

wayne art center 2023

# Plein Air Festival

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## **Wayne Art Center Announces 15th Annual Wayne Plein Air Festival Award Winners**

**WAYNE, PA** – May 15, 2023 – Wayne Art Center celebrated the opening of the 15th Annual Wayne Plein Air Exhibition during the Collectors' Preview & Sale on Friday, May 12, 2023. Following five-and-a-half days of painting within 35 miles of Wayne, 32 nationally recognized artists created over 300 original paintings of our area's unique landscapes, historic architecture and lush scenery.

Shanna Kunz of Utah was this year's Juror of Awards. Her award-winning work has been included in many prestigious national exhibitions and featured in major art publications, including Plein Air Magazine and Fine Art Connoisseur. She is a member of Plein Air Painters of Utah, the American Impressionist Society, Oil Painters of America and the American Tonalist Society. Kunz awarded \$20,000 in prizes to the top paintings and was quite impressed with the talent on display at this year's festival. "The top four paintings were amazing and each one made me come back to them again and again," said Kunz. "I've travelled all over the country and the Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival is one of the very best in the United States.

### **2023 Plein Air Winners**

<b>Best in Show</b>	<b>Henry Coe</b>	<b>Old Ridge Rd.</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Randall Graham</b>	<b>Marsh Creek Sunrise</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Charles Newman</b>	<b>Boulderama</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Cynthia Rosen</b>	<b>By The Falls</b>
<b>Wayne Art Center Award</b>	<b>Neal Hughes</b>	<b>Ardrossan</b>
<b>Barns, Bridges, &amp; Backroads Award</b>	<b>Qiang Huang</b>	<b>Afternoons at Ardrossan</b>

<b>Best Nocturne Award</b>	<b>Christopher Leeper</b>	<b>Night Tracks</b>
<b>Best Depiction of Light Award</b>	<b>Antwan Ramar</b>	<b>Tunnel Vision</b>
<b>Best Street Scene Award</b>	<b>DK Palecek</b>	<b>Interpreted Time</b>
<b>Best Water Feature Award</b>	<b>John Caggiano</b>	<b>In The Hollows</b>
<b>Best Architecture Award</b>	<b>Vladislav Yelisseyev</b>	<b>Farmyard</b>
<b>Plein Air Magazine Half- Page Award</b>	<b>Caleb Stoltzfus</b>	<b>Afternoon Walk</b>
<b>Plein Air Magazine Quarter-Page Award</b>	<b>Hai-Ou Hou</b>	<b>Farmers Market</b>
<b>Plein Air Magazine Outdoor Painter Award</b>	<b>Eric Fei Guan</b>	<b>Covered Bridge</b>
<b>Plein Air Magazine Today Artist Spotlight Award</b>	<b>Jennifer Holmes</b>	<b>Hope's Spring House</b>
<b>Revlite Award</b>	<b>Abby Ober</b>	<b>Tranquil View</b>
<b>Royal Talens Award</b>	<b>Krystal Brown</b>	<b>To Grandma's House</b>
<b>Strada Award</b>	<b>Elise Phillips</b>	<b>All Aflutter</b>
<b>Method Lights Award</b>	<b>David Lussier</b>	<b>Til the Cows Come Home</b>
<b>SourceTek Award</b>	<b>Martin Geiger</b>	<b>Wayne Presbyterian</b>
<b>Vasari Award</b>	<b>Kari Ganoung Ruiz</b>	<b>Abundance</b>
<b>JFM Enterprises Award</b>	<b>W. Jason Situ</b>	<b>Afternoon Walk</b>
<b>Gamblin Award</b>	<b>Julie Sanderson</b>	<b>North Wayne Sunrise</b>
<b>Golden Artist Colors Awards</b>	<b>Beth Bathe</b>	<b>High Noon</b>
<b>Jack Richeson &amp; Co. Award</b>	<b>Olena Babak</b>	<b>Gardens in Bloom</b>
<b>General Pencil Co. Award</b>	<b>Paulette Staley</b>	<b>Logan Circle</b>
<b>Winsor &amp; Newton Award</b>	<b>Stewart White</b>	<b>Radnor Hunt Afternoon</b>
<b>Guerilla Painter Award</b>	<b>Fred Jackson</b>	<b>Knox Covered Bridge</b>
<b>Blick Art Award</b>	<b>Barbara Berry</b>	<b>Floating Flock</b>
<b>Ampersand Award</b>	<b>Mick McAndrews</b>	<b>Fishing The Brandywine</b>

**Panel Pak Award**

**Allen Kriegshauser**

**Morning Light on the Porch**

**Rosemary & Co. Award**

**Eileen Eder**

**Ardrossan Fields**

In addition to the 32 nationally recognized, invited plein air artists who participated in the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Wayne Plein Air Festival, this year's exhibition also features work created en plein air during the festival week by 30 Community Paint Out artists from our area. All works remain on view through June 24, 2023.

### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Wayne Plein Air Exhibition Award-Winning Work**



*Old Ridge Rd.* by Henry Coe (Oil)



*Marsh Creek Sunrise* by Randall Graham (Oil)



*Boulderama* by Charles Newman (Oil)



*By the Falls* by Cynthia Rosen (Oil)

### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival Schedule of Events**

\*Events marked with an asterisk are open to the public. Please register at [www.waynepleinair.org](http://www.waynepleinair.org).

#### **Wednesday, May 31, 5-7 pm**

\*Plein Air Painting Demo: Local artist Beth Bathe demonstrates plein air painting techniques.

#### **Thursday, June 1, 5-7 pm**

\*Summer Succulents: Gardens in Glass Workshop: Discover the joy of designing your own terrarium with Leslie Drinkwater.

#### **Wednesday, June 7, 5-7 pm**

\*Plein Air Demo: Local artist Elise Phillips demonstrates plein air painting techniques.

#### **Thursday, June 8, 6-8:30 pm**

\*French Provencal Dinner: Chef Patrick Gauthron will serve Seafood Bouillabaisse, Pear, Endive and Walnut Salad and Lemon Lava Cake.

#### **Tuesday, June 13, 5-7 pm**

\*Plein Air Demo: Local artist Mick McAndrews demonstrates plein air painting techniques.

#### **Thursday, June 15, 5-7 pm**

\*Art Night Out: Tour the Plein Air exhibition while enjoying wine, appetizers and live music.

#### **Thursday, June 22, 5-7 pm**

\*Plein Air Demo: Local artist Randall Graham demonstrates plein air painting techniques.

## **About Wayne Art Center**

Founded in 1931, Wayne Art Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the community through the arts. More than 500 classes and workshops are offered annually to over 5,000 students of all ages and abilities. The galleries at Wayne Art Center receive over 35,000 visitors a year for their many exhibits, lectures and special events. Wayne Art Center is located at 413 Maplewood Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 am-5 pm, and Saturday, 10 am -4 pm.

The **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival Exhibition** will remain on display and open to the public until Saturday, June 24, 2023. For more information, contact Wayne Art Center at 610-688-3553 or visit [www.wayneart.org](http://www.wayneart.org) or [www.waynepleinair.org](http://www.waynepleinair.org).