



MILL CREEK PARK  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023  
9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

## SOUTH PORTLAND'S 42ND ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK SHOW & SALE

### GENERAL

The 43rd Annual South Portland Art in the Park Show & Sale will be held Saturday, August 12, 2023 in Mill Creek Park from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Artists may check in starting at 7:00 a.m.

Art in the Park is open to all artists who wish to exhibit original PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS, PHOTOGRAPHS and PRINTS. **Please be aware this is considered a “fine art” show and works will be carefully considered before being allowed.** There will be a Judges’ Cash Award Competition and Sponsors’ Choice selections as described below. All exhibitors, regardless of whether they enter the Judges’ Cash Award Competition or designate works as Sponsor’s Choice selections, must submit an official entry form and pay the \$100 entry fee. **If you cancel before July 15<sup>th</sup>, you will be refunded \$75.00; Art in the Park will retain the \$35.00 advertising fee (if purchased) and a \$25.00 administrative fee. If you cancel after July 15<sup>th</sup>, you may be refunded if there is a waiting list for participating artists.**

The artists’ section of the park will accommodate 170 artists while allowing plenty of room for relaxed viewing by the public. Therefore, only the first 170 applicants will be accepted. A reserve list may be established. Artists submitting entries after July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 will not be listed in the festival brochure. Information can also be obtained by logging on to our web page at [www.artintheparkmaine.org](http://www.artintheparkmaine.org) or on our Facebook page at South Portland Art in the Park.

### SPACE ASSIGNMENTS

Applicants will be assigned spaces as completed applications are received. If you wish placement next to another artist you must send your applications and fees together. We will not hold spaces open. Both applications must be sent in and the fees paid together to assure that you get adjoining spaces.

Because of changes in grounds keeping, the actual park layout may change from year to year. Your location last year may be different this year even though your number remains the same. Art in the Park will accommodate requests for particular sites if the site is still available at the time the request is received.

Please let us know if accommodations are needed for a disability.

### PARKING, SET-UP AND TEAR-DOWN

**NO PARKING ON HINCKLEY DRIVE.** In an effort to make parking available to the public visiting our show, Hinckley Drive will be closed to traffic until 9:00 A.M. Artists will be allowed to pull in to unload their vehicles, but must immediately move the vehicle to let other artists have the same opportunity. A gatekeeper will take your license plate number and site number to ensure all vehicles are off Hinckley Drive prior to the start of the show. Parking is available at City Hall (one block over on Thomas Street) for your convenience.

**Reminder to those artists who may have parked behind their sites (# 81-112) in the past are NO LONGER permitted to continue this practice. Your vehicle MUST be removed prior to 9:00.**

You may access the park to unload if your location is along the Bandstand side of the pond, but you must exit to one of the parking areas before 9:00 a.m. Plan to enter the park for unloading by way of a paved driveway

On Cottage Road. You must exit the park by way of Ocean Street. Artists agree to display until 4:00 pm; early breakdown is unacceptable, as the public perceives the show is closing, decreasing foot traffic for other artists. **No cars will be permitted back in the park for tear-down before 4:00 p.m.** Parking is available at Mahoney Middle School (entrance is across from the park on Broadway) and at the back parking lot of City Hall (one block over on Thomas Street).

## TYPE OF WORK ACCEPTED

All paintings, drawings, prints and photographs are acceptable for exhibition; however, only original framed works are permitted in the Judges' Cash Award Competition. If there is any question about the admissibility of a certain work, the Committee will base its judgment solely on whether the work meets the admissibility criteria as described, is prepared for hanging and is ready for a purchaser to display. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Committee may, in its discretion, permit no more than 6 sites to be assigned to artists displaying and selling art that does not meet the criteria as described, if it finds that the art proposed for the site is likely to enhance the show by providing a different viewing experience for the public and is not likely to detract from the general character of the show as a display of fine art. The Committee will not permit jewelry, crafts or "paint by number" paintings in the show for competition or display. Block print, woodcuts or numbered prints are not acceptable in the Judge's Cash Award Competition; however, artists are encouraged to exhibit such materials at their stands. All work entered must be your own original work and not a commercially produced item for which you are acting as sales agent. Artists whose work generally meets the permitted criteria may also display and sell works other than those generally permitted as long as they do not take up more than six (6) SF of display space.

## IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL

In the event you register and are accepted but find that you cannot be here to exhibit, please inform us immediately. Each year we have a waiting list for artists waiting to participate in the show. **REMEMBER**, you may **NOT** give away/reassign your space. Those artists on the waiting list are the only artists that will be accepted into the show. You will be refunded \$75.00 of your \$100.00 registration fee if you cancel on or before July 15<sup>th</sup>. Art in the Park will retain the \$35.00 advertising fee (if purchased) and a \$25.00 administrative fee. If you cancel after July 15<sup>th</sup> you may be refunded if there is a waiting lists of participating artists.

## RESERVE LIST

The Committee reserves the right to create a reserve list. Those artists placed on a list will be so notified and their numerical placement indicated. Please provide a phone number or an e-mail address where you or your representative can be reached during normal business hours. Vacancies may be filled through our ability to contact the applicant or the representative by telephone or e-mail over a reasonable time period – usually one (1) business day.

## CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION

You will receive a postcard acknowledging receipt of your registration and your site number within two weeks of its receipt. Three weeks prior to the event, you will receive final instructions, two numbered stickers that you must affix to your entries in the Sponsor's Choice Competition to be viewed at your stand, and a sticker for the Judges' Cash Award Competition at the judges' tent.

You are encouraged to set up easels to sketch or paint or do quick portraits. This benefits the festival and will add to the atmosphere.

## WEATHER RELATED ISSUES

Mist, fog or intermittent rain will not result in cancellation of the show. If the forecast is for heavy rain and/or thunderstorms for the day, the show will be cancelled and we will notify the local television and radio stations, post the cancellation on the website and; for those of you who have supplied your email address, we will email you.

## DISPLAY GUIDELINES

Every applicant must exhibit a minimum of five (5) pieces of artwork. Except for Sponsors' Choice and Judges' Cash Prize Competition submissions, works displayed do not have to be framed. Other than Sponsor's Choice selections, they may or may not be offered for sale. Collection and payment for sales and other taxes will be the sole responsibility of the artist.

The entry you submit for judging is only for the cash prizes. You will receive a sticker to be attached to the work before bringing it to the judges' tent. Sponsor's Choice selections will be made at your stand. Sponsor's Choice Sponsors pay \$500.00 in advance for their purchases. Each Sponsor's Choice selection designated by the artist should therefore be a \$500.00 value. This may be one \$500.00 work or a combination of smaller works totaling \$500.00 in value. You will receive two tear-off stickers that you must affix to the framed works you are offering as Sponsor's choice selections.

Artists are expected to provide their own stands for display, as well as rain coverings. Space provided will accommodate stands no larger than 15' in width nor greater than 10' in depth.

**Please center your display (width) on the numbered stake. The FRONT of your display starts at the location of the stake. Please leave room for foot traffic.**

## SPONSOR'S CHOICE COMPETITION

Sponsors' Choice sponsors pre-pay \$500.00 to purchase a painting from the show. Sponsors' Choice selections are selected at the artists' stands. You will be provided with two labels to designate the works you agree to sell for \$500.00 as a Sponsor's Choice. When the sponsor makes a selection, you must designate that work as "SOLD". Sponsors will advise the committee as to the artists whose works have been chosen. The names and site numbers of artists chosen as Sponsor's Choice purchases will be announced at noon along with cash prize winners. Checks will be given out at noon. Paintings you designate with the Sponsors' Choice stickers should not be offered for sale to the general public until after 11:30 a.m. If a sponsor selects your work, it must be sold for \$500.00. Your signature on the application indicates your understanding of this and your willingness to participate in the festival as we have described it.

## JUDGES' CASH AWARDS

Each site number in the show is permitted to enter one painting in the Judges' Cash Award Competition. This painting or photograph must be framed or otherwise ready to hang and must have your competition number attached to the front in a visible manner. When two or more persons are included at one site (e.g. art association, senior citizen group, etc.) only one competitive entry is permitted in the Judges' Cash Award Competition from that site.

All Cash Award judging will be done in the Judges' tent beginning at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Please bring your work to that area with the numbered label attached to the front.

Prizes are as follows:

ONE - \$800.00 Judges' Award to Best-in-Show. This is a cash prize and the artist retains ownership of the painting.

ONE - \$600.00 Judges' Award to Second Best-in-Show. This is a cash prize and the artist retains ownership of the painting.

ONE - \$500.00 Judges' Award to Third Best-in-Show. This is a cash prize and the artist retains ownership of the painting.

ONE - \$400.00 Judges' Award to Fourth Best-in-Show. This is a cash prize and the artist retains ownership of the painting.

ONE - \$500.00 Best Photo in Show. This is a cash prize and the photographer retains ownership of the photo.

FIVE - \$150.00 Merit Awards. These will be awarded by the judges on the basis of attributes deemed worthy of special mention and consideration. The artist retains ownership.

**Please remember NO receipt, NO artwork – our volunteers do their very best to protect your artwork; they do not know each individual artist to guarantee the correct artwork is returned to the correct artist. The receipt given to you when you leave your artwork at the judging tent is required to reclaim it. Thank you for your continued cooperation.**



43rd Annual Show  
South Portland, ME 04106  
August 12th, 2023

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Business) to be listed in program: \_\_\_\_\_

Winter Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Web Site: \_\_\_\_\_

MEDIUM (description of work): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been in Art in the Park previously? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you give permission to use your name for publicity purposes? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Disability accommodation requested: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ do \_\_\_\_\_ do not want a business card size ad in the program for \$35.00 (JPG or PDF format)

ALL EXHIBITORS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ENTER PRIZE COMPETITION, MUST PAY THE \$100.00 FEE TO EXHIBIT, AND SIGN THIS ENTRY FORM. Please enclose a check, bank draft, or money order made payable to the CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND, for \$100.00 (entry fee) or \$135 (entry fee plus ad). Ad copy in must be in either .JPG or .PDF format and may be emailed separately. Ad copy must be received by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Applicant hereby releases and forever discharges Art in the Park and all other participating and sponsoring organizations from any responsibility, personal liability, loss or damage in connection with this show. Art in the Park reserves the right to make final interpretation of the rules. An application is a commitment to the show. As stated in the rules and regulations I understand the refund policy. I confirm that the works entered, exhibited and sold are created by me. I understand each exhibitor is responsible for collecting Maine State sales tax on all sales made during the show. This tax should be added to the price of the items sold. I have read, understand and agree to abide by all Art in the Park rules and regulations, and certify the accuracy of the foregoing statements.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return this application immediately to insure acceptance. The \$100.00 entry fee will be waived for students attending public school in South Portland; however, these students will be ineligible for a Judges' cash award and/or Sponsors' Choice selection unless they pay the \$100.00 fee.

No refunds will be given due to the cancellation of the event by, an act of God, or a weather related incident.

<u>For office use only</u>	
Received _____	Application # _____
Paid _____	Check # _____
Site # Assigned _____	Notified _____