

Second Annual Lafayette Square en Plein Air Competition

Announcing the 2nd Annual Lafayette Square Plein Air Competition, and inviting artists to come draw and paint throughout the National Historic District of Lafayette Square. The two-week competition will be held from Saturday, May 19th through Friday, June 1st, 2007. The competition will be followed with artists being able to exhibit their art in conjunction with the 38th Annual Lafayette Square House and Garden Tour, Saturday and Sunday, June 2-3, 2007, which attracts over 4,000 people to Lafayette Park. Artists representing a wide variety of expertise and media – acrylics, watercolors, pastels, drawing and mixed media – are invited to create artworks of Lafayette Park and the surrounding Victorian homes, gardens and businesses *en plein air*, which literally means “in the open air”. Registered artists will have two weeks to complete their works of art, which must be executed outdoors and on-site in the Lafayette Square Historic District. Artists are also welcome to participate in four special “quick paint competitions” where they will have two hours to complete a work of art. Artists will have the opportunity to have their best work juried and win over \$2,000 in prizes. Award winning art will then be exhibited and artists will have the opportunity to sell their work during the House and Garden Tour on June 2-3, 2007.

LAFAYETTE SQUARE NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT: Lafayette Square is St. Louis’ oldest historic district. Nearly 400 Victorian era homes have been restored on the streets surrounding the stunning 30-acre Lafayette Park—the oldest park west of the Mississippi. In the late 19th century, Lafayette Square was St. Louis’ premier neighborhood; home to Lincoln’s Postmaster General, St. Louis Mayors, captains of industry, and the city’s leading families. Today Lafayette Square’s charm and vitality has once again caught the fancy of city dwellers and creative businesses and retailers. The neighborhood welcomes visitors and hosts house tours in June and December, the Tour d’ Lafayette bicycle races on Labor Day Weekend, and free concerts in the park throughout the summer. To find out more about the Lafayette Square District go online to www.lafayettesquare.org.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all artists over the age of 14.

CATEGORIES OF ART:

Oil Painting

Watercolor

Pastel

Acrylics

Drawing

Mixed Media and Collage

Quality work will be recognized, but there will only be category awards if there is enough quality artwork.

Participating artist must paint from life - on location. Studio work is not allowed.

FEES: \$50.00 Early bird special \$40.00 before May 7th. After May 7th and for walk-ins - \$50.00. Fees are non-refundable. Cost is the same if you paint one day or two weeks. Checks and money orders accepted, made payable to the Paint St. Louis.

AWARDS:

Best of Show \$250

LS Residents Choice \$100

Artist’s Choice \$100

First Place in each category \$100

Honorable mention – Ribbons

We hope to have four Lafayette Square Quick Paint Contests with prizes ranging from \$200 to \$300 for each contest. We are in the process of finding sponsors for these contests and details will be announced by May 7th. Belas Artes will again sponsor one of these contests. The Floral and Still-Life Quick Paint Contest will be Saturday, May 26th (5:00 to 7:00PM). The best twelve paintings from this contest will be exhibited in Belas Artes Gallery from June 4th through the 18th. The top three winners will have their own exhibition at Belas Artes at a later date.

JUROR: Our juror is Robin Hirsch, Associate Director of Art St. Louis (www.artstlouis.org).

JUDGING: Only art created in Plein air in the Lafayette Square Historic District during the competition will be considered for awards. No unstamped surfaces will be considered for jury. All artworks for judging must be delivered to the Park House by 12:00 PM Friday, June 1st. Judging for the general competition will start promptly Friday at 1:00 PM. All paintings to be judged must be framed. Each artist may submit up to two pieces for judging in the general competition, but only one money award will be given per artist. Each artist may display one artwork for judging for the Artist's Choice and Resident's Awards during the Artists/Residents Social Friday evening. General competition winners will be announced at the Artists/LS Residents Social.

REGISTRATION & CHECK-IN: Registration for the Competition is \$50.00 but artists that register prior to Monday, May 7th, 2007 will receive \$10 off the registration fee. Participants must be registered and will receive an ID Card. All artists must have their painting surfaces stamped before painting. Check in location will be announced by May 7th.

EVENT SCHEDULE:

Monday May 7th: Deadline for pre-registration. Registration after this date will be \$50.00. You must be registered and show your ID Card to get your media stamped.

Saturday, May 19th: Artist may start painting at sunrise, but make sure your media surfaces are stamped first.

Saturday, May 19th: Paint the Park Quick Paint Contest will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Sunday, May 20th: Gilded Age Quick Paint Competition – 5:00 to 7:00 PM Sponsored by Preservation Title. \$250 First Prize Award

Friday, May 25th: Paint the Plaza Quick Paint Competition – 6:00 to 8:00 PM Sponsored by Albert Hall Emporium. \$200 First Prize Award

Saturday May 26th: Belas Artes Still Life and Floral Quick Paint Competition – 4:00 to 7:00 PM Sponsored by Belas Artes Multicultural Center. The top three winners of this competition will have their own art exhibition at Belas Artes Gallery. Interested artists can also participate in a silent auction that will be ongoing while the artists create their paintings.

Friday, June 1st: Plein Air Painting ends at noon. Paintings to be juried must be turned by 1:00 PM. Painting will be juried the afternoon of June 1st and award winners will be announced and on display during the Artists/LS Residents social hour Friday evening.

Friday, June 1st: Artist & Lafayette Square Social Hour from 6:30 to 9:00 PM at the Park House in Lafayette Park. Winners will be announced at the Social. Artists will be able to display their competition created art during the reception.

Saturday, June 2nd: Artists may display and sell their artwork in an area designated in Lafayette Square from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM.

Sunday, June 3rd: Artists may display and sell their artwork in an area designated in Lafayette Square from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

HALF DAY PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP WITH ALLEN KRIEGSHAUSER, LAST YEAR'S BEST OF SHOW WINNER. Interested in improving your plein air painting skills, you may want to consider attending Allen's half-day workshop. On Sunday morning, May 20th, Allen will show artists a variety of tips and techniques that will improve your plein air painting. This hands-on workshop will focus on methods to prevent "painting yourself into a corner". The workshop will cover composition, color mixing and applications of paint to keep your painting fresh. Focus and demonstration will be in oils but relevant to other mediums. Cost is \$35.00 for a half-day. Class size is limited to 15 so sign up early. Go to www.paintstlouis.org for more information and see a sampling of Allen's work.

EXHIBITION BY ARTISTS: Artists will be able to exhibit plein air artwork, created during the competition Friday evening at the Artists/LS Residents social hour. They will also be able to display their artwork Saturday, June 2nd starting at 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM and Sunday, June 3rd from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. On Saturday and Sunday Artists are encouraged to show and sell plein air artwork created during the competition, but they may also show work created at other locations and in their studio. Display space will be limited to 10' X 10' per artist. All artists will be responsible for their display materials – tents, display racks, easels, table and chairs.

SALES: All artwork sold during the exhibition will be subject to a 30% commission by the Arts Council of Lafayette Square.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: All registered artists will receive a packet of additional information about the Lafayette Square Plein Air Competition, the Quick Paint Contests, and the Lafayette Square area prior to the competition. As Quick Paint Contests are added, and dates and locations are determined, information will be provided to registered artists. All changes and additions to the competition will be posted at www.paintstlouis.org

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM:

DEADLINE: Postmark deadline is May 7th, 2007 for early bird entry fee of \$40.00. After May 7th the regular \$50.00 fee applies. Make check payable to the Paint St. Louis.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____ Art medium (Any Plein air medium) _____

Please list any artists organizations in which you are affiliated: _____

How did you hear about this LSBA competition? _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____.

Make Checks payable to **Paint St. Louis**. Mail this entry form along with applicable fees to:

**LSPA Competition
c/o Paint St. Louis
1926 Allen
St. Louis, MO 63104**

LIABILITY AND INSURANCE: While precautions are taken to safeguard artwork and participants while in the Lafayette Square Neighborhood, the Lafayette Square Renovation Committee (LSRC), the Arts Council of Lafayette Square (ACLS), and Paint St. Louis accept no liability for loss or damage to artwork in transit, in storage or on display, or for any personal injury incurred during the participation in this event. Artists are strongly encouraged to insure their own person and artwork.

All art works presented for judging may be photographed and reproduced for non-commercial promotion by the LSRC, the ACLS and Paint St. Louis. The LSRC and the Arts Council of Lafayette Square reserve the right to accept or not accept any work for exhibition.

I have read and agree to follow all the rules.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

You must sign & date this form.

Visit www.paintstlouis.org for any updates or changes.