

Plein Air Painters' US Open
 Presented by the Pacific Northwest Art School
 September 8-12, 2009

General Information/Schedule of Events

(Revised 9/2/09)

Greetings Plein Air Painters! The 4th Annual Plein Air Painters' US Open is scheduled for September 8-12, 2009, on beautiful Whidbey Island. It promises to be another great event!

ELIGIBILITY

All skill levels of artists are welcome to participate in this event.

LOCATION

Beautiful Whidbey Island is home to historic seaside towns (Coupeville and Langley); Fort Casey, Fort Ebey, and Deception Pass State Parks; Deception Pass Bridge, and much wildlife including majestic bald eagles.

IMPORTANT DATES/TIMES

September 8	9am – 4 pm	Event Check-in/Surface Stamping (PNWAS)
	All day	Open Painting on Whidbey Island
	5:30pm – 8:30pm	Artist Welcome BBQ at the Thurman's home
September 9	9am – 4pm	Event Check-in/Surface Stamping (PNWAS)
	All Day	Open Painting on Whidbey Island
	4:30pm – 6:00pm	Hospitality for Artists: Rix Home/Menzel Home
September 10	9am – 4pm	Event Check-in/Surface Stamping (PNWAS)
	All Day	Open Painting on Whidbey Island
	5pm – 6:30pm	Hospitality for Artists – Greenbank Cellars
September 11	9am – Noon	Event Check-in/Surface Stamping (PNWAS)
	All Day	Downtown Coupeville, Downtown Langley, Ebey's Landing, Captain Whidbey Inn w/Cutty Sark moored nearby
	4:30pm – 6:00pm	Hospitality for Artists: Parrish Home/Compass Rose
September 12	9am – 11am	Artwork submitted for jurying (Crockett Barn)
	11am – 4pm	Artists Brown Bag Picnic at Moore/Symons Garden (next to Crockett Barn)
	2pm	Demonstration by Xiaogang Zhu (event Juror)
	6:00pm – 6:30pm	Auction Preview for Ticketed Members of PNWAS
	6:30pm – 8:30pm	Gala & Live/Silent Auction
	8:30pm – 9:30pm	Pickup unsold artwork

JUROR – XIAOGANG ZHU

XIAOGANG ZHU earned his BA in art and design in China (1978). Before coming to the US in 1989, he was an art professor at Shanghai Jiao Tong University. He earned his MA in painting at Radford University (VA, 1991). He is a signature member of American Watercolor Society and has won numerous awards including the high wing metal of American Watercolor Society, first place in landscape painting of The Artist's Magazine Annual Art Competition, and an award from the Oil Painters of America. His work has been published in books & magazines (Southwest Art, Art-Talk, The Artist's Magazine, Watercolor Magic). His work is displayed in distinguished galleries throughout the US.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Best of Show (1)	\$650
Award of Excellence (2)	\$300
Award of Merit (2)	\$150
Rookie of the Year (1)	American Journey Full Sketchbox Easel (\$175 value)

SUBMISSION/PRESENTATION

All work must have been painted during the competition on a pre-stamped painting surface. Artists may submit up to two pieces for jurying. It is guaranteed that at least one piece will be accepted for the silent auction. It is not a requirement that you submit work for jurying/auction to participate in the event.

The minimum size of painting surfaces is 8" x 10". There is no maximum size.

Artwork must be framed, wired and ready for hanging. Requirements include: wire in good condition, flat D-rings used on frames, cleaned up canvas edges without visible staples. No work will be accepted with screw-in eye hooks or metal tooth hangers. The face of frame(s) must be at least one inch wide. No gallery wraps or edge flats.

GALA/SALES

Work must be For Sale and priced with intent to sell.

65% to the artist

35% commission supports the Pacific NW Art School, a non-profit organization

IMPORTANT PLACES

Pacific Northwest Art School 15 NW Birch Street Coupeville WA 98239 360 678 3396	Bill & Gabrielle Thurman 995 N Seacliff LN Coupeville WA 98239	Capt Whidbey Inn 2072 W Capt Whidbey Inn Rd Coupeville WA 98239 360 678 4097
James Moore & Sue Symons 1088 Crockett Farm Road Coupeville WA 98239	Crockett Barn 1056 Crockett Farm Rd Coupeville WA 98239	Paul Menzel Home 537 Race Road Coupeville WA 98239 360 678 3626
Eve Parrish Home 207 NE Albion Coupeville WA 98239 360 678 0641	Barry & Kathy Rix Home 26 Fawn Run Place Coupeville WA 98239 360 678 1685	Compass Rose B&B Marshall & Jan Bronson 508 S Main St Coupeville WA 98239 360 678 7097
Greenbank Cellars Frank & Betty Rayle 3112 Day Road Greenbank WA 98253 360 678 3964		