. The stamp must be visible on the backs of the finished painting when framed.
6. Canvases/papers must be free of images prior to stamping; no false fronts, no digital prints to be painted over. No paintings from photographs, no entries produced using manipulated photographic processes, computer enhanced imagery, or other non-plein air methods will be permitted.
7. Any painting you show at the event, must be properly framed and ready to hang. No "gallery wraps" permitted (wet paint on edges makes for difficult handling). This applies to all artwork hung during the event.

8. Papers for watercolor, pastel, and other drawing mediums must also be stamped at the Arts Council Office. Stamping must be visible when artists bring their finished work to be hung at the venue. Works on paper can be loosely framed so the backs of the papers can easily be checked for proof of stamping, after which the Artist can complete the framing. Or, the paper can be mounted on rigid supports before Artist's check-in and stamping. The stamp would then be easily seen when the finished work is hung at the venue with less framing disruption.
9. Artists receive 70% of the selling price of their paintings from the "Homework Sale", "Wet Sale", and "Quick Draw Auction"; BHPAPO/HCAC receives 30% commission on these sales.
10. Sales are handled by the BHPAPO/HCAC cashiers at the sales venues and not the Artist. Because the Hill City Arts Council wants to display your art, sales are not allowed off the easel. Please direct potential buyers to the Show & Sale.
11. Paintings must be checked in at the Jon Crane Gallery by 3pm on Friday, September 23rd to be judged for awards. Event paintings completed after that time can be hung Saturday morning for Saturday sales but are not eligible for awards.

AWARDS

Presented at Sponsor and Artist's Reception:

- Best of Show \$500
- Honorable Mention \$300
- Thursday Best of Day \$150
- Friday Best of Day \$150
- Best Downtown Hill City \$200
- People's Choice \$250
- Artists' Choice \$250

Presented on Saturday:

- Best Quick Draw \$200

SCHEDULE (Revised 8/31/23)

Thursday, September 21:

- 9am - 3pm** Registered artists' check in at the Hill City Arts Council office at the Old World Plaza. All canvas stamping will be done at the Hill City Arts Council office, 280 Main Street, Hill City, Suite 12 (office is upstairs)
- Blank surfaces must be stamped at the office.
 - Registered artists' check in at the Hill City Arts Council office at the Old World Plaza on Main Street, Hill City. All canvas stamping will be done at the Hill City Arts Council office. 280 Main Street, Hill City, Suite 12 (office is upstairs)
 - Deliver your homework to the Jon Crane Gallery, use your homework price tags that were sent to you.
- 9am - 4:30pm** Plein Air painting.
- 5pm** Thursday event paintings must be submitted at the Jon Crane Gallery by 5:00 pm for Best of Day judging.
- 6pm - 8pm** Artists Meet and Greet-Directions in your gift bag and in your name tags. Heavy appetizers and drinks at the Hoffman Bunkhouse.
- 6:30** Talk by Tim Peterson – Best of Day announced

Friday, September 22:

- 9am - 11am** Artist's check-in and canvas stamping, if needed, at the Hill Arts Council Office.
- 9am - 2:30pm** Plein Air painting.
- 4pm** No later than 4:00, turn in your artwork at Jon Crane Gallery
Remove your homework from the Jon Crane Gallery 3pm
Doors at the Jon Crane Gallery will close to artists and the public.
- 4pm – 5:00pm** Wet sale judging
- 5:30pm – 6:30pm** Sponsors and Artists Reception (invitation only) at the Jon Crane Gallery. People's Choice and Artist's Choice voting. Appetizers and drinks.
- 6pm** Event Awards presentation.
- 6:30pm – 8pm** Sponsors and Artist's Receptions - Open to the public.
- Artist's and People's Choice ballots will be distributed to reception attendees.
- 7pm** Artist's Choice and People's Choice balloting ends
- 7:30pm** Artist's Choice and People's Choice awards will be presented.

Saturday, September 23:

- 8am – 9:00am** Surfaces stamped for the “Quick Draw” at the Hill City Arts Council office.
- 9am** Artists will remain at the Old World Plaza until 9am at which time Artists will be released to proceed to their location of choice to setup and start painting. **No Early Set Up Is Allowed.**
- 9am - 11:30am** “Quick Draw” competition painting.
- 12pm** Submit Quick Draw no later than 12 noon to the Hill City Arts Council office in Old World Plaza.
- 12pm - 12:30pm** Quick Draw judging.
- 12:30pm** Best Quick Draw Award – Live Auction immediately following
- 12:30pm** Live Auction at Old World Plaza Auctioneer and public bidding.
- The Artist is paid 70% of the selling price of the painting and BHPAPO/HCAC receives 30% of the selling price.

***The Hill City Arts Council Sincerely Appreciates Your Participation In The
2023 Black Hills Plein Air Paint Out
Thank You!***