

2nd Annual
Plein Air by the Sea Competition & Sale
Hosted by the Clinton Art Society, Clinton, CT

June 5 - 6, 2026
Rain or shine

Prospectus

Join us for one or both days. The two-day format provides scheduling flexibility and an opportunity to paint a nocturne on Friday night.

Open to: All artists

Registration Fee: \$30 through April 30, \$35 beginning May 1, 2026

Registration Closes: May 22, 2026

Two painting limit per artist: Artists must have all canvases stamped at Check-in. Artists may create as many paintings as they desire during the competition. Each artist may submit only two pieces to the Reception & Sale and for consideration of awards due to space limitations.

Check-in and canvas stamping:

Friday, June 5, Noon-3:00pm, CAS Gallery in the Green Room, at the Clinton Andrews Memorial Town Hall

Saturday, June 6, 8:00-10:00 am, Gazebo behind the Clinton Andrews Memorial Town Hall

Artists will be required to sign a liability form at Check-in

Saturday Reception & Sale:

2:00-4:00: Artists drop off framed art in CAS Gallery

Tables will be made available at the gallery for framing

4:30-5:00: Judging while gallery is closed

5:00-6:30: Reception & Sale

With complimentary small bites, wine and sodas

5:45: Awards announced, including People's Choice Award

6:30: Artists take home unsold work

COMPETITION RULES

- All canvases must be blank (white or with a ground color) and stamped at CAS check in on either Friday, June 5 between noon-3:00pm or Saturday, June 6, between 8:00-10:00 am.
- All painting must take place within defined locations set out by CAS. This includes:
 - Town beach
 - Town Dock

- o Downtown, including the Town Landing, Gazebo & Elliot Preserve.
- A map detailing approved locations for painting will be on the CAS website by May 15, 2026. The public will be encouraged to view artists at work during the competition.
- All painting must be done “en plein air”.
- Painting from photographs and other reliance on photography is not allowed.
- Mediums accepted: oil, watercolor, pastel, gouache and acrylic.
- All pieces must be framed and wired for hanging by 4:00 pm on Saturday. No sawtooth hangers.
- Maximum Canvas Size – 20 x 24 inches.
- Artists may have multiple canvases stamped, but each artist may submit no more than two paintings for the Reception & Sale, and consideration for awards.
- All paintings at the Reception & Sale must be available for sale. CAS handles all sales and retains a 20% commission. After the event, CAS will send the artist a check for 80% of the price of each painting sold during the reception.
- Off-easel sales during the event must adhere to the 80/20 commission structure and must be processed by CAS.
- Artists must attend Saturday evening’s Reception & Sale from 5:00-6:30 pm.
- Paintings must remain on display for the duration of the reception and sale.
- Unsold art must be removed by the artist from the gallery by 6:30 pm at the conclusion of the Reception & Sale.
- Artists are encouraged to invite family and friends to the Reception & Sale from 5:00-6:30pm.

PRECOMPETITION PLANNING: Artists are invited and encouraged to explore possible views to paint before June 5. Sketching and other activities to plan a painting are permitted. Canvases may have a ground color, but must be blank at the time of check in and stamping.

IN CASE OF RAIN: The event will go forward rain or shine. In case of rain, artists may choose to paint from within their car provided they can park in an approved area for painting. Most areas selected for painting have buildings with overhangs or gazebos where artists could work.

ABOUT OUR JUROR: Susan Jositas.

Professional, award-winning artist, Susan Jositas, will judge the competition. Painting en plain air is a passion of hers. She is an artist member of the Salmagundi Club in New York, and is represented by Susan Powell Fine Art in Madison, CT. For more about Susan and to see her work go to: <https://www.susanjositas.com/>

QUESTIONS: Questions before June 3, please email Robin Hammeal-Urban, President of CAS at CASclinton@gmail.com. Beginning June 3, please email Robin at Robinjhammealurban@gmail.com, or call or text at 860-212-4517.