

BISBEE PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL 2026
Central School Project
Thursday October 8 – Sun Oct 11, 2026

All Artists must pre-register through Eventbrite. If you cannot register online, email us: bisbeecsp@gmail.com
Early Bird Registration (until September 20th) \$30 REGISTRATION FEE Registration after September 12th \$35 fulltime Cochise College Students \$15

Painting Competition Rules and Regulations

We are limiting the number of painting entries to 2 this year. However, you may get as many canvases stamped as you would like

If you use an alias or pen name as an artist, when you are registering your paintings for the competition you must put your real name on the back of the slips you fill out.

● **CANVAS STAMPING REQUIRED:** Artists may stamp as many canvases as they wish, but can enter only two pieces of work to be judged and offered for sale in the wet paint show. **All canvas stamping is done at RedBone, a vintage clothing store at the corner of Subway Street and Shearer Ave.** Framing is suggested, but not required. Easels for display help too, but are not required.

● The 2026 Bisbee Plein Air Festival is open to any artist who paints using the plein air technique in oil, watercolor, acrylic, gouache, pastel, or other non-digital media.

● All paintings entered in the competition/sale must be done “en plein air” (in the open air where the artist has no control of light or weather) during the event dates in Bisbee city limits. All canvas/paper/boards must be stamped **PRIOR** to painting. **NO** unstamped art will be accepted.

● Artists must provide their own paint kits and sturdy easel(s) for display during judging and will be responsible for the safety of their paintings.

● Artists may paint anywhere in Bisbee, which includes Warren, Lowell, San Jose, et cetera.

Wet Paint Gallery Show (after judging)

The sales commission is 35% to the Plein Air Fest and 65% to the artist for all sales made during the public receptions.

Central School Project and associated volunteers assume no responsibility for loss or damage to any work, display or person.

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PRIZES:

\$800 in Cash Prizes:

1st \$300 | 2nd \$200 | 3rd \$100 | People's Choice \$100 | 2 Runner ups \$50.00 each

Jurors to be announced.

SCHEDULE:

All canvas stamping is done at RedBone, a boutique at the corner of Subway Street and Shearer Ave.

Thursday October 8th from 8 am to 6 pm

Friday October 9th from 8 am to 6 pm

Saturday October 10th from 8 am to Noon

ARTISTS PAINTING: Thursday October 8th – Saturday October 11th 'til 1:30 pm

Friday 6:00 - 8:00 pm Artist Meet & Greet at Central School. Public welcome.

Friday 8:00 pm Nocturne painting. Meet at Sam Poe Gallery on Subway Street

Saturday 10:00 - 1:00pm Artists! Drop in at Grassy Park gathering and relaxed art-making with Sam Woolcott

Saturday 1:00 - 2:00 pm Artists may start bringing their paintings to Central School to register them for the competition please get here by 2 at the latest

After your check in Artists leave the building as judging will start at about **2:30**

Saturday 4:00 pm The show opens to the public. Vote for people's choice award

Saturday 5:00 pm Awards Ceremony at Central School

Gallery open until at least 6:30 pm (we may extend the hours this year!)
Buy the paintings of Bisbee!

Sunday 10:00 - 11:00 Casual artists Critique

Sunday, 11:00- 1:00 pm Art pick up

(If you have to leave town Saturday night you can arrange with a CSP sales person to remove your entries at 6:30)