

Meet and Greet - Oct 7th - 5-7 pm

A time for registered artists to meet other participants, pick up artist packets, review paint out guidelines, stamp painting surfaces, ask questions and arrange to share rides if desired

Wet Paint Show & Sale - Oct. 11th

Wheeling's Historic Centre Market is the home of Artworks Around Town which hosts this event annually.

The Ohio Valley Plein Air's exhibit, awards ceremony is held in Artworks Gallery where the artist's and event sponsors are recognized.

(a few views from the 2025 Paint Out)



My thoughts from 2024 and beyond

In our fifth year, twenty-one artists registered to participate, plus over 85 students from the Marshall County School Art Classes and the advanced art students from Linsly School in Ohio county. We all painted together on the grounds of Oglebey Park. It was exciting to be around all the young people, watching them create works of art.

Artworks Around Town's members were again involved for which I am thankful. Our Art Judge and critic is always impressed by the quality and variety of work completed. And the public responded by voting for their favorites as they viewed the month long show. Despite all the limitations with funding, we were able to award just over \$3,000 in prize money to individual artists. The arts community stepped up big time to make this an exceptional year.

Thank you to all who participated, donated, gave time, other resources and otherwise made this a great event.

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OHIO VALLEY PLEIN AIR



PAINT OUT

Three days of outdoor painting
in the Ohio Valley region of
Wild and Wonderful West Virginia

**Oct. 8th through
Oct. 11th, 2026.**

*Registration Fee - \$40
\$50 after 7/29/25*

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Oglebay Park - Oct. 8th

In 1926, Earl W Oglebay (of Oglebay, Norton, and Company) deeded his estate, Waddington Farms, to the city of Wheeling for the express purpose of public recreation.

Several Waddington Farms buildings, including the Mansion Museum and the greenhouse, remain in use today. Others have been rebuilt in the style of the original structures. Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

It was a beautiful day of sunshine and crisp temperatures early. We were able to share the day painting with students from local area schools. They enjoyed it and so did we.



Epworth Park - Oct. 9th

Comprising of 7 acres and nestled among a grove of oak trees are 60 quaint, privately-owned Victorian Cottages, a common house for meetings, and the original outdoor chapel/amphitheater for services, weddings, and concerts.

Established over 150 years ago as a Methodist Camp Ground, camp meetings were replaced in the 1900's by the National Chautauqua Movement. Epworth Park continues today to provide a place of peace, solitude, and family. Cottages are owned primarily by folks, mostly retirees, who are originally or currently from the Upper Ohio Valley.

Cottages are passed down generation to generation by families who have deep roots and fond memories growing up and visiting their relatives during the summer. Some are purchased by those who grew up in the area and attended church camp at the park while a youth. Others just stumble upon the park while visiting during Chautauqua Homecoming Days and are charmed by it's quaintness and quiesce.



Greater Wheeling Area - Oct. 10th

Wheeling was settled in 1769 on land contested between colonial Pennsylvania and Virginia, and later grew to become Virginia's largest city west of the Appalachians. During the American Civil War, Wheeling was the host of the Wheeling Conventions that led to the separation of West Virginia from Virginia and served as the state capital from 1861 to 1870, and again from 1875 to 1885.

With this rich historical background, the city is full of interesting and exciting venues to paint.

