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CALL FOR ARTISTS: PAINT WEBSTER

FREE Plein Air (Outdoor) Painting Competition Welcomes

All Ages and Skill Sets

Free to participate, More than \$2,100 in prizes!



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ST. LOUIS – April 1, 2015 – Amateur and professional artists of all ages are invited to compete in the 9th annual <u>Paint Webster</u> plein air (outdoor) painting competition on **Saturday, May 9** throughout Webster

Groves, MO. A program of the Webster Arts, the event is **FREE** and open to the public. Prizes donated by area businesses, educational institutions and individuals total more than \$2,100.

Paint Webster is beloved regional tradition and nearly 100 artists are expected to set up their easels to capture Webster Groves' beautiful spring gardens and historic houses and buildings. Observers can enjoy watching the artists paint their favorite scenes throughout the day. More information at www.webster-arts.org.

Free Pre-Events on Saturday, May 2

Demo & Workshop

Artists are invited to brush up on their skills one week prior to the competition. Tom Hunt, plein air artist and teacher will offer a free demonstration and workshop from 10 -11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 2 at Webster Groves Public Library, 301 E. Lockwood Ave.

Children's Workshop

Expose your children to the joy of painting with Tom Hunt at a free kid-friendly and interactive demonstration from **1:30-3 p.m. on Saturday, May 2** at Webster Groves Public Library, 301 E. Lockwood Ave.

Paint Webster Festivities

Registration

Pre-register online at http://www.webster-arts.org/paintwebster. Register the day-of (Saturday, May 9) at Yucandu Art Studio, 20 Allen Ave. All participants must have their paper or canvas stamped by 8-10 a.m. on the morning of Saturday, May 9.

Paint Webster Plein Air Competition

Artists will paint plein-air style from 8 am - 5 pm throughout Webster. The public is encouraged to browse the streets to check out the paintings-in-process.

Public Reception and Art Sale

The paintings will be turned in for judging in late afternoon, and a festive public reception and awards ceremony will be held from **5-6:30 p.m. at the Monday Club**, 34 S. Maple Ave. Paintings will be for sale, offering collectors a rare opportunity to purchase works directly from the artists.

Artists Exhibit

The public is invited to a gallery reception to view the Paint Webster winning paintings on **May 15 from 5** to 6:30pm at the Old Orchard Gallery, 39 S. Old Orchard Ave and also from May 11-18.

Paint Webster is a program of the Webster Arts and is sponsored by Webster University. For more information or to register for the event, visit www.websterarts.org.

Because of its exceptional display of cultural venues and festivals, Missouri Arts Council named Webster Groves Missouri's 2013 "Creative Community".

About Webster Arts

Webster Arts is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Webster Groves, Missouri.

Founded in 2003, Webster Arts brings art to life by providing opportunities for people of all ages to engage in and enjoy the arts through programs, partnerships, and collaborations.