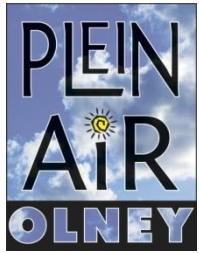


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Plein Air Olney 2011 is a painting event that the Olney Farmers & Artists Market has sponsored since its origin in the summer of 2009. Tara S. Holl and Roberta Staat are the founders of this event. For more information Contact: Tara S. Holl: tshstudios@juno.com or Roberta Staat: rmstaat@verizon.net

PLEIN AIR OLNEY 2011 promises to be an exciting and color splashed series of events. Five **PAINT OUTS** in towns surrounding Olney, MD from May through September, invite artists of all ages, amateur and professional alike, to paint or draw what they see, in the moment, with no photographic reference in true “en Plein Air” style.



Plein Air Olney 2011 will culminate with a PROGRESSIVE DINNER at several restaurants in Olney on Monday, September 26th. Tickets to attend the Dinner are available for \$75.00 per person. For more information contact Tara S. Holl: tshstudios@juno.com. The public can view the artworks at the area restaurants throughout the following week at no charge. A Progressive Dinner is an event where the diners walk from restaurant to restaurant to sample special flavors unique to each restaurant. There will be appetizers, salads, main dishes, desserts, and beverages offered. All restaurants will be in close proximity to each other. It is a marvelous way to meet & greet folks, view “fresh” paintings & drawings, and taste great food!

2011 is the third year Olney Farmers and Artists Market is sponsoring Plein Air Olney. The Prospectus, Registration and information for participation in Paint Outs and Progressive Dinner can be found on line at www.olneyfarmersmarket.org. Early registration ends on May 20, 2011. After that date registration can be made by mail or in person at the Plein Air Tent at the Olney Farmers and Artists Market on Sundays during the Market season.

May 7 – Warm Up Event. – Brighton Dam Azalea Gardens and Lower Dam Park - Get out the Paint Box – The Plein Air Tent will be up and ready with information about Plein Air Olney 2011. This will be a great time to register early for the 2011 Season’s Paint Outs by May 20.

EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday, May 21st. Artists will be painting in 5 gardens during the Sandy Spring Garden Club Tour from 10AM – 3PM. There will a Wine & Cheese “Wet” Paint Show & Sale on the front lawn of the Sandy Spring Museum from 3 – 5PM on the same day.

Saturday, June 18th at the Blueberry Gardens and Wellness Center (BGWC) and at the historic Tanglewood Farm right next door in Ashton, MD from 9AM – 3PM. The BGWC will offer free massages and other samplings of their wonderful services to the public while artists paint the lovely surrounds and historic buildings/landscapes of Tanglewood. An “Everything Blueberry” Wet Paint Show & Sale will take place from 3 – 5PM the same day at the BGWC.

Saturday, July 30th in historic Brookeville, MD, from 9AM – 3PM. Artists will capture the historic buildings and charming landscapes in and around this quaint town. There will be a Fresh Bread & Jam Wet Paint Show & Sale from 3 – 5PM at the Brookeville Academy.

Saturday, August 27th in and around the town of Laytonsville, MD from 9AM – 4PM. Artists will enjoy interpreting the historic buildings, gardens, farms, etc. throughout this welcoming town. The Show & Sale of these artistic creations will be held on September 17, at the Laytonsville Town Picnic.

Sunday, September 25th at The Olney Farmers & Artists Market and throughout the town of Olney, 9AM -3PM. Artworks will be collected and then exhibited and available for sale at the “PROGRESSIVE DINNER” at several restaurants in Olney.

Monday, September 26th. PROGRESSIVE DINNER. Tickets to attend the Dinner are available for \$75.00 per person and will include a wonderful array of flavors from participating restaurants.



The Olney Farmers’ and Artist’s Market is located on Rt. 108 on the grounds of the Montgomery General Hospital Thrift Store, 9am – 1pm . Days of operation are from the first weekend in May through the second weekend in November. There are local vendors selling produce and hand made products of all sorts. Music and delicious smells fill the air in Olney on every Market Day.