

Indian River Area 2026 Plein Air Painting Contest Application

In cooperation with the Indian River Arts & Culture and the Indian River Chamber of Commerce we welcome you to the contest and hope this begins a tradition that last long into to the future. As you know, plein air painting means working outdoors in direct response to a landscape, city, garden, or other subject. Artists had created outdoor studies for centuries, but portable materials and 19th-century ideas about close observation turned open-air oil painting into major practice. A well-prepared plein air kit includes a portable easel or pochade box, paints, brushes, panels, palette, and essential accessories for outdoor painting. Please keep in mind we will be available for questions during the entirety of the event by calling 231-373-7007 and speaking with Vicki.

Please complete the following for application to the contest.

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone Number: _____ **Emergency Number:** _____

email address: _____

Approximate location for your set up: _____

Short Bio (Not Required): _____

Please send your \$50.00 entrance fee and this form to IRGC, P.O. BOX 57, Indian River, MI 49749

You may submit two pieces during this show. You may set your selling price at the point of drop off located at the Indian River Chamber of Commerce "little log cabin" 3435 Straits Hwy., Indian River MI 49749. The sponsors will be taking no percentage from your sale. Please contact 231-373-7007 Vicki to arrange canvas stamping. Your piece(s) will be displayed throughout the week following the event, in addition to being listed online for sale. Arrangements can be made to return unsold pieces or can remain in the chamber under consignment at no fee.

Finally, thank you again for participating in this first-year event. We welcome your suggestions and feedback. There will be a celebration reception to not only award the winners but celebrate the importance of nurturing the art culture in the Indian River area