

Welcome

Welcome to the Inaugural Yorktown Plein Air Event!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 4, 2025, as Historic Yorktown transforms into an open-air studio!



This exciting event invites artists to showcase their talents and capture the beauty and history of Yorktown along the stunning York River.

With endless inspiration, charming streets, iconic landmarks, and scenic waterfront views, you'll have several hours to create your masterpiece in the 2D medium of your choice. Once complete, submit your work for judging and celebrate creativity with our vibrant community.

Rules

This is a rain-or-shine event and is open to all 2D mediums except photography. Artwork will be judged and prizes awarded. Artists can register by mail or in person. Mailed registration must include a signed registration form (below) and a check or money order for \$25 and arrive before May 4th. If registering in person on the day of the event, bring a signed registration form and fee. The registration fee of \$25 is nonrefundable. Mail your registration to YAF/YPA event, PO Box 657, Yorktown, VA 23690. Email questions to yorktownartsfoundation@gmail.com.

Artists must -

- Check in with the Yorktown Arts Foundation tent (located behind the Yorktown Freight Shed, 331 Water Street in the Riverwalk Landing area) at 8 a.m. or later. At check-in, you will receive registration information and have surfaces (canvas, paper, panels, etc.) stamped on the back. Surfaces must be blank with nothing pre-painted or pre-drawn on the surfaces.
- Submit artwork for judging at the Riverwalk Landing area no later than 1 p.m. You must include a completed name/title/price label with your submission and supply an easel to display your work.
- Leave no trace while participating, disposing of trash and maintaining clean surroundings.
- Respect private property, asking permission of homeowners and businesses prior to setting up.
- Acknowledge that you cannot sell any artwork on York County or National Park Service property while participating in this event.
- Complete your painting within the event boundaries.
- Submit only original artwork that was created by the registered artist.

Timeline

8:00 a.m. or later – Artists check in at the Yorktown Arts Foundation booth at the Yorktown Freight Shed and have their surfaces (canvas, paper, panels, etc.) stamped and pick up

registration information. The artist must start with nothing pre-painted or pre-drawn on their surfaces.

8:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. – Artists capture Historic Yorktown.

1:00 p.m. – Artists display their artwork for judging at the Yorktown Freight Shed. Artwork must be framed or matted prior to display for ease of handling.

1:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. – Judging takes place and winners announced.

Judge

James Warwick Jones is an award-winning artist and educator. Born in Hampton, Virginia, he studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and earned a BS in Secondary Art Education from Old Dominion University. His distinguished career supporting the local art community includes teaching and curating at the Peninsula Fine Art Center and Charles H. Taylor Visual Arts Center. James is currently an instructor at the Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center. He has painted throughout his adult life, winning numerous awards with artwork in over 20 public and corporate collections.

Celebrating Historic Yorktown – Art Show for Participating Artists

On the Hill Gallery will hold a show dedicated to the Yorktown Plein Air event. Participating artists are invited to display up to three pieces at the gallery. The gallery will host the show for two weeks with an opening on May 6. Pieces must be framed, suitable for hanging and stay for the duration of the show. Artists are responsible for dropping off their pieces on Monday, May 5 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Pick up is May 21-23. Artwork is subject to a 35% commission.

Colonial National Historical Park Access

The National Park Service manages the battlefields, monuments and land surrounding Historic Yorktown. Artists painting within these areas will need a pass which is available for purchase from the Visitor Center and available online. Artists can purchase a pass for May 4 ahead of time. The Standard Pass is \$15 with discounts for seniors and military.

[Access pass information and rates here.](#)

Art at the River

The **Yorktown Plein Air** event coincides with the 12th annual **Art at the River**, a juried show held along the Historic Yorktown waterfront. This event attracts many visitors who enjoy a wide variety of artistic creations to include paintings, pottery, jewelry, glasswork, photography, woodwork, metalwork and more.

The **Yorktown Arts Foundation** mission is to promote an appreciation of the arts in the York County area by providing a venue for art sales by local artists, art education, art outreach and promoting art appreciation and participation in the visual arts.

Registration Form Yorktown Plein Air



Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zipcode _____

Phone number _____ email _____

Media _____

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- I have read and will abide with the rules. I acknowledge that my registration fee is nonrefundable.
 - I acknowledge that I cannot sell any artwork on York County or National Park Service property while participating in this event.
 - By participating, I agree to have my likeness and artwork possibly included in exhibition promotional material unless otherwise stated in writing.
 - I will submit only original artwork that I created on May 4th.
 - By signing, I release Art at the River, the Yorktown Arts Foundation and York County for any damage or loss to person or property.
- I would like to participate in the Yorktown Plein Air show at the On the hill Gallery May 6th – May 20th. The gallery is located at 5308 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown.

Signature

Date

Makes checks payable to the 'Yorktown Arts Foundation'
Email questions to yorktownartsfoundation@gmail.com