

<b>Timeline - Friday September 8 &amp; Saturday September 9</b>	
<b>from 10 am</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Artists must sign-in at Leighton Art Centre outdoor check-in table.</li> <li><b>Competition plein air supports must be stamped (on the back) by LAC staff prior to working on them.</b></li> </ul>
<b>FRI. 10 am - 8 pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Artists may complete their plein air artwork on the 80-acre Leighton property or elsewhere</b> (but keep an eye on the clock!). Please tread gently on the land and remove all trash. No smoking or dogs allowed on our property. <b>If you choose to paint off our property, please do not trespass on private land.</b></li> <li>If you have an unfinished piece on Friday and will be coming back to work on it on Saturday, turn your piece in to Leighton staff to store overnight. Do NOT take any competition piece home overnight.</li> </ul>
<b>SAT. 10 am - 3:45 pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>FRIDAY EVENING:</b> artwork must be turned in (either for final entry or to continue work on Saturday) no later than 8 pm; please arrive back to the tent by about 7:45 pm.</li> </ul>
<b>no later than 4 pm SAT.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Artists must return their one (1) or two (2) selected entry piece(s) to the Leighton staff at the check-in table and fill in gallery tags for each.</li> <li>Artists who wish to frame their plein air artwork are encouraged to do so, but we recommend starting by 3:30 pm to meet the 4 pm deadline.</li> <li>Once a piece is checked in for judging, it will be safely stored by Leighton staff members until Saturday.</li> <li>Leighton Art Centre closes at 4 pm today.</li> </ul>
<b>Timeline - Sunday September 10</b>	
<b>10 am - 12:45 pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competition judging will take place in the event tent before 1 pm.</li> <li>Pieces that have been labeled for sale can be purchased anytime Sunday, but cannot be removed from the judging tent until after the award ceremony (begins at 1 pm). After the ceremony, please don't remove any <i>purchased</i> pieces without checking in with a Leighton staff member; have your receipt ready to be checked.</li> <li>This year's judges: Doug Levitt, Grant Waddell, and Christina Cuthbertson. Thank you, judges, for lending your time &amp; talents to this event!</li> <li><b>People's Choice Voting</b> takes place in the tent until 12:45 pm Sunday - encourage your family &amp; friends to come out and vote!</li> </ul>
<b>1 pm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The winners of the <i>Plein Air Competition</i> will be officially announced beginning at 1 pm.</li> <li>Leighton Art Centre closes at 4 pm today.</li> <li>Thank you, artists, for joining us this weekend and allowing us to enjoy your talents!</li> </ul>

**Sample Tags for Your Selected Competition Piece(s) - max two submitted pieces per artist**

\* We require you to complete **two tags for each piece**. We will have blank copies at the check-in table.

<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">LEIGHTON ART CENTRE</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">COMPETITION PIECE</p> <p>Artist: _____</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Medium: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Not For Sale</p> <p>Framed: \$ _____ Unframed: \$ _____</p>	<p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">LEIGHTON ART CENTRE</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">COMPETITION PIECE</p> <p>Artist: _____</p> <p>Title: _____</p> <p>Medium: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Not For Sale</p> <p>Framed: \$ _____ Unframed: \$ _____</p>
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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **What is a support?**

- Artists can plein air create on board, stretch canvas, watercolour paper, wood panel, etc...

### **Is there a size limit?**

- No.

### **Do I have to check-in and start at 10am?**

- Nope, artists can come anytime to paint plein air between 10 am and 8 pm on Friday and/or 10 am and 4 pm on Saturday, as long as you submit your competition piece(s) by Saturday at 4 pm.

### **When and where is check-in?**

- Check-in begins at 10 am on Friday and Saturday at the big white event tent next the Leighton heritage home. **Your supports must be stamped at the check-in table before you begin to work on them.**

### **Can I plein air paint on both Friday and Saturday?**

- Yes, artists can paint on one or both days, we just ask that if you paint on Friday that you turn over your plein air piece to LAC staff by 8pm (either for final submission or to hold until Saturday, when you can resume working on it).

### **Can I paint on just Friday and still submit for the Plein Air Competition?**

- Yes, if you can only come out Friday, come and complete your competition plein air piece and submit it the staff by 8 pm Friday (with completed gallery tags) and we will store it for competition judging on Sunday.

### **Can I explore the Leighton property before the start of competitions to select painting spots?**

- Yes, artists are allowed to explore the property during our regular hours of operations, Tu-Su 10 - 4.

### **What time do I need to have my plein air painting submitted and ready on the easel to be eligible for the competition?**

- Please submit by 4 pm on Saturday Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at the big white event tent. We recommend wrapping up painting by about 3:30 pm to avoid rushing and allowing extra time if you want to frame it.

### **How many plein air pieces can I submit to the competition?**

- Up to 2! Pick your strongest piece(s), bring them to the submission table in the large white tent and we will provide extra gallery tags and pens for artist to fill in their plein air title, medium, and price.

### **Do I have to paint plein air exclusively on the Leighton Centre 80 acre property?**

- Nope, artists can explore the surrounding foothills to paint plein air, you just need to check in at the table at the main gallery **before getting started**. The back of your supports must be stamped with the Leighton logo.

### **Do I have to have my plein air competition piece listed for sale during judging on Sunday?**

- No, you can list your piece as *Not For Sale*.

### **Do I have to have my plein air piece framed for the plein air competition?**

- Nope, framing your plein air piece is optional. If you DO want to frame your plein air piece for display during judging, you can bring your own ready-made frame to pop-in your plein air piece. We will have a table available as a work station for artists to prep their piece and fill in their gallery tags.

### **Will there be food provided at the gallery during the day?**

- The gallery will only be providing water, coffee, and tea between 10 am and 4 pm on Friday and Saturday. Please bring your own lunch and water bottle.

### **When can I pick up my competition plein air piece?**

- Artists can pick up their competition piece(s) any time after the award ceremony (Sunday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 1 pm). If you are unable to attend the Award Ceremony on Sunday, the gallery staff can store your piece until you arrange a time for pick up at a later date. Please let us know in advance!

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