**BISBEE PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL 2019 -- CALL TO ARTISTS**

**Presented by Bisbee After 5 and Central School Project**

**October 10 – 13, 2019**

The Bisbee Plein Air Festival returns October 9th  through the 14th! Join other artists in painting Old Bisbee’s historic architecture, sprawling staircases, vintage streets, industrial mining remnants, and colorful homes set amidst the scenic Mule Mountains to compete for $700 in prizes. You also have the opportunity to sell your Festival pieces to the public at the Wet Paint Sale. Locals and visitors will already be in town enjoying gallery openings as part of the Bisbee After 5 artwalk. This year, we have added some exciting new events, including an informal critique session, panel discussion, and a youth paint out.
 **$700 in Cash Prizes Competition Registration Fees**

 $300 First Prize $30 Early Bird Rate – received by 10/1/18
 $200 Second Prize $35 Regular Rate (October 2nd – 13th)
 $100 Third Prize
 $100 People’s Choice

Rules and Regulations

The 2019 Bisbee Plein Air Festival is open to any artist who paints using the plein air technique in oil, watercolor, acrylic, gouache, pastel, or other non-digital media.

All paintings entered in the competition/sale must be done “en plein air” (in the open air where the artist has no control of light or weather) during the event dates in Bisbee city limits. All canvas/paper/boards must be stamped PRIOR to painting. NO unstamped art will be accepted.

Artists may stamp as many canvases as they wish, but can enter only up to four pieces of work to be judged in the competition and sales area. Framing is suggested, but not required.

Artists must provide their own paint kits and sturdy easel(s) for display during judging and will be responsible for the safety of their paintings.

The sales commission is 35% to the Plein Air Fest and 65% to the artist for all sales made during the public receptions.

Central School Project, Bisbee After 5, and associated volunteers assume no responsibility for loss or damage to any work, display or person.

Registration & Canvas Stamping

Online registration is available at [www.bisbeeafter5.com/plein-air-festival](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cmattw%5CAppData%5CRoaming%5CMicrosoft%5CWord%5Cwww.bisbeeafter5.com%5Cplein-air-festival). Paper registration is on the last page of this document and may be mailed to Bisbee Plein Air Festival c/o Bisbee Books and Music, PO Box 1561, Bisbee AZ 85603, or dropped off at Bisbee Books and Music, 2 Copper Queen Plaza. Fees are due at the time of registration. Same-day registration and stamping of canvases is located at Bisbee Books & Music, 2 Main Street, in the Convention Center. Artists can begin painting after canvases are stamped. Artists may paint anywhere in Bisbee, which includes Warren, Lowell, the pit, San Jose, et cetera. On Saturday, we request artists paint in Old Bisbee for Wet Paint Sale visibility.

Accommodations

Artists are responsible for their own transportation and lodging. Bisbee offers lodging in quaint little suites, bed and breakfasts, houses, rooms in historic hotels, and RV Parks. Bisbee After 5 member hotels are listed at [www.bisbeeafter5.com](http://www.bisbeeafter5.com) under the BA5 Members tab, and [www.discoverbisbee.com](http://www.discoverbisbee.com) has a comprehensive list of places to stay in Bisbee.

2019 Bisbee Plein Air Festival Schedule:

**Thursday, October 10th:** Plein Air Painting Competition Begins
 8:00 am to 5:00 pm – Registration & Canvases Stamped at Bisbee Books & Music (2 Copper

 Queen Plaza in the Convention Center building)
 **Friday, October 11th:** Plein Air Painting Competition Continues
 8:00 am to 5:00 pm – Registration & Canvases Stamped at Bisbee Books & Music

 Youth Plein Air - Fun with Creative landscapes! (Ages 8 to 17)
  Youth Plein Air Paint Out - Fun with Creative landscapes! (Ages 8 to 17)
10:00 am to 11:00 am – Kids will be introduced to the concept of painting what you see outdoors! This is free with supplies included. To register contact the instructor Carol Chandler:  chandlercarolpsk@gmail.com, (413) 667-8760
 Juror Pop-Up Show / Artists’ Meet & Greet
 6:30 to 8:00 pm – Reception @ Central School Project (43 Howell Ave.)
 6:30 pm – Competition Day Orientation (what to prepare and what to expect in the park)

 Nocturne Painting Group
 8:00 pm – leaves from CSP after reception -- FREE
 **Saturday, October 12th:** Plein Air Painting Competition – Last Day – Paint in Old Bisbee today
8:00 am to Noon – Registration & Canvases Stamped at Bisbee Books & Music

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 Noon to 2:00 pm – location tba at Friday’s paint out, with Carol Chandler

 Juried Competition & Wet Paint Sale
 2:00 to 3:00 pm – Artists set up paintings in Grassy Park (in front of Mining Museum)
 3:00 to 4:00 pm – Judging
 3:00 to 5:00 pm – Wet Paint Sale
 2:00 to 4:00 pm – Live Music
 4:00 pm -- Awards Presented / paintings may be removed if purchased
 After Awards – unsold Festival paintings moved to CSP before 5:30 to be hung in gallery

 for Sunday Critique & Wet Paint Sale (continued)

 Bisbee After 5 Artwalk
 5:00 to 8:00 pm – receptions at galleries

**Sunday, October 13th:** Wet Paint Sale & Informal Critique Session; Juror Exhibition
 11:00 am to 1:00 pm @ Central School Project – Wet Paint Sale & Juror Exhibit

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Registration Form
**Please make checks payable to Central School Project.**

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Bisbee Plein Air Festival
c/o Bisbee Books and Music
PO Box 1561
Bisbee AZ 85603

**OR** drop off in person at Bisbee Books and Music, 2 Copper Queen Plaza in the Convention Ctr.

🞏 Early Bird Registration $30 -- must be received by 10/1/2019 to qualify

🞏 Regular Registration $35 after October 1st

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By completing this registration form, you agree to all competition rules.
All entrants must register and have canvas stamped prior to painting.

**Online Registration** for the 2019 Bisbee Plein Air Festival competition available through Eventbrite by July 15, 2019.
 **Same-day Festival Registration** is also available at Bisbee Books & Music in the Convention Center
Thursday, October 10th from 8 am to 5 pm
Friday, October 11th from 8 am to 5 pm
Saturday, October 12th from 8 am to Noon

Registration Questions
Ken or Craig at Bisbee Books and Music **520-353-4009** or email info@bisbeebam.com**General Festival Questions**
Festival information, schedule of events, and registration links: [www.bisbeeafter5.com/plein-air-festival](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cmattw%5CAppData%5CRoaming%5CMicrosoft%5CWord%5Cwww.bisbeeafter5.com%5Cplein-air-festival)

Laurie McKenna at (520) 432-4866 or email bisbeecsp@gmail.com

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