



# “Two Rivers Plein Air 2023”

Plein Air Artists creating artwork emphasizing the aspects of New Braunfels TEXAS with its unique historical buildings, 2 beautiful rivers, wonderful parks and delicious food and drinks. Come experience the charm of the “Western-German” hill country.

### EVENT LOCATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

New Braunfels Art League Gallery, 239 W. San Antonio Street, New Braunfels, TX 78130  
830-629-8022 [www.thenewbraunfelsartleague.com](http://www.thenewbraunfelsartleague.com)

For information or questions contact Event Chairman: NBAL 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President,  
Mary K. Hammond 210-845-2380 [TwoRiversPleinAir@gmail.com](mailto:TwoRiversPleinAir@gmail.com)

### INFORMATION, REGISTRATION AND FEES

This is a non-juried event open to the first 40 artists (with 3 alternates) who register and pay the \$75 entry fee. This entry fee entitles the artist to participate in the plein air event, quick draw event and also covers submission fees for the next NBAL Special Show “ARToberfest.”

Quick Draw Event is open to outside artists who may register and pay the \$25 entry fee on the day of the event.

### **REGISTRATION OPENS – MAY 1, 2023**

Contact [TwoRiversPleinAir@gmail.com](mailto:TwoRiversPleinAir@gmail.com) to ask for entry number and payment information. **The first 43 (40 participants and 3 alternates) to pay entry fee will be registered.**

### **ENTRY FEE \$75**

### **ENTRY DEADLINE – AUGUST 1, 2023**

**\*NO Cancellation Refund after August 1\***

**Quick Draw Event Fee for outside artists: \$25 to be paid on site.**

**NBAL retains a 30% commission on all sales for the Plein Air Event and Quick Draw Event.**

### EVENT CALENDAR 2023

**Monday Oct. 9 – CHECK-IN FOR PLEIN AIR 10am - 5pm  
REGISTRATION FOR QUICK DRAW 10am - 1:30pm**

Stamping, Tagging, & Hanging 10am - 5pm

**QUICK DRAW EVENT 2pm – 5pm**

**MEET & MINGLE 5pm – 7pm**

Judging for Quick Draw 5:30pm – 6:30pm

**AWARDS PRESENTATION FOR QUICK DRAW 6:35pm**

**Tuesday Oct. 10 – Painting**

**Wednesday Oct. 11 – Painting**

**Thursday Oct. 12 – Painting**

**Friday Oct. 13 – Painting until 12 noon**

**All Paintings turned in by 12:30pm with 3 pieces selected for judging**

Judging for Plein Air 1pm – 3pm

**AWARDS PRESENTATION & RECEPTION 5pm – 8pm**

**Sat. Oct. 14 – CHECK-OUT & PICK-UP UNSOLD**

**ARTWORK 2pm – 5pm**

ARToberfest Submissions for Plein Air Artists  
2pm – 5pm

### **Plein Air Event**

- Best of Show ribbon with \$1,000 cash prize
- First Place ribbon with \$700 cash prize
- Second Place ribbon with \$400 cash prize
- Third Place ribbon with \$225 cash prize
- Honorable Mention ribbon with \$75 cash prize

### **AWARDS**

### **Quick Draw Event**

- Best of Show for a Downtown Scene ribbon with \$300 cash prize
- Best of Show for a Still Life Arrangement ribbon with \$300 cash prize

## **INSURANCE & LIABILITY**

We suggest that artists carry their own insurance. All reasonable care will be taken with your artwork. New Braunfels Art League will not be responsible for the loss or damage of any work. Entry shall imply an agreement on the part of the artist

## **PUBLICITY**

Participation in this show authorizes NBAL the right to photograph your artwork for promotional purposes and for viewing on our website. ([www.thenewbraunfelsartleague.com](http://www.thenewbraunfelsartleague.com))

## **PLEIN AIR EVENT GUIDELINES & RULES**

**CHECK-IN** (You must be **18 or older** to enter this competition)

**Registered Artists may check in beginning Monday, 10/9/2023 at 10:00am until 5:00pm at the New Braunfels Art League.** NBAL will be the central location serving as the Two Rivers Plein Air Event headquarters for exhibit space and the Awards Presentation/Reception. An NBAL Contract/Inventory form will be completed and signed. This constitutes an agreement with the terms of the Two Rivers Plein Air rules and commission fees. Each artist will receive price tags for their artworks and a Welcome Packet with information about the area, maps, schedule of events and an event badge that will allow the wearer to be identified as an official Two Rivers Plein Air participant. Please wear your badge at all times. Exhibit pieces will be placed in display area, and the official stamping of canvases and substrates will take place at this time.

## **OFFICIAL STAMPING**

Canvases, watercolor paper, or other substrates used for the competition will receive the official Two Rivers Plein Air stamp at check-in. Artists may have as many substrates stamped as they desire but all substrates must be totally blank. Artist may return to NBAL to have additional substrates stamped as needed. All competition artworks must have been painted live on location during the Two Rivers Plein Air event. Work executed in the studio will not be accepted in the plein air competition.

## **DELIVERY OF EXHIBIT PIECES**

One exhibit piece (art brought from home, no larger than 30" wide) may be hung in the gallery to sell during the check-in phase. Artists may freshen their display with newly painted plein air pieces as they are completed and may display as many pieces of their completed "TWO RIVERS PLEIN AIR" artworks in the exhibit space as they wish, providing they fit within the 3' x 7' space allotted to them. All artworks will be tagged and hung by the artists in their allotted space and the artist will be responsible for updating their own inventory sheets. Inventory sheets and price tags will be provided by NBAL. Artists will establish the price for their works and will receive 70% of the sale amount. NBAL will retain a 30% commission fee on all paintings sold during the event. All work, wet or dry, must be framed and be gallery-ready to hang with secure picture wire. Gallery wrapped canvases WILL be accepted with wire. No saw-tooth hangers are permitted.

## **COMPETITION RULES**

- Artists may begin painting as soon as they are registered, artwork hung, and canvases have been stamped.
- Artists may prepare as many works as they like but may enter only three (3) pieces for judging.
- Pieces for judging may be delivered to the exhibit space as soon as they are completed.
- ALL PIECES FOR JUDGING MUST BE TAGGED FOR JUDGING AND DELIVERED TO THE EXHIBIT SPACE BY 12:30PM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 - No Exceptions.
- Only works prepared during the event on officially stamped canvases will be eligible for the competition. Please be prepared to show the stamp before completing framing. Pieces submitted for judging must be framed and wired and ready to hang with secure picture wire. No saw-tooth hangers are allowed. Gallery wrapped canvases with hanging wire are acceptable.
- Judging will take place Friday from 1pm until 3pm. The results will be announced, and prizes awarded during the Awards Presentation and Reception from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.
- All artworks must be for sale at a minimum of \$300. **You must leave your work in the gallery for the entire length of the show. Failure to do so could result in exclusion from future shows.**

## QUICK DRAW EVENT GUIDELINES & RULES

The Two Rivers Plein Air Event will get off to a great start with this timed competition which truly emphasizes the skill of the artist to document what they are seeing in a short period of time. This Quick Draw Event takes place on Monday, Oct. 9, at 2:00pm and will be held in conjunction with our Meet and Mingle which is from 5pm to 7pm.

All artists, plein air, NBAL members, and outside artists are welcome to take part in this event. Painters and drawers will choose between painting one of the Downtown Scenes within the area outlined on the Quick Draw Event Map or one of the Still-Life Arrangements that will be provided on location. These will be judged as two separate categories, and each will be awarded a Best of Show Award (ribbon and \$300). The public will be invited and encouraged to attend to watch art come alive.

### **CHECK-IN (You must be 18 or older to enter this competition)**

Two Rivers Plein Air artists may sign-up for this event at CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION for plein air, it is included in their entry fees. **Outside artists may register and pay \$25** for this event at the check-in tables in the **NBAL Gallery, from 10am – 2:00pm, Monday Oct. 9.**

### **OFFICIAL STAMPING**

Canvases, watercolor paper, or other substrates used for the competition will receive the official Two Rivers Plein Air stamp at CHECK-IN/REGISTRATION.

### **COMPETITION RULES**

- Artists will gather at the designated location, check in, select the spot where they want to work and set-up their easels at 2:30pm. ARTIST MAY NOT START PAINTING UNTIL 3:00PM.
- The Quick Draw Event will begin at 3:00pm sharp, with the sounding of the horn, and will end precisely at 5:00pm, when horn will sound again.
- All artists have until 5:30pm to name, price, frame and display their Quick Draw artwork in the area provided or on their OWN easels at an area designated for judging.
- All work, wet or dry, must be framed and ready to hang with secure picture wire. Gallery wrapped canvases will be accepted with wire. No saw-tooth hangers are permitted.
- All artworks must be for sale with the commission split being 70% to the artist and 30% to NBAL. Public sales will be encouraged and will be handled by NBAL staff.
- Paintings not sold by 7:00pm, Monday Oct. 9 will be tagged as quick draw and put on display in the NBAL Gallery. They will remain for sale until the close of the show on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 2:00pm

## CHECK-OUT AND PICK-UP OF ALL ARTWORK

### **CHECK-OUT**

- Artwork must remain in the NBAL Gallery until 2:00pm on Saturday, Oct. 14 when the show closes.
  - All pieces will be checked out and removed by the artist or their representative by 5:00pm on Saturday.
- No shipping of unsold artwork will be provided.**
- After 30 days all pieces not claimed by the artist will become the property of the New Braunfels Art League.

### **“ARToberfest” Submissions**

“Two Rivers Plein Air” artists are encouraged to enter up to three pieces of art in the “NBAL 58<sup>th</sup> Annual ARToberfest” show. Submission fees for this show are included in the registration for the plein air event and the rule regarding wet paint will be waived for these artists. “ARToberfest” is a juried show that will run from Wednesday, Oct. 18 until Sunday, Nov. 18. **No shipping of unsold artwork will be provided.**

PLEASE see the “ARToberfest” prospectus that will be sent to you after your plein air payment is processed or may be found now on the NBAL website. [www.thenewbraunfelsartleague.com](http://www.thenewbraunfelsartleague.com)