



Welcome Artists!

This year's **Prairie Lakes Plein Air** event is scheduled from **June 22 to August 24, 2024**. **All paintings are to be created in Otter Tail County, MN**. If you are unfamiliar with our part of the state and want help finding locations to paint, stop by the Art of the Lakes Gallery in Battle Lake, MN for more information.

Important Dates:

- June 22 - August 22: Dates to Paint
- July 14 **HARD DEADLINE** for competition class registration. Open class registrations will remain open.
- Oct. 26 - 27, 11 am - 5 pm: Pick up unsold Plein Air entries.

Closing Festivities / Award Ceremony

Thursday, **Aug 22, 2024** :

- 10 am - 4 pm: **Delivery of Work** The artist must have delivered framed and ready-to-hang work to Art of the Lakes Gallery. Work can be hand delivered prior or mailed to the gallery to the attention of Deb Ness. Artwork dropped off early must be packaged appropriately for storage.
- The gallery is closed Thursday and will reopen on Friday at 5 pm for the awards ceremony.
- 6 pm Artists Social at the CAC

Friday, August 23, 2024:

- 12 - 5 pm: Richard Abraham judges the entries at AOTL Gallery.
- 6 - 8 pm: Collectors Preview. A private reception for participating artists, AOTL Board Members, and the Prairie Lakes Plein Air Program Team. Tickets are required for this reception and a limited number will be available to the public. Participating artists will get one ticket.
- 7 pm: Award ceremony at AOTL Gallery. A video of the awards will be created.
- **August 23, 6 pm: Collector's Preview and Awards Ceremony**
- August 24, 9:30 - 11:30 am: Quick Paint Event in Battle Lake
- Oct. 26 - 27, 11 am - 5 pm: Pick up unsold Plein Air entries.

Saturday, September 30, 2024:

- 8:30 - 9:30 am: Quick Paint participants check in at the gallery.
- **9:30 - 11:30 am: Quick Paint** Competition. Battle Lake, MN 56515. Paintings must be on display by 12 pm for voting.
- 12 - 2:45 pm: Public viewing and voting of Quick Paint entries for People's Choice and Artist's Choice Awards.
- 1 pm: Richard Abraham painting demo
- 3 pm: Quick Paint viewing and Award ceremony at AOTL Gallery.

Criteria/Categories: The Seven Cs.



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1. **Compelling** — Art is a visual impact. It's memorable. Often hard to put into words. You can watch people walk up to it. They are drawn to it like a magnet.
2. **Craftsmanship** — Drawing, values, the skill of the medium, paint handling, presentation. You say, "This is really well done. It reads right. It's painted beautifully."
3. **Composition** — The unity of a painting. The whole impression. Design, balance, movement, rhythm. It's thoughtful, not accidental. You say, "This works together as a whole. Everything is in the right place."
4. **Color** — Not just bright color, but color harmony. Color relationships. Color balance. It can be a subdued color or strong color.
5. **Creativity** — Not common. A unique perspective or voice. Outstanding — stands out from other works. You say, "I haven't seen this before."
6. **Capture** — Truth is presented. Not photographic, but real. You feel something. Capturing the light. You say, "This really captured that moment. It's like I'm there in the scene."
7. **Challenge** — This piece takes on and overcomes the challenges of painting outside. Weather, fleeting light effects, simplifying dizzying chaos, and dealing with dubs, bystanders, and blustery wind.

Award Categories

- \$1000 – Best in Show
- \$500 – 2nd Place Award
- \$250 – 3rd Place Award
- \$150 – People's Choice Award
- \$50 – 3 Honorable Mentions
- **Galloping Goose Award:** Must be painted within Glendalough State Park.
- **Quick Paint:** Must be painted at the August 24 event.
 - Peoples Choice: \$75
 - Artists Choice: \$75
- Open Class: Recognition Award

Contact Information:

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Artists' Rules List



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You agreed to the following terms when you registered online. This is a copy for your reference.

1. Authentication must be presented with location, by submitting a photograph with the entry, and of the entry in situ. [Upload Authentication Images Here.](#)
2. Entries must be created in Otter Tail County, MN. At least 90% of the painting must be produced outdoors, on location, and in the spirit of Plein Air. No classwork, please.
3. Registered artists agree to respect private property owners (by securing permission to go onto their property) and public lands (by following the use regulations of the various land management agencies, i.e. obtaining necessary use permits, staying on designated roads and trails, etc.).
4. Attach a label to the back of your artwork. Please include your name, the painting's title, the price of your work, and your phone number.
5. All paintings must be framed and have wire on the back for hanging. **Maximum** artwork size not to exceed **24" x 30"** including the frame. A limit of 3 paintings can be submitted for judging. (frame not required for open class)
6. All PLPA artwork displayed in the AOTL Gallery must be for sale and will be subject to a 30% commission to AOTL & 70% to the artist. This includes the quick paint and artwork sold prior to the Awards Ceremony if it will be in the competition.

7. Checks for the sale of artwork will be mailed within a month of the closing of the PLPA gallery show.

8. Images of artists and artwork produced during the **Prairie Lakes Plein Air Competition 2024** may be used in publicity (website, posters, advertisements, etc.)

9. All artists must fill out and submit the artwork intake form for the entries [online](#). Due at the gallery by Thursday, August 22, by 4 pm.

10. Liability Release: I, the undersigned artist, release Art of the Lakes and all related volunteers from any liability claims that might arise because of accident or injury to myself or damage or theft of my artwork during all **Prairie Lakes Plein Air Competition 2024** activities from June 22 through August 24, 2024.

Open class is new this year for those who are new to plein air painting and learning about the sport. Anyone is welcome to register and participate. Art of the Lakes will present a best of open class recognition award on Saturday following the quick paint competition. There will be an opportunity to get feedback from the judge on your work.

Competition Class is for the competing painters who wish to win prizes and recognition. Competition paintings will be on display through October 2024.

Restrooms available at

- Battle Lake City Hall
- Art of the Lakes Gallery
- Lakes Area Community Center



Prairie Lakes Accommodations

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The Battle Lake area is quite popular during the summer season and properties book up fairly early in the year. We encourage you to make your reservations as soon as possible. Contact John Oleson at 218-405-0234 to locate artist hosts.

Keep in mind that resorts prefer weekly rentals, however, depending on the dates, they may have weekend availability. We suggest you review the list of resorts with their location and contact details on the Otter Tail County website at www.ottertailcounty.com. Additionally, local homeowners have listed properties through AirBnB and VRBO.

Below is a list of motels/resorts in the general Battle Lake area.

Battle Lake Inn and Suites 218-862-2500;
blinnsuites@arvig.net

Bonnie Beach Resort 218-767-5253;
info@bonniebeachresort.com
<http://bonniebeachresort.com>

Thumper Pond Resort, Otter Tail, MN 218-367-2000;
<http://www.thumperpond.com>

The Otter Supper Club & Lodge
218-367-2525; <http://www.ottersupperclub.com>

Four Seasons Resort 218-367-2792;
info@fishrushlake.com;
<http://www.fishrushlake.com>

Holly's Resort, Otter Tail Lake 800-237-5331;
<http://www.hollyresort.com>

Woodlawn Resort, Blanche Lake
800-823-5389; vacation@woodlawnresort.com
<http://www.woodlawnresort.com>

Motels within 20 miles of Battle Lake, MN

AmericInn by Wyndham, Fergus Falls 218-739-3900.
Country Inn & Suites, Fergus Falls
833-342-0525

Comfort Inn, Fergus Falls
218- 321-5401

...within 27 miles of Battle Lake, MN

Grandstay Hotel & Suites, Perham 218-346-2033;
perham@grandstay.net

...within 35 miles of Battle Lake, MN

AmericInn Lodge, Alexandria.
320-763-6808
Arrowhead Resort, Alexandria 320-762-1124
Hampton Inn, Alexandria
320-763-3360

Campgrounds

Glendalough State Park
They have 4 cabins with electricity and fire pits. Call
866-857-2757 or online at. www.dnr.state.mn.us

Silver Sage Guest Ranch/Campground
218-864-8007 (Joan Otto); RV and Camping sites
<https://www.silversagemn.com>

Battle Lake Restaurants:

Shoreline Restaurant	505 Lake Ave. N
Lake Avenue Cafe	101 Lake Ave. N
Battle Lake Boathouse	112 Lake Ave. S
Stella's Pizzeria	114 Lake Ave. S
The Rusty Nail	123 Lake Ave. S
Dairy Queen	301 Lake Ave. S
ABC Brewing	114 Memory Ln. Sinclair
Gas Station	420 Lake Ave. S

AOTL Workshops and Special Events

Multiple workshops and events are scheduled throughout the summer. These include the Studio Tour in July and the Arts and Craft Affair in August, among others. Please join us and visit artofthelakes.org for more information.