

Plein Air Painting at the Gardens

Summer 2012

This year's painting days will be a FULL WEEK from Monday, May 28th through Sunday, June 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens will provide FREE admission* for all artists painting on any (or all!) of these days. On-site help will be available to answer questions, and a special courtesy shuttle just for artists will run from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. both days to get you where you want to go! A regular shuttle runs from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each day, so you can catch that one back on your return.

Maximum framed painting size is set at 24"x30"; a botanical theme is suggested. The artist can choose the painting medium. Please respect the visitors at the Gardens by not blocking the main pathways, and please respect the plants at the Gardens by not trampling the garden beds.

Please register to paint by May 25, 2012. Simply leave your name, ONE gallery name (if applicable), town of residence, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address via e-mail at Valerie@MaineGardens.org or phone at (207) 633-4333, ext.110.

After the painting days, artists are invited to turn in ONE painting of choice throughout the week of June 4-8. Please have the painting framed or gallery wrapped and ready to hang with wire attached; watercolors should be framed under glass or Plexiglass and ready to hang with wire attached. All paintings should be brought to the Visitor Center between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and MUST be received by Friday, June 8.

All pieces must be for sale and turned in with a note listing the artist's name, title of the piece, painting medium and suggested price, along with a mailing address of where to send the check should the piece sell. Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens will retain a 30% commission from all non-members and a 25% commission from all Gardens' members for any piece sold during the show.

All paintings will be hung in the Plein Air show, to run June 11-29, in the new Bosarge Family Education Center artist hallway. Paintings will be hung on the building walls or, if needed, placed on easels. While the show will be up we'll be holding many educational series including our annual Docent Training, plus we'll hold our annual major donor event in the building, so it will be highly visible. The building is also open to the public daily.

A free reception will take place the evening of Thursday, June 14 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Education Center. All artists are invited to attend and are encouraged to invite their client and collector lists as well. A price sheet will be created for all the artwork and bills of sale will be available at the front desk. The buyer will pay the Gardens in full by cash, check or credit card, and then the Gardens will cut a check to the artist within 14 business days.

We look forward to hosting you at the Gardens and to seeing your point of view! Any questions about this event can be directed to Valerie Augustine, Event Lead, at Valerie@MaineGardens.org or (207) 633-4333, ext.110.

**Artists are welcome any time at the Gardens, and members of the Gardens are always admitted free. Additionally, there is free admission for Lincoln County residents on the first Wednesday of every month and free admission for Boothbay residents every weekend (Saturdays and Sundays).*