



## 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

<b>Entry Deadline</b>	Tuesday, June 23, 2026, by 11:59pm
<b>Contest Date</b>	Friday, June 26, 2026
<b>Entry Pickup (Award-Winning Art Only)</b>	Tuesday, July 7, 2026, 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](http://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) Fair Entry Ticket, 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](http://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 20" x 20"** 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.

## 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

<b>First Place</b> awarded in each class	\$200 + Ribbon
<b>Second Place</b> awarded in each class	\$100 + Ribbon
<b>Third Place</b> awarded in each class	\$50 + Ribbon

Awards will be presented following the judging process. Artwork will be returned to artists after the awards presentation. First-place winners will have the option to display their work in the Fine Art Exhibit through July 5, with artwork available for pickup on July 7. All other artwork must be retrieved immediately following the awards presentation. Any artwork not collected at that time will become the property of the San Diego County Fair and may be disposed of.

## Division 1012: Plein Air

- Class 001** Oil or Acrylic  
**Class 002** Watercolor, Pastel, or Drawing