

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 & 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 & MAIN STREET PAINT OUT - Oct 10

Gallery 246 invites **all artists in Batesville to join our outside painting fun**, and sell your work directly to the public! Plein Air Exhibition will be open 10-4, People's' Choice Voting til 4pm!



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2026 PLEIN ON MAIN

Sponsors providing over \$3500 in awards!



Tuesday, Oct 6 | Workshop 9am-3pm with renowned plein air artist Farley Lewis at Fox Hill Farm in Desha. Lunch included. Limited to 15 artists. Materials list will be provided. Opening Reception for Workshop and Plein on Main artists at Fox Hill Farm, 4-6:30pm.

Wednesday, Oct 7 | Historic Main Street Batesville Paint Out Take your pick of Main Street's historic homes, quaint storefronts or two 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. Join us at 231 E. Main St.

Saturday, Oct 10 | Paint Out & Exhibition Gallery 246 invites all artists back to Main Street for a final Paint Out. Set your easel up on Main Street and sell directly to the public! Food and fun in the Gallery for artists and the public from 10-4pm. People's Choice Award given at 4pm.

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.

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ Select one: HOME / CELL

EMAIL _____

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 to Saturday or email: thegallery@gallery246.com