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Sweetwater County WY Plein Air Competition: *Come paint where Thomas Moran painted!*

Co-sponsored by:	Green River Arts Council	and	Community Fine Arts Center
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PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

The event will take place on Saturday, August 27, 2022. A silent auction and reception will be held from 4 to 5:30 pm.

Original Plein Air works painted on August 27, 2022 between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. are eligible. Artists may enter more than one surface. Multiple surfaces may be stamped. Only surfaces registered are eligible for the competition and silent auction. Maximum surface size 24" x 36".

ELIGIBILITY

The inaugural Sweetwater County WY Plein Air Competition is open to all artists, ages 18 years and above.

BOUNDARIES

Artists will paint in the vicinity of the Green River Green Belt and the Green River Chamber of Commerce. (Map provided). These locations will be announced to the public so that they can observe artists at work.

REGISTRATION & STAMPING

Registration and Stamping will occur at the Western Wyoming Community College (WWCC) – Green River Campus (1 College Way, Green River, WY) from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m. on Saturday. For those early birds, registration and stamping will also be available Friday evening at the WWCC Campus from 7 to 8 pm.

FEES

FIRST ENTRY \$25.00 due at registration.

ADDITIONAL ENTRIES: \$10.00 per entry to be paid before the judging.

Participants may have multiple surfaces stamped at the time of registration for the fee of one entry. Additional fees will be charged if you decide to turn in more than one surface.

All fees are non-refundable, even if the original surface is unfinished. Entry fees are used for prize money and publicity.

PAINTING TURN IN

Return works to the WWCC – Green River Campus, by no later than 2:30 p.m. All work entered for the Plein Air Competition will be exhibited and offered for sale in a silent auction. Works must be framed and ready to hang in exhibition condition and ready to sell. Works will be judged prior to the silent auction, which will begin at 4:00 p.m. during the reception.

SALES

Artists will establish a minimum price for which they are willing to sell their work, an immediate sale/premium price (Buy it Now) will also be established. The silent auction opens at 4:00 pm and closes at 5:30 p.m. on August 27, 2022.

Art enthusiasts and collectors may bid on the freshly painted masterpieces beginning at the artist's minimum price. Sales will be encouraged and the sponsors (GRAC and CFAC) will retain a 25% commission on sales. Artist will be mailed checks for their work less the commission after payment is confirmed on sold works.

AWARDS

This year's award juror is artist Florence Alfano McEwin whose works encompass painting and printmaking. She often incorporates her plein air paintings into her prints within her long running series Red Riding Hood Speaks. This series continues to be appreciated by international and national audiences including those in Japan, Canada, Italy, Germany, England, Scotland, the Netherlands, and France. Along the way her numerous awards have included the prestigious, George and Helen Segal Foundation Award in Painting (NJ), both 2017 and 2009 Wyoming State Art Fellowships and the CNG Producing Award. This particular watercolor award, given in Louisiana, listed as former recipients such notable artists as Winslow Homer, Mary Cassatt and Thomas Eakins. Her awarded piece was a plein air painting done on a camping trip in the Wind River Mountains. Alfano McEwin is Professor Emeritus of Western Wyoming Community College where her responsibility included the curation for the campus art gallery. She holds a Ph.D. in the Aesthetics of Art from the College of the Visual Arts at North Texas University.

- Best of Show: \$500
- People's Choice: \$300
- 3 Honorable Mentions: \$100 each

Awards will be announced during the reception that evening and award payments will be mailed within 30 days.

PICK UP

Works accepted for exhibit and not sold must be picked up that evening when the auction closes. Those individuals purchasing silent auction items must also complete the purchases that evening.

SCHEDULE

Friday, August 26, 2022

7:00 PM – First Canvas Stamping/ Artist Check-in at WWCC-GR Campus for
8:00 PM: those wanting to be out early Saturday morning.

Saturday, August 27, 2022

7:00 AM Painting begins at artists' chosen locations.

7:00 AM – Second Canvas Stamping/ Artist Check-in at WWCC-GR.
9:00 AM:

9:00 AM: All artists should be at their chosen locations, anticipating you may have the public looking on.

11:30 AM – Boxed Lunches will be provided. Please let us know approximately
Noon: where to find you along the designated Green Belt and Chamber grounds.

2:00 PM: Complete your work and bring your framed entry(s) to the WWCC –GR campus by 2:30 pm.

3:00 PM: Judging takes place, and all artists are to leave and return at 4 pm.

4:00 PM: Reception and Silent Auction begins and awards will be announced.

5:30 PM: Silent Auction ends and sales are finalized. *(If your artwork does not sell, you are required to take your piece with you.)*

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