

ALABAMA PLEIN AIR ARTISTS GUIDELINES

(revised January 2019)

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Alabama Plein Air Artists (APAA) is to inform, encourage, and inspire through the practice and discipline of plein air painting by providing opportunities for same.

ABOUT APAA

APAA is a group of artists who gather at least 10 months out of the year to paint outdoors (en plein air) at various locations in Alabama and neighboring states. APAA members are predominately from but not limited to the state of Alabama and include a Director, Advisory Board (appointed by the Director), and members who host paint outs. This structure may be changed at any point in time by request of the majority of the membership to the Director and Advisory Board members. The Advisory Board meets each March at a time and place agreeable to the Board. Changes to information regarding Board members will be emailed to all members and placed on the APAA website. Any member may request to be considered for the Advisory Board by notifying the Director or an Advisory Board member. Advisory Board members may “roll off” the board every two years by notifying the Director. APAA is an unincorporated organization.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in APAA is open to all painters in Alabama and adjacent states but one does not have to become a member to paint with us. To become a member, just check in at a paint out as a guest artist TWO TIMES within one year (January to December). After your second paint out you can complete the membership request information on the APAA website, alabamapleinairartists.com. There are no general membership meetings nor required dues.

NON-MEMBER ARTISTS

Non-members are welcome to paint with our group at any Paint Out unless it is designated “APAA Members Only”.

DONATIONS, PROVISIONS

Hosts no longer accept donations from painters attending paint outs nor provide any provisions. Maps of the area are fine. Although a nice gesture, we do not want this to appear to be a requirement of hosts. We will bring our own snacks, water, etc. Supplying provisions & gifts has in the past become competitive in nature, an unnecessary and sometimes problematic expense for the host, and has discouraged some new members from hosting.

DEFINITIONS

Paint Out - A 1-2 day, weekend plein air (outdoor) painting excursion at a location determined by the Director and/or hosting member.

1. All members receive a Call to Sign Up For Paint Out via email four to six weeks prior to the date of the paint out. These notifications usually include a courtesy deadline for **responding (by email) to the host**. Notification is also placed on the APAA Facebook page.
2. Paint Outs are hosted by either the Director or APAA members.
3. All Paint Outs are placed on the annual APAA calendar emailed to the membership and placed on the APAA Website.
4. Paint Outs may be cancelled or rescheduled due to inclement weather or necessary change by the host. The membership will be notified by emails and/or text messaging.
5. Paint Outs are usually scheduled for the 2nd or 3rd weekend of the month, but this may vary.

POP-UP Paint Out - A 1 day plein air painting excursion at a location determined by the Director and/or hosting member. These may or may not be placed on the annual APAA calendar and an emailed call-for-artists to sign up may be sent out on short notice. A Pop-up may be held during the week and is often a spur of the moment occurrence. All members receive notification.

HOST - Any APAA Member who hosts an APAA Paint Out. Hosting members may not incorporate a sponsor or outside organization nor set up a show of work. EXCEPTION: The annual Selma Paint Out which has been grandfathered in.

NOTE: All Paint Outs are at the expense of the artist (Travel, hotels, meals, etc.) Hosts usually offer affordable, safe, suggested places to stay and to eat, and sometimes a group dinner or pot-luck is held on Friday night.

APAA CALENDAR - Contains APAA activities for the year and is provided on the APAA website for members to print and refer to. The Calendar for the next year usually comes out in November or December

PAINT OUT PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

1. Artists may participate in either one or more days of a two-day Paint Out. The host must be notified ahead of time which day you will be there. This is for safety reasons.
2. CANCELLATION - As a courtesy, please notify your host/sponsor as soon as possible if you are unable to attend.
3. INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATION - It is important to provide your cell phone number at Check-In. Director and Host(s) will call a cancellation either before or during a paint out if the well being of the attendees is at risk.
4. SIGNING UP - Members receive a Call for Sign Up email *usually* 6-8 weeks prior. Artists are responsible for responding directly to the host BY EMAIL ONLY and MUST PROVIDE A CELL PHONE CONTACT NUMBER TO THE HOST in case of time sensitive situations.
5. CHECK-IN - Required at each Paint Out at a designated place. Check In by writing in your cell phone number for emergency contact. This is for YOUR safety and in case group plans are changed.
6. NAME TAGS - Always wear your official APAA name tag to identify you and as introduction to new members and the public. Name tags are neck wallet style with zippers for business cards, cash or credit card, etc and a small cell phone. They may be purchased from the Director for a nominal fee (currently \$2.50).
7. ARTIST RESPONSIBILITIES - Artists are responsible for bringing their own water, snacks, and sack lunch to a paint out. Paint out hosts ARE NOT REQUIRED to furnish anything for any artist. Each artist is responsible for his/her own plein air gear, including paints, brushes, etc., transporting to and setting up at a painting location. Note that rolling carts may not be advisable at some locations due to terrain or steps.
8. ACCOMMODATIONS/MEALS - Artists are responsible for acquiring their own accommodations and meals if any are necessary for overnight stay.

HOW TO HOST AN APAA PAINT OUT -

9. The Director can furnish any member who wants to host an APAA paint out with more information and useful tips. Just let us know at alabamapleinairartists@gmail.com.

AND LASTLY.....LET'S GO PAINT AND HAVE FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!