

***Chesterfield Heritage Plein Air***  
***October 12, 2019***

Call to artists! Celebrate open-air painting in picturesque Chesterfield Township, New Jersey on October 12, 2019.

This 6<sup>th</sup> annual Plein Air event is sponsored by the Chesterfield Township Historical Society. A maximum number of 25 artists will be accepted for the ***Chesterfield Plein Air*** on a first-come, first-served basis with a \$25 registration fee. A registration form is attached. You can also obtain a registration form by emailing Debbie Kelly at [kellybd1@verizon.net](mailto:kellybd1@verizon.net) to request one.

We are pleased to announce that we have expanded the geographical area where artists may paint beyond the Chesterfield Township boundaries for the first time. Artists are invited to paint outdoor scenes within Chesterfield Township, North Crosswicks, Allentown and on the Historic Walnford property in Upper Freehold between now and October 11<sup>th</sup>. Up to five of these works can be exhibited and sold on the evening of the Plein Air, October 12<sup>th</sup>. **The one painting submitted for Plein Air judging must be painted on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. within the borders of Chesterfield Township.** Judging will take place at 5:00 p.m., and cash awards will total more than \$1000. In addition to first, second and third place, a special award will be given in memory of local plein air artist Tom Kimball, as well as the annual Historical Society Purchase Award and for the special categories of Best Architecture, Best Use of Light and Best Farm Scene.

Paintings will be exhibited at a complimentary wine and cheese Plein Air reception from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. on October 12<sup>th</sup>, where artists will sell their paintings to the public. 30% of the sale for each work of art will be designated as a donation to the Chesterfield Township Historical Society. The Historical Society will handle all purchase payments, and will attempt to provide payment to artists within 2 weeks of the sale.

## ***Chesterfield Heritage Plein Air Schedule:***

April 10 – October 11	Artists may visit, plan, sketch and paint artwork within designated boundaries of Chesterfield Township, North Crosswicks (Hamilton Township), Allentown and Historic Walnford.
October 11	
• 5pm-7pm	Artists have canvas stamped at 2 Front St., Crosswicks (CTHS headquarters)
October 12	
• 7am-10am	Artists have canvas stamped at 2 Front St., Crosswicks
• 10am-4pm	Painting within Chesterfield Township. Artists must bring completed, framed artwork to the registration area at 2 Front Street in Crosswicks by 4pm
• 5pm	Judging
• 6pm	Winners announced
• 6pm-9pm	Plein Air reception, art exhibit and sale.

## **Guidelines:**

- The artwork should showcase the historic buildings, streetscapes and/or landscapes of designated areas in Chesterfield Township, North Crosswicks, Allentown and Historic Walnford.
- The artist must paint one piece of art depicting a Chesterfield Township scene on October 12th, and submit that painting for judging.
- The artist may sell 5 additional paintings of designated areas of Chesterfield Township, North Crosswicks, Allentown and Historic Walnford at the exhibition and reception on the evening of October 12<sup>th</sup>, provided that 30% of the sale price is donated to the Chesterfield Township Historical Society. Society will handle the sales of paintings, and will attempt to provide payment to artists within 10 days of the sale.
- Artists must have their canvas or paper stamped at designated times either on the day before the Plein Air or the morning of the event.
- Artwork must be two-dimensional.
- The maximum entry size is 24 inches by 24 inches, not including matting.
- There is a \$25 entry fee for this event.

- Artwork submitted for Plein Air judging and sale must be framed and ready to hang; wire hanging only (no saw tooth); hanging wire should be slightly taut; screw eyes should be placed 1/3 from the top of the frame; and for unframed canvas paintings, the sides must be a continuation of the painting.
- Artwork must remain on display in the gallery for the entire exhibit and reception on October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Artists must provide their own supplies and equipment, including art supplies, and ready-made frame or mat.

## **Liability**

The Chesterfield Township Historical Society will make every effort to protect all submitted artwork from damage or loss, but the society cannot be held liable for any damage or loss of artwork submitted for judging. The Chesterfield Township Historical Society reserves the right to publish for publicity reproductions of the entries.

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