

Southport Plein Air is back May 7-9, 2026!

Artist Registration

\$50 for Two Days of Painting or \$75 for Three Days

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?

The 2026 Southport Plein Air Festival is open to all paint 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. Painters retain all proceeds from the sale of their work during the Wet Paint Sale.

Register online at <https://www.upyourarts.org/southport-art-spaces/festivals/southport-plein-air-festival/> or mail the registration form with a check for \$50 or \$75, 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 sale throughout the festival.

Thursday, May 7 – Painting can begin any time after check-in/registration

Check in/registration from 8am-10am on the gazebo stage in Franklin Square park, 130 E. West Street.

Happy hour from 5-6pm (Southport location TBD)

Friday, May 8– Painting can begin any time after check-in/registration

Check in/registration from 8am-10am 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 - Activity base from 8am-6pm:

Kids' Plein Air, art and craft demonstrations from 10am-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 pm

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

____ \$50 for two days, May 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)

Total payment: \$ _____

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

Up Your Arts is a non-profit organization founded in 2017 to support and enhance the creative and performing arts throughout the greater Southport area. There is much to promote: live music, galleries and shops, festivals and community events, established theater groups, a college campus focused on the arts, the quaint and picturesque location of numerous film productions...The southeast coast of North Carolina continues to emerge as a regional destination for the arts.