

# PLEIN ON MAIN!

GALLERY 246's 9TH ANNUAL PLEIN AIR COMPETITION  
*Celebrating the tradition of open air painting*

**OCTOBER 6-10, 2026**  
**HISTORIC BATESVILLE, AR**

## **PLEIN AIR PAINTING WORKSHOP - Oct 6**

15 artists will spend the day with renowned artist Farley Lewis on a beautiful farm south of White River. **Opening Reception** for Competition Artists and Event Sponsors from 4-6pm.



## **MAIN STREET PLEIN AIR PAINT OUT - Oct 7**

Artists will capture the charm of Batesville's historic Main Street and let the open air become their studio.

## **COUNTRYSIDE PAINT OUT & DEMO - Oct 8**

Artists will paint the beautiful countryside around Batesville. Demo with renowned plein air artist, Farley Lewis, 9am at River Park. **Public welcome!**



## **PREVIEW PARTY EXHIBITION & AWARDS - Oct 9**

Painters will be painting until noon. The Preview Party will showcase the competition art from 5:30-7:30pm at Gallery 246 with business sponsors providing over \$3000 in cash awards for winning artworks. **Public is invited and art sales are encouraged!**



## **EXHIBITION + ARTOBERFEST PAINT OUT - Oct 10**

Join our friends at Batesville Area Arts Council (BAAC) for the annual ARTOBERFEST! Street Fair. Artists will be set up around the festival and will sell their work directly to the public. The Plein on Main Exhibition at **Gallery 246 will be open to the public for sales. Come cast your vote for your favorite art piece in the exhibit!**

**PRESENTING SPONSOR:**



# 2026 PLEIN ON MAIN

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**Tuesday, Oct 6 | Workshop** 9am-3pm with renowned plein air artist Farley Lewis on a farm south of the White River. Lunch included. Limited to 15 artists. Materials list will be provided. Opening Reception for Plein on Main artists 5-7pm at Gallery 246 in our new location at 231 E Main St.

**Wednesday, Oct 7 | Historic Main Street Batesville Paint Out** Take your pick of Main Street's historic homes, quaint storefronts or 2 Art Deco movie theatres. Demo with Farley Lewis in the First Community Bank Community Room - 301 E Main Street. BYOB Lunch from 12-2pm.

**Thursday, Oct 8 | Countryside Paint Out** We can help you with ideas for the most beautiful farm, river or creek landscape to inspire you in a location in Independence County. Demo with Farley Lewis at 9am at River Park on the White River in Batesville.

**Friday, Oct 9 | Choose Town or Country** for your last morning of painting. Bring the pieces that you want to enter framed and ready to hang to Gallery 246 by Noon. The Plein on Main Preview Party will be from 5:30-7:30pm. Judge Farley Lewis will begin awarding prizes at 6:30pm. Our sponsors and the public are invited and art sales will be encouraged.

**Saturday, Oct 10 | BAAC's Artoberfest!** Artists are encouraged to join the paint out around the Artoberfest festivities. You are welcome to sell this day's work directly to the public. Gallery 246 will also have a booth at the festival for plein air works not part of the competition. The Plein on Main Exhibition will be open from 10-4pm at Gallery 246. The public will be encouraged to vote for the People's Choice Award; prize awarded at 4:15pm.

The winning artwork will be on display at Gallery 246 for 2 weeks after the event. The winner of Best of Show will be offered a one person show sometime between November 2026 and September 2027. Artists Packet will be emailed or mailed upon registration.

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## 2026 PLEIN ON MAIN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM & FARLEY LEWIS PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

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*We never share your information...but we need it to contact you!*

FARLEY LEWIS WORKSHOP | OCTOBER 6 | 9am-3pm | \$95.00 *Limited to 15 artists, lunch included*

PLEIN ON MAIN COMPETITION ENTRY FEE | \$60.00 | Student Rate \$30.00 with ID

Make checks payable to Gallery 246 - 231 E Main St, Batesville, AR 72501

For more info, call 870-262-8066 between 10-4pm Tuesday thru Saturday or email: [thegallery@gallery246.com](mailto:thegallery@gallery246.com)