

# ARTISTS PAINT OC COMPETITION PROSPECTUS

**Dates:** August 12-16, 2026

**Location:** Ocean City, MD and surrounding area

**Awards:** 1st Place - \$2,500

2nd Place - \$1,000

3rd Place - \$500

3 Honorable Mentions - \$100 each

Spirit of OC Award - \$1,000

Agriculture Award - \$250

Artist's Choice Award *in memory of Ray Ewing* - \$500

Best Use of Light - \$200

Best Maritime - \$200

Best Hospitality - \$200

Best Nocturnal - \$200

**Limited Competition:** Competition will be limited to 50 artists, age 18 or older, on a first-come basis.

**Juror:** Kevin Fitzgerald has been painting for over 30 years. Born in Washington, D.C., in 1953, it became apparent from early childhood that he was drawn to painting. He started taking drawing classes at the Corcoran School of Art in 1970 and graduated from Surrattsville High School in 1971. He attended the Maryland Institute, College of Art in 1973. In 1977, he received his B.F.A. from the Maryland Institute, College of Art. In 1978, Fitzgerald began work on his M.F.A. under full fellowship at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He completed his graduate studies while making paintings on the Patuxent River and surrounding Southern Maryland landscapes and graduated in 1982. Fitzgerald's interest in painting is rooted in the works of masters from the 15th to the 20th century and their relationships to current forms. The artist has participated in numerous one person and group shows and has the honor of having his work included in private collections throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia.

**Limitation on Entries:** All paintings will hang for display and sale at the Wet Paint Sale event and be eligible for competition prizes. Each artist will have one side of a 36" W x 72" H standard panel to hang their artwork. The juror will select pieces to hang in the main gallery through September 26<sup>th</sup>. If sold, artists may select a replacement piece to include in the exhibition. Artwork not accepted into the competition will hang in the classrooms through Sunday August 16<sup>th</sup>. All work must be two-dimensional medium and completed "en plein air" on pre-stamped paper or canvas. There is no limit on the number of canvases or paper to be stamped and they may be evenly pre-toned in one color. All work, other than gallery wrapped canvas, must be properly framed. If the painting is on gallery wrapped canvas, the edges must be painted and dry. All work must be wired and ready to hang when delivered to the Ocean City Center for the Arts.

**Commission on Sales to the Art League of Ocean City:** 30% on all sales. All sales from the Plein Air event, including Quick Paint and the main gallery exhibit at the Ocean City Center for the Arts, must be handled by the Art League of Ocean City.

## Artists Must Agree to:

- Paint within the specified areas during the event.
- Deliver and hang completed work at the OC Center for the Arts Saturday before 1 pm. Artists are asked to leave for judging of the artwork and should return at 4pm for announcements prior to the Wet Paint Sale.
- Pick up any work unsold in the Galleria exhibit on Sunday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> or Monday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> (by appointment) or arrange for shipping at your own expense, providing packaging material and a prepaid label. Artwork not picked up within 3 months will become the property of the Art League of Ocean City.
- Allow images of artwork to be used by the Art League of Ocean City for publicity purposes.
- Hold harmless the Art League of Ocean City for any personal injury or property loss or damage regardless of the cause.

## Artists Are Encouraged to:

- Attend the Welcome Reception, August 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Participate in the Quick Paint competition on August 16<sup>th</sup> (\$650 in cash prizes will be awarded)

# QUICK PAINT COMPETITION RULES

**Dates:** August 16, 2026

**Location:** Downtown Ocean City (painting) and OC Center for the Arts (sale)

1 Honorable Mention - \$50

**Awards:** 1st Place - \$300

2nd Place - \$200

3rd Place - \$100

Awards made possible by the Ocean City Development Corporation.

**Judge:** TBD

- 8-8:30 am – Artists check-in in front of Thrasher’s Fries on the boardwalk and get paper/canvas stamped. Onsite registration available.
- 9-11 am – Artists paint against the clock in the downtown area – from beach to bay and inlet to N. Division St.
- 11 am – Cease painting and return to the OC Center for the Arts to set up artwork for judging and sale.
- 12:30 pm – Judging of artwork.
- 1pm – 3 pm – Off-the-easel art sale, with live music and mimosa cash bar.
- Award winning pieces are invited for display at the Arts Center through September 26<sup>th</sup>.

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Please direct any questions to Gallery Manager, Kacie Neeb at [kacie@artleagueofoceancity.org](mailto:kacie@artleagueofoceancity.org) or by calling 410-524-9433.

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Artists Paint OC – A Plein Air Event August 12-16, 2026**

Applicants must complete the following entry form and enclose a check payable to the Art League of Ocean City. The completed application and check can be mailed to P.O. Box 3503, Ocean City, MD 21843.

Registration may also be completed online at [www.ocart.org](http://www.ocart.org) with a credit card or by calling 410-524-9433. Registration opens on March 30, 2026 and will be filled on a first come, first-served basis.

Registration fee is non-refundable.

\$50 for Art League members/ \$65 for non-members (includes the main event and Quick Paint competition)  
\$25 members/ \$30 non-members for Quick Paint only.

**Total Amount Enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **\$50 Plein Air Event w/Quick Paint** (member)      \_\_\_\_\_ **\$65 Plein Air Event w/Quick Paint** (non-mem.)  
\_\_\_\_\_ **\$25 Quick Paint Only** (member)                      \_\_\_\_\_ **\$30 Quick Paint Only** (non-member)

**Payment by Credit Card:** \_\_\_ VISA, \_\_\_ MASTER CARD, \_\_\_ DISCOVER \_\_\_ AMEX

**Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Security Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name on Card:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** (if different than artist's address below) \_\_\_\_\_

**Artist's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website:** \_\_\_\_\_

By entering the Art League of Ocean City (ALOC) Plein Air event, I affirm that I understand the terms and conditions outlined in the prospectus. I understand the ALOC will not be responsible for bodily injury or loss or damage to artwork regardless of the cause. I also agree that images of myself and my work that I enter into the competition may be used by the ALOC for publicity purposes.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_