



Artist Rules

- Paintings must be completed by the sole participant 'en plein air.' No electric aids, photos, studio, workshop, or class work permitted.
- The Early Bird fee is \$50 and is due by August 19th along with your Registration Form.
- Artwork must be framed and ready to hang with wire.
- The participant assumes full responsibility for their personal conduct, well-being and safety during events. Please respect private property rights of individuals and businesses.
- Artists release to the Star Valley Arts Council the use of photographs of exhibited works for further publicity and promotional purposes.
- Purchase award winners agree to exchange their winning entry for the stated award amount.
- All art entered into Star Valley Plein Air must remain on exhibit until sold. All art sales go through Star Valley Arts Council. Art not sold must remain in the exhibit until 3pm Friday September 23rd.
- All canvases must be stamped prior to painting and visible at check in of finished paintings. Stamps must be received at Western Skies Fine Art. **No Exceptions!**
- All unsold artwork must be picked up by 6pm Saturday, September 24th.

Main Competition Monday, September 19th to Thursday, September 22nd

- Artists may paint as many pieces as they'd like, but only up to three paintings may be submitted.
- Paintings must be done within a 60 mile radius of Afton, WY. This encompasses all of Star Valley, as well as the Greys River, Snake River Canyon and Cokeville.
- Entries are due at Western Skies Fine Art by 7pm Thursday, September 22nd.



Frequently Asked Questions

Where does Star Valley Plein Air take place?

The plein air event starts at Western Skies Fine Art on Monday, September 19th, where you will get your canvases stamped and gather snacks and drinks. Entries are due back at Western Skies Fine Art gallery by 7pm on Thursday, September 22nd. The gallery is located at 912 Washington Street, Afton, WY 83110.

Where am I allowed to paint?

The geographic limitations are anywhere within a 60 miles radius of Afton, WY. This encompasses all of Star Valley, as well as the Greys River, Snake River Canyon and Cokeville.

What prizes are available?

There will be three sponsor prizes and six judged prizes. The sponsor prizes will be \$2,000 for first prize, \$1,600 for second prize, and \$1,200 for third prize. There will be three judged prizes for each artist category—three for Beginner and three for Experienced. Prize amounts will be determined as the event gets closer.

Can I sell my artwork? Who conducts painting sales?

Yes. Following the selection of the three sponsor awards, artists can display their artwork for sale to the community on Friday, September 23rd from 10am to 7pm, and Saturday, September 24th from 10am to 6pm. Sales will be conducted in a silent auction format.

Artwork is sold through the Star Valley Arts Council, so no business license is needed. The Star Valley Arts Council retains 20% of sales proceeds and will distribute the remaining 80% to the artist.

Will there be any snacks or meals for participants?

No meals will be provided, but we will have water and snacks available for pickup at Western Skies Fine Art.

Will framing materials be available onsite?

No framing materials will be available, but there are some businesses in Star Valley that provide frames and framing services.

Where and when may I hang my paintings?

Your artwork will be hung at Western Skies Fine Art for sale and judging. Works can be hung as early as Thursday, September 22nd.

When may I pick up my unsold artwork?

Unsold artwork may be picked up starting at 6pm on Saturday, September 24th.



When and where will awards be announced?

The awards ceremony will be held at the Afton Civic Center at 7pm on Saturday, September 24th. The civic center is located at 150 South Washington Street, Afton, WY 83110.

How is Star Valley Plein Air publicized?

The Star Valley Arts Council makes every effort to publicize this event to boost visitor traffic and artist sales. We utilize email newsletters, social media posts and paid ads, newspaper and radio advertising, posters, local media coverage, and other outlets.

Where can I stay in Star Valley?

There are 24 RV spots available at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds, located at 144 South Washington Street, Afton, WY 83110. RV spots can be rented for \$35 per day and the fee includes water and power hookups.

There are also 10 room slots available at Fairfield Inn in Afton during the event week. These rooms are available for a discounted rate of \$85/night thanks to their generous sponsorship. Rooms with two queen beds or one king bed are available. Please contact them at 307-885-4040 to make your reservation and reference the Star Valley Plein Air event.