



# “Two Rivers Plein Air 2025”



Plein Air Artists from around the country creating artwork emphasizing the aspects of picturesque New Braunfels TEXAS with its unique historical buildings, 2 beautiful rivers, and wonderful parks. 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 President,

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## TRPA INFORMATION AND FEES

“Two Rivers Plein Air” is a non-juried five-day plein air event. The **\$80 entry fee** includes the Quick Draw Event with the Meet & Mingle opening reception. We will be accepting the **first 35 artists**, with **10 alternates** on standby, who register and pay the entry fee.

**Quick Draw Event** is a one-day timed competition, includes the Meet & Mingle opening reception. It is open to all outside artists who register and pay a **\$30 entry fee for this one-day activity**.

## REGISTRATION

Artists will need to provide contact information, artist’s bio, artist’s picture, and make the entry fee payment to be registered. To get detailed instructions go to [www.thenewbraunfelsartleague.com](http://www.thenewbraunfelsartleague.com) under Special Shows, “Two Rivers Plein Air”, or contact [TwoRiversPleinAir@gmail.com](mailto:TwoRiversPleinAir@gmail.com) to get a copy sent to you.

**ENTRY DEADLINE – September 1**

**\*NO Cancellation Refund after September 1\***

**NBAL retains a 35% commission on all sales for the Plein Air Event and Quick Draw Event.**

## EVENT CALENDAR 2025

**Monday Oct. 13** – CHECK-IN FOR PLEIN AIR & QUICK DRAW 10am - 12:00 noon

**Quick Draw Event** – Check-in, stamping, and set-up of easels 1pm – 2pm

- 2pm – Horn sounds and artists start painting
- 4pm – Horn sounds and artists stop painting
- Artwork set-up for judging by 4:30pm
- Judging for Quick Draw 4:35pm – 5:30pm

**Meet & Mingle** - Starts at 4:30pm

AWARDS PRESENTATION FOR QUICK DRAW 5:35pm

**Tuesday Oct. 14** – Painting

**Wednesday Oct. 15** – Painting

**Thursday Oct. 16** – Painting

**Friday Oct. 17**– Painting until 12 noon

- 3 Paintings turned in by 12:30pm for judging.
- Judging for Plein Air 1pm – 3pm

AWARDS PRESENTATION & RECEPTION 6pm – 8pm

**Saturday Oct. 18** – “Last Call to Buy!” 10am – 3pm

CHECK-OUT/PICK-UP UNSOLD ARTWORK 3pm – 5pm

## Plein Air Event

Best of Show ribbon with **\$1,700** cash prize  
First Place ribbon with **\$800** cash prize  
Second Place ribbon with **\$500** cash prize  
Third Place ribbon with **\$300** cash prize  
Honorable Mention ribbon with **\$100** 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, but New Braunfels Art League will not be responsible for the loss or damage of any work.

**PUBLICITY** - NBAL retains the right to photograph you and your artwork for promotional purposes for this show.

## PLEIN AIR & QUICK DRAW EVENT GUIDELINES & RULES

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

**Monday Oct. 13 - 10:00am until 12:00 noon registered Artists check in.** Artists are given TRPA and Quick Draw Inventory forms to fill out, check, and sign. This form will also act as an agreement between NBAL and the artist for the rules and commission fees as stated. Artists will establish the price for their works, with a minimum of \$300 for TRPA show and no minimum price for Quick Draw entries. The artist will receive 65% of the sale amount and NBAL will retain a 35% commission fee on all paintings sold during the event. Each TRPA artist will receive an event badge to wear at all times to identify them as an official Two Rivers Plein Air participant.

**OFFICIAL STAMPING & TAGGING** - Canvases, watercolor paper, or any substrates used may be toned with color, but blank of any lines or shapes and will need the official "Two Rivers Plein Air" stamp at TRPA check-in. Artists may return to have additional substrates stamped as needed. A separate Quick Draw stamp will be stamped on the substrate chosen for that event and will be applied at the Quick Draw check-in. 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.

**DISPLAYING ARTWORK FOR TRPA & QUICK DRAW** – All artworks will be tagged in the lower left side of the frame/canvas and hung by the artists. All work, wet or dry, must be framed with gallery quality frames, no plastic frames. Artworks must be gallery-ready to hang with secure picture wire, no saw-tooth hangers are permitted. Gallery wrapped canvases WILL be accepted but need to be 1 ¼ inch deep or more, any gallery wrap canvases of shallower depth must be framed. The artists will be responsible for updating their own inventory sheets with the title, medium, and price of the artwork as it is added to the display area. Artwork being removed must be marked as REMOVED in the DATE SOLD column on the sheet. Inventory sheets and price tags will be provided by NBAL. **TRPA artists** will bring one piece of artwork from home (no larger than 30 inches wide) to be for sale during the week of the show. Artists will add to their display area as many newly painted pieces as they want as they are completed, providing they fit within the 3' x 7' space allotted to them. **Unsold Quick Draw entries** will be hung in a separate area and be for sale for the remainder of the week.

**COMPETITION RULES FOR TRPA** - Artists may begin painting as soon as they are registered, from home artwork hung, and substrates have been stamped. Only works prepared during the event on officially stamped canvases will be eligible for the competition. Be prepared to show the stamp before completing framing. **The three pieces selected for judging will be tagged and hung below the artwork that was brought from home, all other work will be removed prior to judging. Artwork will be ready for judging by 12:30pm Friday, Oct. 17 - No Exceptions!** Judging will take place from 1pm until 3pm. The results will be announced, and prizes awarded during the Awards Presentation and Reception from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. **After the reception artists are encouraged to rehang all of their artwork for Saturday's "Last Call to Buy!" which will be from 10am to 3pm.**

**COMPETITION RULES FOR QUICK DRAW** - Artists will check in at the designated location starting at 1:00pm, then select the spot where they want to work and set up their easels. **Artists may not start painting until 2:00pm.** The Quick Draw Event will begin at 2:00pm sharp, with the sounding of the horn, and will end precisely at 4:00pm, when the horn will sound again. **Artists must stop painting at 4:00pm.** All artists have until 4:30pm to name, price, frame and display their Quick Draw artwork in the area provided on their OWN easels at the area designated for judging. Judging starts at 4:35pm. Public sales will be encouraged and will be handled by NBAL staff. Paintings not sold by 6:00pm, **Monday Oct. 13** will be taken to the NBAL Gallery by the artist and put on display for sale until the close of the show.

**NO OFF-EASEL SALES.... ALL THE ARTWORK MUST BE SOLD THROUGH NBAL!**

**CHECK-OUT AND PICK-UP OF ALL ARTWORK** - **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.** All artworks will be checked out and removed by the artist or their representative between 3:00pm and 5:00pm on **Saturday, Oct.18.**

**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.