



Pensacola Plein Air Paint Out and Quick Draw 2026

Sponsored by Quayside Art Gallery, 17 E. Zaragoza Street, Pensacola, FL

Details and Rules

The Paint Out event will take place Wednesday-Saturday, April 8-11, 2026, at Quayside Art Gallery in Pensacola, Florida, and is open to any 2-D artist. The Quick Draw event will be held Saturday, April 11 (rain date Sunday, April 12). All participants in either event must sign the Warranty/Liability Statement agreement. If a participant is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian over 18 should sign for the participant. There will be a reception for the public on Sunday, April 12 at 2:00, when prizes will be awarded and art painted during the Paint-Out will be available for purchase. Registration is limited to the first 40 artists to register.

General Paint Out Rules – April 8-11, 2026

Participating artists are invited to bring in two previously painted plein air works on Saturday-Monday, **March 28-30 from 11am – 5pm** to be displayed in the East Gallery until replaced by their work created during the Plein Air event. These paintings will not be included in any judging. Please sign in your paintings so we can sell them!

Check-in for the Paint Out will begin on **Tuesday, April 7 at 5:30pm** in the East Gallery of Quayside Gallery during our Artists' Reception (5:30-7:30pm). Artists may have multiple painting surfaces stamped for use during the event.

Works must be painted in the Pensacola area (including Pensacola Beach) during the time-frame of the event, in any 2-D medium (oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, etc.), no larger than 24" on the longest side. Completed paintings may be returned to the gallery any day between 11am and 5pm for display and sale in the wet paint area. Up to three paintings may be submitted for judging, and must be ready for hanging by Saturday evening, April 11, at 4pm. Paintings **must be framed prior to submission** for hanging and judging. Quayside personnel will be responsible for hanging the paintings in the judging area. Judging will take place following hanging. A reception will be held from 2:00pm-4:00pm Sunday afternoon. Awards will be presented at during this time.

If a painting is purchased during the event, and the purchaser wants to take the painting immediately, it is the responsibility of the artist to make sure the painting is packaged appropriately for transport. Packing materials will be available. Art produced during the Paint-Out will be available through Quayside Gallery until April 27, 2026.

Please note: Artists will receive 65% on the sale of any artwork during the exhibition. **Quayside Gallery will receive a 35% commission and submit required sales tax on behalf of the artist.**

Quick Draw Rules – Saturday, April 11, 2026 – (Rain Date Sunday, April 12, 2026)

Check-in for the Quick Draw will begin at 8am on Saturday, April 11 in the East Gallery of Quayside Gallery. Artists may have multiple painting surfaces stamped; however, only one may be submitted for judging. You may use a surface that was stamped for the general Paint Out, but Quick Draw entries will receive a unique stamp.

Works must be painted within the downtown Pensacola area boundary posted on the Event Map. Paintings may be in any 2-D medium (oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, etc.), but must be completed on a stamped surface.

Painting time will be from 9am until 12noon. Completed paintings must be returned to Quayside Gallery no later than 12:15pm for judging. Framing is optional; paintings may be presented unframed on the artist's easel.

If a participant has registered for the Quick Draw only, they will only display their artwork on the day of the Quick Draw. If the participant decides that they would like to enter their painting into the general paint-out competition, they can purchase a 'Quick Draw Upgrade' for an additional \$20 and hang their artwork until April 27, 2026. The Quick Draw First Place Award winner will be allowed to display the award-winning painting on an easel without framing for the duration of the exhibition.

Quick Draw Schedule

8am – 9am – Check in and painting surface stamping at Quayside Gallery.

9am - 12 noon - **Paint! Make sure to paint within the designated boundaries for the Quick Draw!**

12noon – 12:15pm – Return artwork to Quayside Gallery and set easel in designated area for judging

12:30pm - 1pm - Judging

1pm – Awards announced and prizes presented

1:15pm – Quick Draw Art will be available for sale to the public through Quayside Gallery.

Questions? Contact Lyn Gill by email at lyn.gill1@gmail.com or call or text 251-363-2233!