



Easthampton Plein Air Painting Competition and Exhibition May 8 – 10, 2008

*Sponsored by Easthampton Savings Bank,
Nashawannuck Gallery
and Art Walk Easthampton*

EASTHAMPTON, MA -- Located in the Connecticut River valley, the community of Easthampton offers scenic beauty, architectural interest and a lively arts community. Come join the Easthampton "Paint Out," a two-day event that culminates in a gallery show and judging at Nashawannuck Gallery during the popular Art Walk. Oils, acrylic, watercolor and mixed media/painting works are accepted. Participating artists must paint within the city limits of Easthampton from May 8-10, at an outdoor location and not from a photograph.

The Easthampton Paint Out begins with the stamping of your blank canvas at Nashawannuck Gallery. Stamping begins at 11 am Thursday, May 8th and continues during normal gallery hours through Saturday, May 10th at 11 am. Completed pieces are to be returned to the Gallery by 2 PM on Saturday for exhibition and judging. The exhibition will open with a reception at 5 PM during Art Walk Easthampton.

All works brought into the Gallery must be wired for hanging and either be framed or gallery wrapped (painted along all edges). Works must be sufficiently dry for hanging. Only those works which have been previously stamped as blank by the Gallery during registration hours will be accepted. By entering, artist agrees to hold the Gallery, the Art Walk and exhibition handlers harmless from any liability during the hanging process or exhibition. All reasonable care will be taken to ensure the safety of the work.

The exhibition will include a grand prize selection by the show juror as well as a "people's choice" award where Art Walk attendees vote for a favorite work. Winners will be announced at 7:30 PM during the opening reception. The grand prize winner and the People Choice award winners have their painting purchased by Easthampton Savings Bank for \$300 each.

The two winning works become the property of Easthampton Savings Bank. All entries will remain on display at Nashawannuck Gallery through May 31, 2008. Uncommitted pieces will be available for sale during the exhibition period with the gallery retaining a 40% commission from any sales. Pricing of the work is to be agreed upon by both Gallery and artist with retail price determined at the time the work is returned for exhibition.

More information about the show and a registration form may be obtained at www.NashawannuckGallery.com and at www.ArtWalkEasthampton.org

Entry Fee: \$20

Registration: Register at Nashawannuck Gallery, 40 Cottage Street, Easthampton beginning on Thursday, May 8th at 11 am. Registrations will be accepted through Saturday, May 10th at 11 am.

Juror: Marcia Reed, fine arts painter and curator of the Grubbs Gallery at Williston Northampton School.

About the Gallery: The Gallery opened in 1994 just steps from scenic Nashawannuck Pond. It has since expanded to 3,000 square feet of fine art and gift exhibition space.

About Art Walk Easthampton: Since is beginning in the fall of 2006, Art Walk Easthampton has grown into one of the region's largest monthly art events. Well-established, nationally known artists as well as emerging artists have participated in Art Walk events.

About Easthampton Savings Bank: This community bank has been a civic leader since its founding in 1869 and has eight full-service locations.

Easthampton Paint Out Timeline:

May 8: Registration begins at 11 am. Bring in the blank canvas of your choice for stamping. Begin painting at any location of your choice within Easthampton. A list of scenic locations also can be provided.

May 9: Paint Out continues.

May 10: Framed or canvas wrapped completed works are due to Nashawannuck Gallery by 2 PM. Exhibition opens during Art Walk Easthampton at 5 PM. Winners announced at 7:30 PM.

May 10-30: Exhibition continues.

June 3-6: Pick up of unsold works during business hours. Arrangements must be made in advance for shipment of any work. Shipping and insurance is the sole responsibility of the artist. All work remaining after June 13th will be considered abandoned. The Gallery assumes no responsibility for any abandoned paintings.

Optional Paint Out Sites:

Participants may paint at any outdoor location within Easthampton city limits. The list of possible venues is provided for your convenience.

Nashawannuck Pond: This scenic pond often is considered the heart of Easthampton. Its still surface often reflects the trees along the shoreline as well as the distinctive slope of Mt. Tom in the background.

Trinity Lutheran Church: Sometimes called the "old stone church," this beautiful building with its broad grassy lawn radiates light as sunset nears. The ridgeline of Mt. Tom rises behind the building.

Cottage Street Shops Row: An eclectic collection of storefronts, restaurants and bars located along Cottage Street.

Manhan Trail: This former rail line has been converted into a walking trail that runs from one end of Easthampton to the other. It meanders along wooded areas, along the edge of Lower Mill Pond, behind homes and converted factories.

Old Town Hall: Built in 1869, Old Town Hall is a historic structure of stone and brick. It's distinctive tower and columned entrance gives it an impressive presence.

The Gazebo: The Gazebo is located in the center of the rotary. This small park is often the site of weddings, town music events and family gatherings. It features historic markers, tall trees and the tower of Old Town Hall can be seen just beyond.

The OxBow: The meandering Connecticut River has a significant oxbow along the eastern edge of Easthampton. Its bend was bypassed by shipping companies more than a century ago as they sought to speed the flow of goods up and down the river, yet it remains the site of the local marina.

Community maps are available from Nashawannuck Gallery at the time of registration. Recommendations on places to eat and where to stay also are available for those unfamiliar with the area.

Local Artist Resources:

Valley Art Supplies, 76 Cottage Street, Easthampton. 413/527 0763.
Open Tuesday – Friday, 11 AM – 6 PM, Saturdays 11 AM – 5 PM

Eastmont Custom Framing, 43 Main Street, Easthampton. 413/529-9265.
Monday 1 - 5:30 PM, Tuesday 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM, Wednesday 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM, Thursday 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM, Friday 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM, Saturday 9:30 AM – 4 PM

Easthampton "Paint Out" Registration Form

Artist's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Canvas Size: _____ Suggested Retail Price: _____

RULES

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Agreed to by Artist: _____
(Signature)

Entry Fee: \$20 for first piece; additional \$10 for a second piece.