

Southport Plein Air | May 7-9, 2026

Artist Registration Form

Up Your Arts and the City of Southport are looking forward to hosting the 2026 Southport Plein Air Festival again in beautiful downtown Southport, May 7-9. We leave it up to you to decide: two days of painting or three? **\$50 for Two Days of Painting or \$75 for Three Days**

The 2026 Southport Plein Air Festival is open to all paint medium artists. It is a non-juried event, with merit and People's Choice awards conferred by local judges. Winners will be registered in the 2027 Southport Plein Air Festival free of charge. There is no limit on medium, quantity or size, however, only paintings painted during the festival can be displayed at the wet paint sale. Painters retain all proceeds from the sale of their work during the Wet Paint Sale.

Register online at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/southport-plein-air> or mail the registration form with a check, depending on the number of painting days, to:

**Up Your Arts
P.O. Box 11326
Southport, NC 28461**

All canvases to be entered in the Wet Paint Sale must be stamped at check-in/registration time. Welcome packets will include a map of Southport, with suggested painting spots and other points of interest. Commemorative T-shirts will be available for pre-sale and throughout the festival.

Thursday, May 7 – Painting can begin any time after check-in/registration. Check-in/registration from 8am-11am on the gazebo stage in Franklin Square Park, 130 E. West Street.

- Happy hour from 5-6pm (Southport location TBD) and the opportunity to meet and mingle with fellow artists. Artists can also register here and get canvasses stamped.

Friday, May 8 – Painting can begin any time after check-in/registration. Check-in/registration is from 8am-11am on the gazebo stage in Franklin Square Park, 130 E. West Street

- Reception for artists and guests from 4-6pm (Southport location TBD). Includes one beverage ticket, happy hour fare, and the opportunity to meet and mingle with fellow artists. Check-in registration continues.

Saturday, May 9 – Activities from 8am-6pm:

- Kids' Plein Air, arts and crafts demonstrations from 10am-2pm
- Art Demonstrations showcasing various mediums from 10am to 2pm
- Festival entertainment for the whole family from 10am-3pm
- Food trucks all day
- Wet Paint Sale from 4-6pm (artist setup starts at 3pm, closed to the public)

- Merit and People's Choice awards announced at 5:45

2026 Southport Plein Air Festival

Artist Registration

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Telephone _____

Email address _____

Registration payment (choose one):

\$75 for three days, May 7th, 8th, and 9th

\$50 for two days (check 2) 7th 8th 9th

Commemorative T-shirt available for \$25 + tax: S M L XL XXL (featuring original artwork by 2025 People's Choice award winner): Quantity _____ Size(s) _____

Total Payment (Painting and Tee Shirt): \$ _____

Authorization to Use Artwork

BY SIGNING BELOW, I hereby give permission to Up Your Arts and the City of Southport to use images of me and/or my artwork from the 2026 Southport Plein Air Festival in any publication, including print or electronic media, and to identify me accordingly. I hereby relinquish any right to inspect or approve the completed product and waive any right to royalties or other remuneration arising from or related to the use of these images.

I certify I have read this release before signing and I fully understand the contents, meaning, and impact. I further certify that I am at least 18 years of age and competent to contract in my own name or that the person signing below is legally allowed to act on my behalf.

Signature _____ Date _____