



POINT PLEASANT BEACH 2026 PLEIN AIR PAINTING COMPETITION



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Business Improvement District (BID) &
Point Pleasant Beach Culture Arts Commission (PPBCAC)

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Rain Date: April 26, 2026

WHAT IS EN PLEIN AIR? *En plein air* is a French expression meaning “in the open air.” It refers to the practice of painting outdoors, with the subject directly in view. Plein air artists strive to capture the spirit and essence of a landscape or scenery by working with natural light, color, and movement.

This event welcomes any artist who paints using the plein air technique in oil, watercolor, acrylic, or pastel. Both the artist and subject must be outdoors—photographs are not used. Contemporary plein air painters record fleeting moments that reflect shifting colors, light and shadow, temperature, and the ever-changing elements. The art form demands stamina, focus, and a deep immersion in the creative process.

CULTURE ARTS COMMISSION

The Point Pleasant Beach Business Improvement District (BID) is a local initiative aimed at enhancing the economic vitality and quality of life in the beach borough’s commercial areas.

The Point Pleasant Beach Culture Arts Commission (PPBCAC) strives to improve the quality of life in Point Pleasant Beach by encouraging artistic expression, cultural diversity, and community involvement.

They proudly invite artists of all ages and skill levels to participate in the 1st Annual Plein Air Painting Competition on April 25, 2026.

This event allows artists to paint "en Plein Air" outdoors, capturing the vibrant buildings, streetscapes, scenery, and spirit of the Point Pleasant Beach Business District. Participants can showcase their talent, connect with other artists, and compete for prizes.

By participating, the artist joins a tradition that celebrates creativity in the open air and reflects the PPBCAC’s mission of fostering community through the arts.

SECTION 1: LOCATION and CHECK-IN

- **Painting Location:** Artist may paint any outdoor subject or scenery within the Business Improvement District limits of Point Pleasant Beach. A list of suggested locations.
- **Check-In:** Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Jim Inzero Gallery, 502 Bay Ave, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

SECTION 2: MATERIALS

- **Canvas Stamping:** All canvases **must** be stamped by the Jim Inzero Gallery prior to painting. Unstamped artwork will not be accepted. Artists may have an unlimited number of canvases stamped; however, only one (1) piece may be submitted for competition. Any artwork created on materials other than the stamped canvas will be disqualified.
- **Accepted Mediums:** Oils, acrylics, watercolors, and pastels are permitted.
- **Artist Supplies:** Participants **MUST** provide their own materials and easels, chairs, paper towels, etc.

SECTION 3: PAINTING TIME PERIOD

- **Timeframe:** Each work of art must be started and completed en Plein Air on Saturday, April 25, 2026, between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Rain date Sunday, April 26, 2026.
- **Art Submission Deadline:** All artwork must be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. at **Jim Inzero Gallery**

SECTION 4: SIZE OF ARTWORK

- **Maximum Size:** Unframed artwork canvas, paper, or board / panel must not exceed 16" x 20".

SECTION 5: ARTIST PARTICIPANTS (limited)

- **Eligibility:** Participation (limited) open to all artists of all ages. There will be a cutoff of how many can participate - so sign up early!

SECTION 6: JUDGING PROCESS

1. All stamped paintings must be delivered to the judging site to be hung no later than **3:00 p.m. at Jim Inzero Gallery** on Saturday, April 25, 2026. **Late entries will not be accepted.**
2. Each artist may submit **one** finished piece for competition.
3. **Artwork must be titled, priced and signed on the back only.** Do not sign the front.
4. The Plein Air stamp provided at registration must be visible on the back of the artwork.
5. All submitted paintings must remain on display from **3:00 p.m. until the announcement of winners.**
6. Judging will take place from **4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** All decisions are final.
7. **Results will be announced at the Jim Inzero Gallery between 5:00 p.m.- 5:30p.m. Followed by reception.**
8. The judging panel will consist of (2) judges, who will select winners in all divisions.

AWARDS

The following categories will be judged, with one award per category:

Award

Categories

Prize Award for Adult
(18 years & over)

Best of Show \$400.00

Second Place \$200.00

Third Place \$100.00

People's Choice \$100.00

ART SALE

An exclusive chance to take home original artwork from the 2026 Plein Air Painting Competition awaits visitors at the Jim Inzero Gallery. After judging wraps up, festival-goers can browse and purchase stunning non-winning entries, each one created on-site by talented participating artists. All sales are made directly with the artists, giving buyers a rare opportunity to connect personally with the creators behind the work. Winning art will be available for purchase. **No commission taken by the Jim Inzero Art Gallery**

SECTION 12: SUGGESTED LOCATIONS FOR ARTISTS - AREAS OF INTEREST

The Building Improvement District is located downtown, the boardwalk/beach is not part of the district and not part of competition. A map of district will be provided.

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| 1. Hawthorne (Rte 35) & Arnold Ave | 5. Laurel and Hawthorne (Rte 35) | 8. Bay ave and Trenton Ave |
| 2. Arnold and Lincoln Ave | 6. Laurel and Bay Ave | 9. Grove Street |
| 3. Arnold and Bay Ave | 7. Arnold Ave and Richmond Ave | 10. Woodland Road and Arnold Ave |
| 4. Arnold and Richmond Ave | | |

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Registration Form

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: DOWNTOWN POINT BEACH

Send checks with registration form to: **Jim Inzero Gallery**

502 Bay Ave Pt. Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

Registration March 9 - April 24, 2026 Adult \$10 per adult

On-site registration fee is \$20 per adult. Ages 17 & Under Free Registration

Participant Name:

Email & Phone:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Participant Signature:

Date:

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicable):

Date:

PARTICIPANT #

For Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Staff Initials: _____

Direct all inquiries to:
Jim Inzero Art Gallery
Gallery Tel. 732-451-2666

Email: studio@jiminzero.com (best way to get in touch)