

Paint the 'Ville

Warrenville Historical Society Plein Air Painting Competition and Exhibit

Celebrating the Artist Tradition of Adam Emory Albright and the Historic Landscapes of Warrenville

September 2020-May 2021

Important Dates:

Application Deadline - August 20, 2020

Creation time frame - September 2020 through January 2021

Exhibit Dates: February 2021 – May 2021 at Warrenville Historical Museum and Art Gallery  
(Albright Building) 35530 Second Street, Warrenville, IL & Online

Closing Reception and Awards: April 18, 2020, 1-4 p.m.

In 2019, the Warrenville Historical Society launched a plein air competition “Paint the ‘Ville” thanks to a City of Warrenville Hotel Tax Grant. As we continue this program in 2020, we have shifted the event and exhibition to ensure everyone’s safety through the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Community History:** Warrenville was founded in 1833 by Julius Morton Warren, his parents and seven sisters. The community quickly became a leading political base for DuPage County, but was left to remain a small community when it was bypassed by the western expansion of the railroads out of Chicago. Prideful that it existed as an unincorporated community for over 150 years, Warrenville attracted residents who longed for the “simpler days” of rural life. Much of Warrenville’s history is preserved in historic residential areas that date from the post-Civil War period and areas now under the control of the DuPage County Forest Preserve.

**Art History:** Plein air artist Adam Emory Albright found the rural life of Warrenville appealing, and he chose to spend the last 28 years of his life working and living in Warrenville, many of those years alongside his famous artist sons, Ivan Albright and Malvin “Zsissly” Albright. Adam pioneered painting figures in rural landscapes in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century following his training at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts (today’s Art Institute of Chicago), the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts under Thomas Eakins and time in Europe.

**Registration**

- Artists must submit the **online registration form** on the Historical Society’s website [www.warrenvillehistorical.org/art-programs](http://www.warrenvillehistorical.org/art-programs) no later than **August 20, 2020**, to be eligible for selection. A **non-refundable \$20 entry fee** may be paid online or sent by mail to the Warrenville Historical Society, PO Box 311, Warrenville, IL 60555.
- Artists will be selected to participate by the Warrenville Historical Society’s Art Committee & Museum Director/Curator.

- ***Submission of entries and entry fee, which is non-refundable, constitute agreement with conditions set forth in this prospectus.***

### **Submission Rules**

- Selected artists will be asked to paint in Warrenville anytime from September 2020 through January 2021. Artists will work with Museum Director to receive stamps on their blank board/canvas/paper to ensure proper COVID-19 protocols are followed at a time that is convenient to the artists. Artists will have the opportunity to paint at set painting events as health and safety guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic allow, but are not required to participate in these events; dates will be announced in September and on a rolling basis as local conditions allow.
- Up to **two** original art works created during the competition will be accepted for the exhibit and sale. These works must be done using two-dimensional media (oils, acrylics, watercolor, pastels, colored pencil gouache, mixed media, etc.). Works must be wired and ready to hang. Gallery wrapped works are allowed, but canvas must be back-stapled with painted edges.
- Art work may be done of any subject matter within the boundaries of Warrenville (recommendations will be provided to selected artists).
- No photographs, color laser prints, or reproductions of any sort are eligible.
- Works must not violate copyright laws.
- All deadlines, specifications and rules must be followed.
- A maximum of **two** paintings per artist may be submitted for the exhibit and sale. Works must not be more than 32 inches in length on either side INCLUDING FRAME.

**Art Drop Off:** Framed and ready to hang art can be dropped off at the Warrenville Historical Museum anytime by January 31, 2021. Due to the pandemic and health concerns, art pickup can be arranged. An inventory and waiver will be available for you to complete at drop-off. Paintings must be labeled on the back with artist name, title, medium, and price (or NFS if not for sale).

**Show, Reception and Sales:** All submitted work will be displayed at the Warrenville Historical Museum & Art Gallery located in the historic Albright Building from February 2021 through May 2021 and online in a digital gallery. Artists may choose to make their artwork available for sale. All sales are between the artists and the buyer; no commissions will be taken. Purchased artwork will be released to buyer at the end of the exhibition. If local health and safety allow, a closing artist reception will be held on **Sunday, April 18 from 1-4pm.**

**Prizes:** All submitted work will be judged prior to the April 18 artist reception, at which the following prizes will be announced: Best in Show \$300, Three Honorable Mention prizes \$100 each, and One \$100 People's Choice Award (votes taken during the duration of the exhibit in-person as conditions allow and online).

**Art Pickup:** Artwork maybe picked up at the end of May 2021 or deliver can be arranged.