

Into Nature



2025 Into Nature Plein Air Competition & Exhibition Guidelines

Call for Entries:

Now in its sixth year, WBCA's "Into Nature Plein Air Competition" captures the beauty of Minnesota summer through the eyes of our community. Everyone, no matter their level of experience, is welcome to paint en plein air (outdoors) during the competition.

The Into Nature Plein Air Competition takes place in White Bear Lake and surrounding areas. Artists of all levels are invited to register Monday, May 12-Friday, July 11, 2025. After reading the guidelines, click [here](#) for the registration form.

New this year, **all artwork will be on display in the Ford Family Gallery for the full duration of the show.** This year's judge, who will be announced at a later date, will award \$4,750 in prizes during the Community Reception on Thursday, August 7, 2025.

Registration:

- The online registration form must be submitted by Friday, July 11, 2025.
- Registration fee: \$45 (this includes up to three submissions).
- Payment must be received no later than Thursday, July 17, 2025.
- Scholarships are available for those who need it. Please call 651-407-0597 to inquire.

Schedule & Events:

Join us for Midsummer Art Fest at WBCA on Friday, July 18 from 12:00-6:00 PM to pick up your artist lanyard and gather creative inspiration. Lanyards can also be picked up anytime after this date during regular [business hours](#).

Competition Dates:

Friday, July 18-Thursday, July 31, 2025
Artists are welcome to paint where permitted throughout the White Bear Lake community and surrounding areas. A list of possible locations will be posted at WhiteBearArts.org prior to the contest start date.

Drop off work:

Artists will bring framed entries to the Ford Family Gallery located inside WBCA.

- Friday, August 1, 10:30 AM-3:30 PM
- Saturday, August 2, 10:30 AM-2:30 PM

Reception and Award Ceremony:

Thursday, Aug 7, 6:00-8:00 PM;
Award Ceremony at 7:00 PM

Come and view the results of the Into Nature Plein Air Competition. This year's judge will award \$4,750 in prizes and will talk about their selection process.

Into Nature Plein Air Exhibition

New this year: all submissions, including award winners, will be on display in the Ford Family Gallery Thursday, Aug 7-Friday, August 22, 2025.

Artwork Pick Up

All artwork must be picked up during one of the following times:

- Saturday, August 23, 10:30 AM-2:30 PM
- Monday, August 25, 2:30 PM-7:30 PM

Eligibility:

- Paintings (oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor or any 2-D medium) must originate from a plein air experience during the contest dates noted above and must be painted in White Bear Lake or nearby, surrounding areas.
- Works finished in a home or studio will not be disqualified.
- Submitted pieces should be framed and ready for display at the drop off.
- All works must have a proper wire for hanging.
- Floater frames are also acceptable and spacers can be used.
- Frames are strongly encouraged, however unframed pieces will not be disqualified. If work is unframed, canvas edges should be painted and must have a suitable wire attached for hanging.
- Maximum artwork size not to exceed 24" x 36."
- Participants must be 17 years or older. Artists 16 years of age or younger are welcome to participate in our Into Nature Jr. Exhibition. See WhiteBearArts.org for more information.
- WBCA reserves the right to refuse any artwork for any reason.

Sales:

Artists can choose to sell their work while being exhibited at WBCA. There is a 40% commission to WBCA.

Waiver:

Reasonable care will be taken in handling and displaying artwork, but no responsibility is assumed by White Bear Center for the Arts (WBCA) for loss or damage of any kind. Submission of work indicates acceptance of these conditions and agreement that digital or photographic images may be used for publicity purposes by WBCA, including on social media and the WBCA website.

Questions?

Call (651) 407-0597 or email gallery@whitebeararts.org if you need assistance.

Prizes

Cash awards will total \$4,750!

- \$1,500 - Robert & Pamela Nuffort Best of Show Award
- \$1,000 - Award of Excellence
- \$750 - Award of Merit
- \$500 - Honorable Mention
- \$250 - Best Oil
- \$250 - Best Acrylic
- \$250 - Best Pastel
- \$250 - Best Watercolor

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