

## THE SETTING

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Western Maryland is the ideal setting for a Plein Air event! Allegany and Garrett Counties are filled with magnificent mountain vistas, pristine state forests and parks, historic architecture, an abundance of small-town charm, and a variety of other visual attractions, like the C&O Canal, Deep Creek Lake, Dan's Mountain, the Casselman Bridge, the Potomac River, and the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad.

## ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

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This fourth annual juried exhibition and art competition is sponsored by the Allegany Arts Council, a non-profit organization that was established in 1975 to support and grow the arts in our community. The 2012 Mountain Maryland Plein Air event will take place from Tuesday, May 29 through Sunday, June 10. **Only thirty artists will be accepted to participate, and \$5,000 in prize money will be awarded.**

The event will begin with artist registration and an informal Welcome Reception & Dinner on Tuesday evening, from 5-7PM, at the Allegany Arts Council's Saville Gallery in Downtown Cumberland. Over the course of the next three days, artists will paint at a variety of locations of their choosing throughout Allegany and Garrett Counties.

On Saturday, between 8AM and 10AM, each of the thirty participating artists will submit two completed, framed paintings to the Saville Gallery. All paintings must be done 'en plein air' during the course of this event without the aid of photography, and with a 36" X 36" maximum canvas size. All submitted artwork should be available for sale, and will remain on display through Sunday, June 10. At the conclusion of the exhibit, artists will need to arrange for pick-up of their artwork, or provide boxes and postage for return shipping.

## ARTIST AWARDS

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The 2012 Mountain Maryland Plein Air event will award \$5,000 in prizes during the Reception & Awards Ceremony at the Saville Gallery, including a \$1,500 Best of Show Award, a \$1,000 1st Place Award, a \$750 2nd Place Award, a \$500 3rd Place Award, and several \$250 Honorable Mention Awards.

## ENTRY GUIDELINES

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For a non-refundable fee of \$30, applicants may submit up to three (3) digital images on CD. Images should be saved as separate jpeg files, each labeled with your complete initials, number of the image, and the title (or abbreviation) of the piece. No single file should exceed 2MB in size. All images must be original "plein air" artwork, created by the applicant artist, and completed within the past two years.

**All entries must be postmarked by Friday, March 2, 2012 and mailed to:**

Allegany Arts Council c/o Mountain Maryland Plein Air  
9 N. Centre Street, Cumberland, Maryland 21502

Accepted artists will be responsible for their own lodging during the event. However, a number of community members have agreed to host participating artists in their homes.

A 40% commission on all artwork sold during the Mountain Maryland Plein Air event will be retained by Allegany Arts Council, and all sales will be handled by representatives of the Saville Gallery. During the course of the Saville Gallery exhibition, artwork will be insured for 60% of its retail value.

## EVENT CALENDAR

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**Week of April 16:** Jury notifications will be mailed to all artist applicants. A list of accepted artists will also be posted online at [www.alleganyartscouncil.org](http://www.alleganyartscouncil.org).

**Tuesday, May 29, 5PM:** Artists will check-in at the Saville Gallery for a Welcome Reception & Dinner.

**May 30-June 1:** Paint throughout Mountain Maryland.

**Friday June 1, 6-8PM:** Artists & Sponsors Reception at the home of Tom & Mary Kay Finan.

**Saturday, June 2:**

**8AM-10AM:** Two plein air paintings from each artist will be due at the Saville Gallery for hanging and awards judging.

**10AM-Noon:** An optional "Quick Draw" event will be held in Downtown Cumberland. Prizes will be awarded and winners will be displayed in the Saville Gallery.

**5-6PM:** Sponsors' Preview at the Saville Gallery.

**6-8PM:** Public Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony at the Saville Gallery.

**Sunday, June 3, 11AM-1PM:** Plein Air Jazz Brunch.

**June 3-10:** Artwork remains on display in the Saville Gallery, and available for purchase.

## ENTRY FORM

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ARTIST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

WEB SITE \_\_\_\_\_

## SUBMITTED ART INFORMATION

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TITLE # 1 \_\_\_\_\_

MEDIUM \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE # 2 \_\_\_\_\_

MEDIUM \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE # 3 \_\_\_\_\_

MEDIUM \_\_\_\_\_

All images must be submitted as jpg files on a CD. Each image file should be named separately with your initials, number of the image, and title (or abbreviation) of the piece, followed by the extension (e.g., SP1sunnyday.jpg and SP2cloudyday.jpg). These titles should correspond with the titles listed above.

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

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**Make your check for \$30 payable to:**

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Cumberland, Maryland 21502

## AGREEMENT WITH ALLEGANY ARTS COUNCIL

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*(Signature is mandatory for all entries)*

By entering the Mountain Maryland Plein Air competition and exhibit, I affirm that I have read this entire prospectus, and by signing this entry form I agree to be bound by all terms outlined in it. If I am accepted, I understand that I am expected to participate in both the plein air competition and the exhibit and sale. During the dates of the event, I agree to not sell any work created during Mountain Maryland Plein Air event unless I pay 40% commission to the hosting organization. I also agree that images of work that I submit for jury and/or enter into the competition may be used by the Allegany Arts Council for publicity purposes.

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

Please complete this form and mail with your CD of images.

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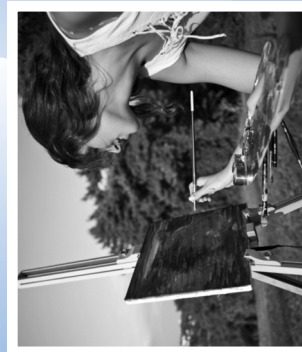


**Steve Doherty - 2012 Juror & Awards Judge**

M. Stephen Doherty earned a Master of Fine Arts degree from Cornell University; taught art in public schools, colleges, and workshops; worked for an art-materials manufacturer; served as editor-in-chief of *American Artist* magazine for 31 years; and is now editor of *PleinAir™* magazine, a print and digital magazine dedicated to people who enjoy artwork based on direct observation of nature. He has written a dozen art books and hundreds of magazine articles; exhibited his paintings in solo and group exhibitions; served on the advisory boards of art schools and artists' organizations; and judged art exhibitions for museums and art societies.



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