

Peninsula's First Annual Plein Air Competition - Along the Crooked River

Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its first Plein Air Competition to celebrate the importance of the Cuyahoga River and the beauty of the Cuyahoga Valley in and around the Village of Peninsula and Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Peninsula's First Annual Plein Air Competition - Along the Crooked River - will be held **Saturday June 20th and Sunday June 21st, 2009**. Please join us in this artistic event and help celebrate the wonder and beauty of the Cuyahoga Valley. An exhibit of the works created will run **July 2 thru July 26, 2009**, Thursdays thru Sundays, 11 am until 5 pm at Peninsula Art Academy (PAA). An Artists reception will be held at PAA on Thursday evening **July 2, 2009**, 5 to 7 pm.

Details at www.explorepenninsula.com or www.peninsulaartacademy.com

Judging and Prizes: The exhibit will be judged by Mary Urbas, Gallery Coordinator and Exhibition Curator at Lakeland Community College. www.lakelandcc.edu/gallery Awards will include: Best of show: \$350, Second place: \$200, Third place: \$100, People's Choice and Honorable Mentions.

Eligibility: The Competition is open to artists, 18 years of age and over. Employees of the National Park and members of the Peninsula Chamber may enter but are ineligible for awards.

Format: Original two-dimensional art in any medium other than photography may be created during this event. No three-dimensional or computer generated work will qualify. Canvas/paper plus frame shall be less than or equal to 30" in any one direction.

Display Venue: Works created during the competition will be displayed at Peninsula Art Academy Gallery as space allows, during the month of July. All artwork will be for sale with 60% to the artist and 40% to the Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC). Winning artwork will be featured on www.explorepenninsula.com. Cuyahoga Valley National Park and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association will also feature the winning work in newsletters and various venues.

Criteria: Artists may produce as many works as they wish during the competition but are limited to 2 pieces for submission to the Gallery showing and judging. Artwork must be created in the true plein air style at designated locations and may not be generated from reference photos. Styles may range from realism to abstract, and must be in keeping with the impromptu style of plein air.

Because the competition takes place on private property in the Village of Peninsula and in the National Park, PACC has had to secure permission to use specific locations where artists may set up. Go to [Plein Air Map.pdf](#) to download the map and see the selected competition sites. For further explanation and any restrictions regarding the sites please contact Steve Bures, Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce, 330-657-2788. All artists are encouraged to view the sites before the competition.

Application: To be eligible, applications must be received by June 6th, 2009. A \$35 registration fee will assist in covering the cost of the juror, prizes and logistics. Include your Artist statement/bio with the entry form.

Procedure: On Saturday morning June 20 between 9 - 10 am, artists must check in at Peninsula Art Academy, 1600 West Mill Street, Peninsula (next to the depot station, across from Elements Gallery). Phone 330-657-2248. Artists are encouraged to bring as many canvases/papers as they wish to create during the competition. All canvases/papers must be stamped the morning of the competition. We encourage artists to create at the designated sites from 10 am until 3 pm on Saturday, June 20, and from 11 am until 1 pm on Sunday, June 21 so the public may stroll the sites and visit the artists at work.

From 3 until 5 pm Sunday afternoon June 21, artists are to deliver up to 2 finished works they wish to enter for judging, for exhibit, and for sale to the Peninsula Art Academy. 1600 West Mill Street. No submissions will be accepted after 5 pm. Artists are invited to enjoy wine and cheese and camaraderie during the drop off time.

Finished works must be framed, with picture hanging wire attached. For your convenience, reasonably priced framing options will be available at Peninsula Art Academy when entries are dropped off. Judging and hanging of the exhibition will take place during the week of June 21st. The show will open July 2 in conjunction with the second week of the Boston Mills ArtFest www.bmbw.com Artists will be notified via email as to the winning entries.

Pick Up of Art: Pick up of artwork will be on July 26 from 11 am – 5 pm. Other arrangements may be made by calling 330-657-2248.

Where: Peninsula Art Academy, 1600 West Mill Street, Peninsula, Ohio 44264-171
www.peninsulaartacademy.com Parking is in front of the building and behind Elements Gallery, directly across the street, and in the CVNP parking lots farther down Mill Street.

Press: Press releases will be emailed to area contacts. Include on a separate sheet any email addresses you would like us to include in our press list. Also, on a separate sheet, please list any email addresses you would like to receive an email invitation to the exhibit.

Contact: For additional information contact STEVE BURES, PENINSULA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 330-657-2788.

Registration Form:

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Please complete this form. Include your payment and bio/artist statement and mail to PENINSULA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE c/o ELEMENTS GALLERY, 1619 WEST MILL STREET, PENINSULA, OH 44264 by June 6th, 2009

[enter on-line here](#)

Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce and Peninsula Art Academy advise artists to insure their work. While all work will be handled with the utmost care, the above-mentioned entities do not assume responsibility for loss or damage of submitted works from any cause whatsoever. Submitting works of art to a show will imply an agreement on the part of the artist of the above conditions. The undersigned artist agrees to the terms of the exhibit and the waiver of responsibility. All artwork will be for sale with 60% to the artist and 40% to the Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC). There will be slips for the backs of your entries to fill out at PAA during drop-off.

Artist Signature _____

Artist
Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Phone
Number: _____

Email
Address: _____

Bio enclosed: _____

Payment enclosed: **\$35.00** circle one - Check / Cash / MC / Visa
(Check payable to Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce)

Or call 330-657-2248 to pay by credit card over the phone

CC # _____

CC exp date _____ CC verify # _____