

NEWSLETTER TITLE: APAA Membership Changes for 2019

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Hello painters!

For 2019 the Alabama Plein Air Artists will be making some minor adjustments in a effort to remain the "lean, mean machine" it's been in the past. These are primarily administrative changes because being a "big organization" is NOT what we're about. Painting outdoors is! With an ever growing membership, we find that some adjustments need to be made. Here is just one:

MEMBERSHIP IN APAA - *At this time we are not "signing up" any new members unless the artist comes to paint with the group. We have a "membership" of over 200 people. Half to a little less than those actually paint with us at various times throughout the year. It's understandable that some years you just can't get out to paint for whatever reasons, but some members have never painted with the group. **If you have attended an APAA paint out for 2017 and 2018, YOU'RE A MEMBER!** If not, we will sadly have to say goodbye...until you come paint with us! If you are dropped, your information will go into a "holding file" but you will not receive regular APAA emails. Haven't painted with us in 2 years? There are currently two paint outs left on our 2018 calendar that we would love to have you attend and be counted in the membership! How will you know about paint outs? Read on.....*

How to Join and Become a Member - *New members must attend two paint outs within the year beginning January 1, 2019. After the 2nd paint out you will become a member and will receive regular emails. This is the ONLY membership requirement. Important: Don't forget to SIGN IN and let the host know you're a guest and want to join APAA. Then check the "Guest" column when you check -in at a paint out. All this info will eventually be on the website under the Membership tab.*

How to Remain a Member - *Just keep painting with APAA! If you haven't painted in 2 years you will be dropped from membership.*

2019 Emails *will only go out to APAA Members, those who have participated in 2017 & 2018 paint outs and any new members who come paint with us in 2019.*

"If I'm not a member how will I know about paint outs?" - *Check the APAA website! When the **new calendar comes out in December**, a reminder to come paint with us will be placed on the website, alabamapleinairartists.com. Four to six weeks before a paint out is scheduled for sign up we will add brief information about it along with a contact. MARK YOUR OWN CALENDARS!*

The 2019 CALENDAR *will be posted on the website in **December** and will likely have additions/changes made to it after the first of the year. Watch for it!!!*