



HILLSBORO ARTS & CULTURE COUNCIL

HILLSBORO PLEIN AIR 2010 Rules & Information

On Saturday, July 17, the Hillsboro Arts & Culture Council will host ***Hillsboro Plein Air: an Outdoor Painting Event*** and competition presented at the Walters Cultural Arts Center. Last year over 40 artists painted in the open air of the historic downtown Hillsboro area for fun and prizes. This year painters will again enjoy the sights of Main Street including the Saturday Market. Additionally there will be a series of historical themed tableaux vivants presented on the east lawn of the Arts Center and the lawn of the County Courthouse for those painters with a preference for figurative and narrative art. There will be over \$1000 in prizes as well as door prizes. The first 50 participating artists to check-in at the Arts Center on the day of the event will each receive a free event T-shirt. Additionally all participating artists are eligible to have their paintings included in a formal exhibition at the Arts Center during August 2010.

Artist Thomas Kitts will judge the competition. Kitts was born and lives in Oregon. After earning a BFA at the *Kansas City Art Institute* in 1984 he returned home to paint in the Pacific Northwest and Northern California. He has painted *en plein air* for over 26 years, inspired and exhilarated by the way natural light plays across the landscape. He paints with a swift, yet assured, execution and prefers to remain true to his subject matter. Thomas maintains an active exhibition and commission record, with both private and corporate patronage, which includes the Marriott Corporation, the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, and the Kaiser-Permanente Collection. During summer 2010, Thomas will be participating in three invitational events: *Sonoma Plein Air*, *Los Gatos Plein Air*, and *Telluride Plein Air*. To learn more visit: thomaskitts.com or thomaskitts.blogspot.com.

Schedule and Rules:

The event will run from **9 AM to 2 PM** with tableau vivants presentations from **10 AM to 1 PM**. Registration and check-in begins at 9 AM on the 17th. **Pre-registration is suggested, but registration will take place the day of the event at the Arts Center.** To pre-register (Course #24454), call (503) 615-3485. Registration for Hillsboro Plein Air 2010 is \$25.

Hillsboro Plein Air 2010 will have two categories: **Townscape and Figurative**. Artists may enter works into either or both categories, but may only enter a total of two pieces.

Painters may begin painting as soon as they have registered and their surfaces have been stamped at the Arts Center. Center staff will mark the back of as many of your surfaces as you wish to work on, but only two of your works may be entered for judging.

Artists painting townscapes are asked to work within view of Main Street, with the boundaries being the Arts Center at Fifth Street and the Courthouse at First Street and between Lincoln Street and Washington Street. Painters interested in entering the figurative category will find tableaux vivants stages on the East lawn of the Arts Center and the lawn of the County Courthouse. Instructions and maps will be available on the day of the event, during check-in.

Artists are to turn in their entries at 2 PM in the Arts Center for judging, during which time the Arts Center will hold a reception for visiting and snacking. **Awards and door prizes will be announced at approximately 2:30 PM.** Participating artists are requested to leave their works to be exhibited at the Walters Cultural Arts Center as part of the August exhibition. We recommend that artists interested in displaying bring a wired frame which fits your supports. A people choice prize will be voted on and awarded during the reception on August 3rd at 7:30 in the main gallery at the Arts Center.

Walters Arts Center staff members, members of the HACC and full time employees of the City of Hillsboro are welcome to participate but are ineligible to win prizes.

Prizes:

Townscape:

1st Place = \$300
2nd Place = \$200
3rd Place = \$100
2 Honorable Mentions = \$25 gift card

Figurative:

1st Place = \$300
2nd Place = \$200
3rd Place = \$100
2 Honorable Mentions = \$25 gift card

Contact Carl Annala at carla@ci.hillsboro.or.us or Katrina Hill at katrinah@ci.hillsboro.or.us with your questions or call (503) 615-3485.

The Glenn and Viola Walters Cultural Arts Center is conveniently located just two blocks off the MAX Blue line at 527 East Main Street, Hillsboro, 97123. Walters Cultural Arts Center is home to a 200 seat performance space, art gallery and numerous studios dedicated to art workshops and classes