

Call to Artists! Let's Paint Our Towns!

Our Towns Through Artists' Eyes – A Plein Air Celebration of Yardley and Newtown

Hosted by AOY Art Center

This spring AOY Art Center is celebrating the Historic Towns of Yardley and Newtown in conjunction with Countryside Gallery, Experience Yardley, Newtown Mercantile Group and Friends of Washington Crossing Park!

Key Dates

Canvas or Paper Stamping at AOY Art Center - May 7-10 & 14, 12-5 pm

Plein Air Painting Window - May 14-27

Drop off Entries - Friday, May 28, 10 am-noon

Exhibition and Sales - May 29-June 13

Awards Presentation - Saturday, May 29 at noon

Pickup Unsold Works - June 13, 4-6 pm or June 14, 10 am-noon

First Prize - \$500 cash!

Who can enter? This plein air exhibition is open to artists residing in the following counties: Bucks, Montgomery, and Philadelphia in PA and Burlington, Hunterdon, Mercer and Warren in NJ and any member of AOY Art Center. Registrations are accepted on a first-come basis and will not be juried. Total number limited to 45 artists. Accepted artists will be notified by email.

How? Enter online at aoyartcenter.org

Registration Fee? \$20 for AOY members or \$30 for non-members

When? Registrations are being accepted online until May 10

Canvas or Paper Stamping at AOY Art Center - May 7-10 & 14, 12-5 pm

All artists must get their canvases or papers stamped on the specified dates at AOY Art Center, 949 Mirror Lake Rd, Yardley, PA 19067. This ensures that all entries are done during the specified timeframe. Artists may have as many canvases or papers stamped as desired. The size of the work should not exceed 36 inches on either edge.

Plein Air Painting Window - May 14-27

Artists agree to paint within the designated painting window of May 14-27 and to focus on the geographic areas of Newtown Borough and Township, Lower Makefield Township, Washington Crossing Historic Park (PA side) and Yardley Borough. Work must be done as much as possible en plein air. Suggested locations are listed in the "About Our Towns" section below.

Submitting Works for the Exhibition

Each participating artist will be permitted two framed works for the consideration of the judge. All works must be available for sale. Works are not to exceed 36" on any edge (unframed) and must be framed and wired (with D-rings) for hanging. The following information must be included on the back of each entry: Title, Artist's Name, Medium and Price. Entries must be delivered to the AOY Art Center on Friday, May 28 between 10 am and noon. Artists will also be required to submit images of their two entries to Entrythingy (link and code will be provided at a later date) so an online gallery can be generated for increased sales. All entries will be included in the online gallery.

Exhibition Dates

Saturday, May 29 - Sunday, June 13 in the AOY Gallery and 24/7 Online

Awards

Awards will be presented at noon on Saturday, May 29 on the AOY Art Center grounds. First place is currently a \$500 cash award (this may increase) and other prizes will include gift certificates from local businesses and restaurants.

Sales

AOY will handle all purchase payments and will provide payment to artists within 14 days of the beginning of the month following the sale. AOY retains a 30% commission on all sales.

2021 Judge - Joseph Gyurcsak

Joseph Gyurcsak is a nationally renowned plein air artist. He is the Resident Artist / Brand Manager for Blick / Utrecht Art Supplies. He is author of painting articles, instructor, juror and art materials expert. Joseph also travels extensively conducting lectures, painting demonstrations and workshops at major art institutions throughout the United States. Mr. Gyurcsak paints a broad range of subject matter including interiors, still life, figure and landscape painting. He has a keen sense for capturing the essence of his subject matter with a bold and candid approach. He exhibits in galleries across the country and his awarding winning paintings continue to pique the interest of collectors nationwide. <https://www.josephgyurcsak.com/about>.



Mr. Gyurcsak will return to AOY Art Center to present “Plein Air Painting / Getting Down the Essence,” a 3 day workshop, June 18-20, 2021. Register at aoyartcenter.org.



About Our Towns

Yardley was founded in 1682 and Newtown in 1683. Both hold a treasure chest of historical sites evoking the charm of the past, most notably Washington Crossing Historic Park. The area has rolling farm vistas, bustling quaint downtowns (recently named in top 10 small towns in Pennsylvania), canals, rivers and lakes.

AOY Art Center is located on the 250 acre historic Patterson Farm just off the I-295 and Route 332 exit, easily accessible to the region. The Center and Gallery operate out of the 1837 Janney House.

Listed below are possible locations to consider. Some may be obvious, others not. Many of these locations are among the top pages viewed on the Visit Bucks County website for Newtown and Yardley. Painters are expected to respect private property and, if painting street scenes, to ensure pedestrians have sufficient room to pass safely.

Yardley Borough, Lower Makefield Township and Washington Crossing Historic Park

- Patterson Farm/AOY Art Center
- Washington Crossing Historic Park
- Delaware Canal State Park (several access points between Ferry Road and Washington Crossing Historic Park)
- Five Mile Woods
- 911 Memorial Garden of Reflection
- Continental Tavern
- Lake Afton/Old Library
- Street Scenes of Yardley

Newtown Borough and Newtown Township

- Tyler State Park
- [The Bird in Hand \(Edward Hicks House\) c.1686](#)
- [The Court Inn \(The Half Moon Inn\) c.1757](#)
- [Newtown Hardware House c.1869](#)
- Rose Bank Winery
- Crossing Vineyards
- The Temperance House
- Newtown Theater

This Plein Air event is sponsored by AOY Art Center, 949 Mirror Lake Road in Yardley, PA. Proceeds will benefit the art center's mission of arts education and supporting local artists.

Questions

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