

WORCESTER COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

PAINT BERLIN - *Plein air*

SEPTEMBER 20 -23, 2017

EVENT SCHEDULE & GUIDELINES

EARLY CHECK-IN: Artists may take advantage of an early check in on Wednesday, September 20 from 2 pm - 4 pm at the Arts Council Gallery located at 6 Jefferson Street in downtown Berlin. **ARTISTS "Meet & Greet" RECEPTION** will be held during the early checking. Please join us to meet and network with participating fellow artists and enjoy refreshments!

REGULAR CHECK-IN: Thursday, September 21, from 8 am - 3 pm at the Arts Council Gallery. Welcome packet, including a nametag, apron, and map will be available for pick up during the early and regular check-in. Your papers and canvases will be stamped for this competition. All work must be completed "en plein air" on pre-stamped paper or canvas. There is no limit on number of canvases or paper to be stamped and they may be evenly pre-toned in one color.

PARKING: Please be aware that due to the Fiddlers Convention festival held during this weekend, the parking in town will be limited.

Free Public parking is available around town: William & Pitts Street, Commerce Street (behind Victorian Charm), Post Office on Broad Street, Church Parking Lot on Bay Street, Farmers Market Parking Lot on West Street, Stephen Decatur Park, Handicapped Parking lot off Pitts Street behind the Berlin Butcher Shop.

RESTROOMS: Restroom is available at the Arts Council Gallery: 9 am - 3 pm. Additional public restroom facility is located at 10 William Street downtown Berlin. Portable restrooms are also located at the Stephen Decatur Park.

PAINTING PARAMETERS AND LOCATIONS:

Artists are allowed to paint at any chosen location within 3 mile radius of the Worcester County Arts Council (6 Jefferson Street, Berlin MD).

ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS INCLUDE (NEW THIS YEAR!): Assateague Island and Ayers Creek.

Maps and list of suggested painting locations will be included in your welcome bag at the Arts Council during the Artist Check -In.

AWARDS:

1 PLACE: \$1000

2 PLACE: \$500

3 PLACE: \$250

HONORABLE MENTION: \$100

"ARTISTS' CHOICE": \$100

"MARYLAND LEGISLATORS CHOICE": \$100

"WCAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHOICE": \$100

JUDGE ARTIST:

Artwork submitted for the competition will be reviewed and judged by accomplished plein air artist, **KIRK McBRIDE**. More information about the artist: www.kirkmcbride.com

"WET PAINT" EXHIBIT - ARTIST GUIDELINES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- Paintings must be delivered and hung between 9 am - 10:30 am.
- Artist Lunch/Picnic: 11 am - 12 pm at the WCAC backyard. PLEASE JOIN US!
- Open to the Public, "Wet Paint" Sale and Exhibit: 11 am - 3 pm at the Arts Council's Gallery.
- "Artist Choice" voting: 10:30 am - 11:30 am.
- Judge's remarks and Awards announcement: 12 pm.
- Paintings from Paint Berlin sold prior to the exhibit cannot be entered for judging or displayed at the Wet Paint sale.
- Artwork may be sold prior to judging. WCAC will still appreciate the commission☺.
- **Limitation on Entries:**
Artist may enter one piece of artwork into the "Wet Paint" competition. Artwork for judging will be displayed in the front Gallery room, first come first served, at the discretion of the hanging committee.
In addition, artist may also display one piece of artwork (not for judging) in the Wet Paint exhibit and sale.
- Non-judged artwork created during Paint Berlin will be displayed for sale throughout the other rooms of the Gallery.
- All artwork must be two-dimensional with a maximum framed size of 650 square inches.
- Each painting must be wired for hanging - framing at your discretion.
- Each artist needs to complete an inventory sheet with titles and prices (inventory sheet will be provided in your welcome packet).
- Identification tags, available in welcome packet, need to be completed for each painting including artist name, title, medium, and price.
- All paintings entered for the exhibit must be available for sale.
- All sales will be handled by the WCAC.
- 25% commission from sales will support the Worcester County Arts Council.
- **Unless already sold, artist may remove artwork from the exhibit at 3 pm on September 23 or choose to leave the artwork on display until October 27th.**
- **During the Wet Paint sale, no painting can be removed from the exhibit earlier than 3 pm.**
- Sale proceeds checks for artwork sold will be mailed to artists the week of October 2nd.
- **Artwork must be picked up the week of October 23 - 27, between 11 am - 3 pm. Artwork not picked up after October 27 will become a property of the WCAC.**

We hope this will be an enjoyable and successful weekend for everyone!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us:

curator@worcestercountyartscouncil.org or 410-641-0809.