

FAQs:
2022 Paint the Town Labor Day Show

ENTRIES / REGISTRATION

How many pieces can I enter?

Each member may enter two artworks in any category. Both pieces may be entered in the same category.

What are the entry categories?

- Kensington – the Bertha Clum Award (Best in Show prize) comes from this category only.
- Landscape (natural and urban)
- Still Life
- Photography
- Portraits (people and animal)
- Abstract
- Sculpture

Are there any size limitations?

The size maximum for large works is 32" wide and 32" height (including frame). A few exceptions will be allowed and must be approved by Show Manager Anastasia Walsh in advance.

Is there a limit on how many words my inspiration statement should be?

Your inspiration statement should be a few sentences, with a maximum of 25 words.

What happens to my inspiration statement?

The statement is printed on a label and is displayed with your painting, along with the label displaying the other information about your painting that you submitted.

Am I required to enter a piece in the Kensington category?

No, you are not required to enter this category.

I made a mistake in my entry. Can I change it?

Changes (photos, details, etc.) can be made until August 20th. Please contact Paula Zeller at PaulaKZellerArt@gmail.com with any changes.

What happens to my artwork if I opt to have it included in the Kensington Town Hall exhibition?

The artwork is displayed in the Kensington Town Hall, which is in the lower level of the Armory. The artwork label will include the artist's name, info about the artwork, and contact information for purchasing the art. The artwork is intended to stay in the Town Hall for one year, until the 2023 PTT.

SHOW WEEKEND

Is volunteering required?

Yes; when your registration is confirmed you will receive a confirmation email with a link to sign up for a volunteer shift. One 4-hour shift is required.

Can someone else (my spouse) do my volunteer work for me? I'm limited in physical ability.

We request each person do their own volunteer work but will respond to requests for exceptions. Contact Anastasia Walsh at maatreas@gmail.com.

When can I drop off my artwork?

There are two times available: Wednesday (Aug 31) afternoon/evening from 4-7pm and Thursday (Sept 1) morning from 9am-12pm.

What Covid safety precautions will be in place?

No food or drink will be permitted inside the building; masks will be optional. As needed, this will be adjusted.

When can I pick up my (unsold) artwork?

There are two times available: Monday (Sept 5) evening from 5-8pm and Tuesday (Sept 6) morning from 9-11am.

PLEIN AIR COMPETITION

Is there an additional fee to participate in the plein air painting competition?

Members can participate for free; guests can participate for a \$10 fee. Children under age 18 participate for free.

What is the timing of the competition?

All participating artists must come to the Armory on Saturday, Sept 3rd between 7-11am, to get their blank canvases stamped. To participate in the judging, finished canvases must be returned that day by 3pm.

AFTER THE SHOW**If I sell my artwork, how will I get notified?**

By email, hopefully that same day.

When would I expect to get paid - and how?

You will get paid (less the 25% commission) within 30 days of the close of the PTT.

Do I need a Maryland State Tax account to participate in the show?

No, Montgomery Art Association (MAA) adds 6% sales tax to all sales and pays that to the state of Maryland. It will be 'invisible' to the artist whose work is sold.

Why do I need to complete a W-9 form?

MAA is required to report to the IRS income of each artist who earns an annual net income from MAA sales of \$600 or more. The W-9 form provides MAA with the reporting information to both report that to the IRS and to provide the individual artist (who earned \$600 or more in a given calendar year from MAA) with a 1099 form in January for your own tax reporting.

For example, if you sell two paintings at the show and your total net income (after MAA keeps the 25% commission) is \$599 or less – and you receive no other income from MAA, such as from speaker honorariums or cash awards – then no income will be reported.

If however, you sell one painting; your 75% portion is \$500 and you also receive a cash award of \$100, we will report that and provide you with a 1099 in January. You will need to include that amount in your income filing.

How do I get a W-9 form? We will have W-9 forms for you to complete at the end of the show, when you pick up any unsold work. If all your work is sold (yay!), we will email you a W-9 form. We need to have a W-9 form on file prior to issuing any checks to individual artists.