

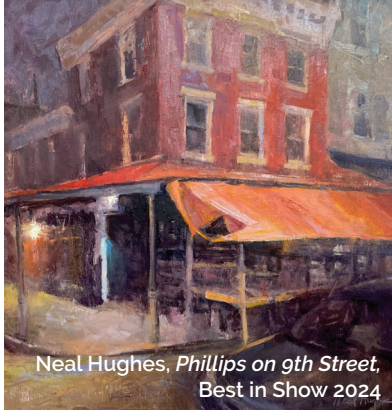
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Plein Air Festival NEWS

17th Annual



2025 CALENDAR



Neal Hughes, *Phillips on 9th Street*, Best in Show 2024

This year commemorates the 17th anniversary of the *Wayne Art Center Plein Air Festival*, recognized as one of the longest-standing and most cherished outdoor painting events in the nation. On Sunday, May 4, an exciting multi-day competition will kick off with 32 talented nationally renowned artists, who will find inspiration from the nearby charming towns, beautiful pastoral farms, rich historic architecture, and verdant landscapes that truly showcase the spirit of our region. Juror Larry Moore from Charleston, South Carolina will have the thrilling opportunity to choose the standout winning paintings and

celebrate the artists by presenting an impressive \$25,000 in awards at the much anticipated **Collectors' Preview & Sale** on **Saturday, May 10, from 6-9pm** at Wayne Art Center.

The artists will commence painting on **Sunday, May 4**, alongside fellow community painters, capturing the quintessential images on their canvases. The following six days, these accomplished artists may paint anywhere within a 25-mile radius of Wayne. In less than a day, plein air artists are adept at capturing the structure of the landscape and architecture in a particular light. These stunning works of art will be on display in the *Davenport*, *Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith* and *Vindinghoff Lobby Galleries* and available for sale at the ticketed Preview Party and from **Sunday, May 11 through Saturday, June 21, 2025**. For more information, visit waynepleinair.org.



17th Annual Wayne Plein Air Festival
May 4–May 10

Community Paint-Out
May 4–May 8

Qiang Huang Color of Science Lecture
May 5 | 6–7pm

Collectors' Preview & Sale
May 10 | 6–9pm

Minis and Mimosas for Morn
May 11 | 11–1pm

Juror's Lecture & Demo with Larry Moore
May 11 | 1pm

Larry Moore Abstraction From Nature Workshop
May 12–May 15
9:30am–4:30pm

Qiang Huang Still Life Workshop
May 13–May 14 | 10am–4pm

Pizza Box Plein Air for Kids
May 17 | 11am–12:30pm

David Wren Looking at Ardrossan Through the Archives Lecture, Book Signing/Reception
May 21 | 5:30–7:30pm

Plein Air Lecture with William Perthes
June 4 | 5–6:30pm

French Provencal Dinner with Chef Gauthron and Sommelier Walsh
June 12 | 6:30–9pm

Plein Air Artist Demos
Artists and Dates
Coming Soon

Closing Reception
Saturday, June 21 | 2–4pm

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Collector's Preview & Sale Saturday, May 10, 2025 | 6-9pm

Experience the exclusive opportunity to view and purchase over 300 original paintings featuring local scenes. Revel in an evening filled with fine art, delectable hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, and live music before the exhibition opens to the public. Tickets are on sale at waynepleinair.org or by calling 610-688-3553.



Support Wayne Art Center and Plein Air

Local businesses and patrons demonstrate remarkable generosity in supporting our annual event, for which we are immensely thankful. Last year, our dedicated sponsors helped the *Wayne Art Center's Plein Air Festival* raise over \$150,000, directly contributing to our mission of providing students, artists and the community with enriching arts education and appreciation experiences. This Festival significantly benefits our region's hotels, restaurants and retailers by attracting thousands of

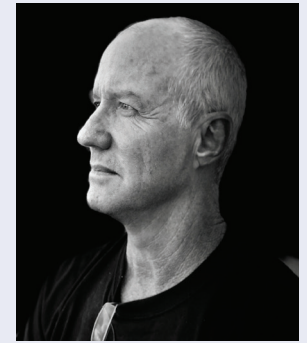
visitors who eagerly anticipate the event and the following six-week exhibition. If you're interested in sponsorship opportunities or wish to participate in the Plein Air Festival as a committee member, volunteer, housing host for visiting artists, or in any other capacity, please reach out to **Nancy Campbell**, Executive Director at nancy@wayneart.org, 610-688-3553, #204 or **Karen Louise Fay**, Director of Marketing and Events at karenlouise@wayneart.org, 610-688-3553, #214.

PLEIN AIR 2025 JUROR

Juror Larry Moore

Juror Larry Moore of Charleston, South Carolina is a fine artist, instructor, illustrator and author. Moore's illustrious career as a visual communicator spans an impressive 50+ years. Some of his most noted plein air awards include Society of Illustrators, NY 2005 Gold Medal; Society of Illustrators,

NY annual exhibit 1995, 1997-2005; Luerzers Archive Top 200 Illustrators Worldwide, 2005; and Art Renewal Center International Competition 2023-2024. Moore's work is represented by galleries and in public and private collections throughout the US.



PLEIN AIR FOUR-DAY WORKSHOP WITH LARRY MOORE

Abstraction from Nature Workshop with Larry Moore

May 12-15, 2025 | 9:30am-4:30pm



Moore will thoroughly explore the essential principles of design in abstract art, guiding you to discover new ideas, establish authenticity in your work, and determine how to interpret life, whether by pushing your process or embracing full abstraction.



Community Paint-Out In Wayne and Beyond

Wayne Art Center will once again invite local plein air painters to create "en plein air" paintings of Wayne and the surrounding area during the *Plein Air Festival* week. Local artists are welcome to submit 2 images for participation consideration. All works will be on display at Wayne Art Center during the *Plein Air Exhibition* from **May 11-June 21**. Artists must register online at wayneart.org. or call **610-688-3553** for more information.

The History of Plein Air

In the mid-19th century, the Impressionists recognized the beauty of working with natural light, leading to a wonderful shift in the art world. The 1870s brought an exciting breakthrough with the introduction of paint in tubes, making outdoor painting or "en plein air" even more popular. Today, plein air painting continues to thrive, with a remarkable resurgence in its appreciation over the last two decades. Artists now gather in groups at designated locations, fostering a vibrant community where they can showcase their talents and creativity while connecting with one another and the public.

Henry Coe, Miller Road Pasture, Best Pastoral Scene, 2024



GALLERY HOURS:

Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm

Saturday, 10am-4pm

Closed Sundays



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