

# GUIDELINES

1. This Plein Air Paint Out Event is not a juried event; it is open to the first 20 who register.
2. Black Hills Plein Air Paint Out (BHPAPO) dates: Thursday, September 19 through Saturday, September 21, 2024.
3. Registration fee is \$125.
4. **Rules for your paintings:**
  - A. **Previously Completed Paintings (Homework):**
    - To encourage additional 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) to be hung Thursday morning, September 19, in the *Jon Crane Gallery*.
  - 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 public beginning Thursday, September 19th through Saturday, September 21st 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 21st.**
5. Blank canvas panels must be stamped at the **Hill City Arts Council (HCAC) Office** at 280 Main Street, Suite 12. The canvas must be blank but may be tinted. The stamp must be visible on the back 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. Gallery wraps will be permitted. 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. Paintings 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 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 an Event Representative.
11. Paintings must be checked in at the Jon Crane Gallery by 3pm on Friday, September 20th to be judged for awards. Event paintings completed after that time can be hung on Saturday morning for Saturday sales but are not eligible for awards.
12. **NEW THIS YEAR:** The Quick Draw on Saturday will be focused in the downtown Hill City area. The HCAC will be hosting an Art Walk downtown on Saturday, September 21 from 11am till 3pm. This is an additional opportunity for you to showcase your work as well as to promote local Artists and their studios. Please feel free to enjoy this event after the Quick Draw.

## **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

## Thursday, September 19:

- 9am - 3pm** Registered Artists check in at the **Hill City Arts Council** office at the Old World Plaza, 280 Main Street, Suite 12 (Upstairs), Hill City.
- All blank surfaces must be stamped at the HCAC office.
  - Prior to arrival, please complete your price/description tags that were sent to you for each piece of homework you bring. Deliver your art and associated tag to the **Jon Crane Gallery**.
- 9am - 4:30pm** Plein Air painting.
- 5pm** Thursday event paintings must be submitted at the **Jon Crane Gallery** by 5pm for Best of Day judging.
- 6pm - 8pm** Artists Meet and Greet will be held at the **Chute Rooster** in Hill City. Heavy appetizers and drinks will be provided.
- 6:30** Best of Day announced.

## Friday, September 20:

- 9am - 11am** Artist's check-in and canvas stamping, if needed, at the **Hill City Arts Council Office**.
- 9am - 2:30pm** Plein Air painting.
- 3pm – 4pm** Turn in your wet paintings at the **Jon Crane Gallery**.
- 4pm** Doors at the **Jon Crane Gallery** will close to Artists and the public.
- 4pm – 5pm** Wet paintings judging.
- 5:30pm – 6:30pm** Sponsors and Artists Reception (invitation only) at the **Jon Crane Gallery**. Appetizers and refreshments will be served.
- 6pm** Award presentations.
- 6:30pm – 8pm** Sponsors and Artists Reception - Open to the public.
- 7:30pm** Artist's Choice and People's Choice balloting ends.
- 7:45pm** Artist's Choice and People's Choice awards will be presented.

**Saturday, September 21:**

- 8am – 9am** 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 downtown location of choice to set up 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 auction location. (Location to be announced).
- 12pm - 12:30pm** Quick Draw judging.
- 12:30pm** Best Quick Draw Award – Live Auction immediately following.
- 12:30pm** Live Auction. The public is encouraged to attend.
- The Artist is paid 70% of the selling price of the painting and BHPAPO/HCAC receives 30% of the selling price.
  - **Following the auction, please stay and enjoy the Art Walk in downtown Hill City. The Art Walk will continue till 3pm.**
- 4pm** Artists must pick up all unsold art from the Jon Crane Gallery no later than 4pm. Please check out with an Event Representative.

***The Hill City Arts Council Sincerely Appreciates Your Participation In The  
2024 Black Hills Plein Air Paint Out  
Thank You!***