



Plein Air One-Day Contest

Paint the San Diego County Fair live on location in the **Plein Air One-Day Contest!** Enjoy creativity in the moment and let the Fair inspire your brushstrokes on contest day!

Exhibition Timeline

Entry Deadline	Tuesday, June 24, 2025, by 11:59pm
Contest Date	Friday, June 27, 2025
Entry Pickup (Award-Winning Art Only)	Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 10am-6pm

Eligibility

- Exhibitors must be 18 years old by the Entry Deadline listed above.
- Entries must be the original work of the exhibitor.
- Work by two (2) or more artists is *not* eligible.
- **Exhibitors may not use photos or sketches of the subject. All artwork must be created at the Fairgrounds on the day of the event.**

Contact Us

San Diego County Fair Entry Office
2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd, Del Mar, CA 92014
Office (858) 792-4207 - Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

The Local and State Rules apply to this contest. Copies are available at sdfair.com. Exhibitors acknowledge that they enter at their own risk and that these entries do not violate copyright or trademark laws.

Entry Limit

One (1) entry per exhibitor



Fair Ticket

One (1) Exhibitor Access Pass, for each registered participant for this date only, will be available at Will Call on the day of the contest. Please click [here](#) for a list of discounted and free parking options for the day of the event.

How to Enter

Please pre-register at sdfair.com. **There will be NO on-site registration.**

Entry Requirements

Bring your own art supplies and be ready to paint on location within the Fairgrounds. Artwork must be a **maximum size of 30" x 30"** and affixed to a sturdy support board for display on an easel. No matting or framing of art is allowed. You are welcome to visit the Fair prior to the contest day to choose your subject area; however, **no photos or sketches** of your subject may be used on contest day.

Check-In

Check-in begins at 11am at the fountain in front of the Fine Art Exhibit, East Grandstand. The artist's canvas, paper, board, etc. must be stamped by the art exhibit staff prior to beginning work. Up to three surfaces may be stamped at check-in. Only one (1) submission will be judged. If needed, a chair will be provided at check-in.

Locations

Contestants may paint anywhere within the Fairgrounds. Fair attendance on Fridays is high and we recommend setting up early to ensure you have the space you need.

Judging

Artwork is to be completed and delivered to the fountain in front of the Fine Art Exhibit, East Grandstand by 5pm on the day of the event for judging and viewing.

Awards

First Place awarded in each class	\$200 + Ribbon
Second Place awarded in each class	\$100 + Ribbon
Third Place awarded in each class	\$50 + Ribbon

Awards will be presented after judging. Entries will be returned to the artists following the awards presentation. Award-winning artists will be given the option of displaying their work in the Fine Art Exhibit through July 6 (pick up July 8, 2025).

Division 1003: Plein Air

Class 001 Oil or Acrylic

Class 002 Watercolor, Gouache, Drawing, Pastel, or Other Media