

GENESEE VALLEY



PLEIN AIR PAINTERS

The Rochester New York
Chapter of New York Plein Air Painters (NYPAP)

Promoting and inspiring quality plein air painting while providing socially-pleasant painting opportunities for its membership throughout the year.

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Our Brief History: GVPAP was launched in September, 2005. We now may boast of a membership of 56 members. Of course, folks are from the Monroe County area, but we have PAPs from as far west as Batavia, south (Ithaca, Bath, the Finger Lakes) and as far east as Pultneyville. Barbara Jablonski's vision for a PAP club was made a reality when she gathered fellow "passionate" plein air painters and friends as "Charter Members." With their ideas, guidance and volunteer management efforts, the GVPAP's mission, objectives and goals were developed. GVPAP was born! We now have one of the biggest and most active painting groups in NYS. Members may look forward to regularly scheduled paintouts and events, future educational opportunities, competitive art shows and just plain "fun."

The Plein Air Painting movement is the biggest art movement in the US. GVPAP is a part of this art history in the making.

Thanks to Special Volunteers

We thank Steve BonDurant for designing and providing us with copy and rights to the Genesee Valley Plein Air Painter's logo. This logo has a polished look so when the public sees it; they know exactly what we do. Wait until you see the GVPAP Show ribbons! Thanks again, Steve.

Also we can't thank Chris O'Handley enough for his "dual" responsibilities. He helps bring us good information about the weather as well as designs our ever-changing webpage. Our page is fun and informative. Chris...in addition to being a great painter, your an invaluable volunteer. Thank you.

Our First Paintout - Wednesday, September 7, 2005 accomplished two major events:

1. *Launch of the Genesee Valley Plein Air Painters Group --- great success.*
2. First official paint out in time to be counted for the international Plein Air paint out.

Our host for this very special day was Chip Stevens and he not only provided a location with beauty all around us, but he also provided an old fashioned reporter who works for his cozy hometown paper.

The weather was a preview of heaven and after a time of refreshments, introductions and policies we got to painting. Wow, candy to a child, food for the starving, water for the thirsty, clothes for the ... well you get the idea.

We had 38 artists participating; all degrees of skill levels put their brushes to work. Out of trunks came easels and pochade boxes, umbrellas, bags of every size, aprons and sunhats. Why even a "flask,"...err, I mean a frame or two joined the fun. Happy faces were everywhere.

The event wrapped up by 4:00 pm with everyone taking home memories and most, finished work.

Our Subsequent Paintouts: We have not had the best luck where weather was concerned. The Paintout for October was scheduled for the Keuka Lake. It was a total washout, but we'll be back there in 2006. Genesee Museum & Village was rescheduled due to a complete rainout. The rain date yielded better weather along with "fair-weather friends," also known as the "gawking and talking public." Over-enthusiastic onlookers brought challenges and comments to some artists.

November's Paintout on Parish Road started the same way, a complete rainout! After filling our bellies with coffee and French toast, we rode out to the Devil's Bathtub pavilion located in Mendon Ponds. We were huddled inside with the long picnic table stowing our gear. Dick Kane started whistling "Singing in the Rain" and a few of us joined him. Jokes abounded and what could have been a washout turned out to be a wonderful addition to our experiences as Plein Air Painters. See pictures on the web at <http://www.nypap.com/>

In between these events, many of us paint in small groups and painted in all types of weather. We even danced with Alpacas! Yes folks we are serious about what we do. And, we encourage you to form little groups to enjoy the beautiful scenery and weather in NYS. Be sure to join in many of our scheduled GVPAP outings too.

Our Paintout schedule for the remainder of 2005 has been emailed to you by now. Please try your best to attend.

OUR FIRST GROUP SHOW - start 2006 with a bang!

YES, THIS IS A BIG DEAL FOLKS... OUR INAUGURAL ALL PLEIN AIR SHOW is scheduled in January. This is the first exclusively plein air competitive art show in the region. If you have not received an emailed prospectus, please contact Barbara Jablonski at her email address: bjablons@rochester.rr.com. We need submissions from all.

Stay tuned for more newsletters to read about our experiences and tips and other helps for the Genesee Valley Plein Air Painters!

If you have painting tips or news-y items of interest to all GVPAP members, send them to Brande at artistbrande@msn.com

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