

Main Event Jurors



Spencer Meagher is a plein air and studio painter focusing on our contemporary world. Primarily self-taught, Meagher has studied with such artists as Sterling Edwards, Joseph Fettingis, John P. Lasater IV, M. Shawn Cornell and Lon Brauer. Competing in many national competitions, Meagher has garnered awards such as, Best of Show at the 2015 Penn Valley Paint Out, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards at Augusta, Steelville & Parkville, MO as well as Grand Marais, MN plein air events. He has received awards from Jurors Michael Albrechtsen, Billy O'Donnell, Phil Starke and Debra Joy Groesser. A recipient of multiple purchase awards, his paintings hang in corporate

and private collections in several countries. He has been a featured artist in the March 2016 issue Plein Air Magazine. For more information on Spencer's artwork and background visit spencermeagher.com.

Spencer currently resides in Mount Vernon, IL and teaches watercolor at his studio as well as painting workshops throughout the Country. Spencer will be demonstrating, as well as teaching a one day watercolor workshop during the 2017 Cedarburg Plein Air Event. Registration information for the workshop can be found at spencermeagher.com/workshops/ under Cedarburg category.



Nyle Gordon: After graduating with a bachelor of fine arts degree at University of Central Missouri, Nyle had the opportunity to work in several different art fields. In 2004 Nyle left the corporate art arena to pursue his first love of painting. Nyle has studied seriously and been inspired by the works of many artists past and contemporary. For the last five years, this Missouri artist has been focusing mainly plein air painting. Nyle and his wife Kathy have returned to live in the small town of Ethel, Missouri. Close to family, old friends and the childhood farm, this small community provides endless inspiration.

Nyle is a nationally recognized, award winning artist. His recent accolades include: Southwest Art Magazine, Dec. 2016, Artists to Watch; 2016 "First Place" Oil Painters of America Summer Online Showcase; 2016 "Best of Show" Art in the City, Plein Air MKE 2016, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; 2015 "Second Place" Plein Air Cedarburg.

Nyle will be teaching a plein air workshop (oil) from 9-4 on Saturday, June 17, 2017, in Cedarburg during the Cedarburg Plein Air event. Preregistration is required - contact Nyle directly for registration. For more information on Nyle and this workshop, please visit Nylegordon.com.



Bob Beck, a signature member of the American Impressionist Society, received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the UW- Eau Claire. Bob was born in Pennsylvania and migrated to the Midwest in his late teens. He accelerated in sports, and his love for the outdoors, and the beauty of the seasons of the Great Lakes area and the farming communities of rural Wisconsin, shaped his view of what he puts on canvas. His painting has evolved over the years, with a special interest in the tradition of the 20th century Russian Impressionist style, painting from life with isolated thick strokes of color, laid down with passion.

Bob has many distinguished awards, shows and achievements, including most recently: 2016 Cedarburg WI Plein Air Competition Award Winner; 2016 American Impressionist Society National Juried Show; 2016 Texas San Angelo Plein Air Competition Invited Artist; 2016 Telluride CO Plein Air Competition Invited Artist; 2016 & 2017 Plein Air Southwest Salon National Juried Show Award Winner; 2016 Richeson International Small Works Show – bronze award; 2017 Judge - Indiana's "First Brush of Spring Plein Air" event; and Best of Show and finalist – RayMar Art Competition. For more information on Bob's artwork and background, visit bobbeckart.com.

Best of Cedarburg Juror



Thomas Buchs attended Layton School of Art and became an Illustrator, creating artwork for many national and local companies during the last 42 years. During summers, he exhibited at Art Fairs and also did Pastel Portraits. Recently, Tom has been doing Plein Air Painting. Much of his current work is representative of this discipline. Tom tries to capture the light and atmosphere of a scene within a few hours. He believes that a painting is not just a two dimensional illusion, but also that of a moment in life, captured by an artist on canvas. When looking at a completed plein air painting, he can remember all the things that went on as he painted -- the weather, the birds singing, a small animal moving through the scene, and the people who have stopped to talk him.

Tom is a founding member of Wisconsin Plein Air Painters Association. He is the recipient of numerous awards including his most recent First Place at the 2016 Theodore Robinson Plein Air event, Peoples Choice at the 2016 New Berlin Plein Air event, First place at the 2016 Pewaukee Waterfront Plein Air event, and Best of Show at the 2017 Bauhaus Prairie Art Gallery. For more information on Thomas' artwork and background, visit thomasbuchs.com.

Quick Paint Juror



D. K. (Deke) Palecek is an alla prima painter living in Kaukauna, WI. She travels throughout the country to paint and compete in plein air events. In 2016 she won 'Best of Show' and '1st Place - Best of Cedarburg' in the Cedarburg Main Event, along with 12 additional awards throughout her plein air travels. In January 2017, she was juried into the American Impressionist Society's 'Impressions: Small Works Showcase'.

Deke is a member of Oil Painters of America, American Impressionist Society, American Women Artists, Wisconsin and Indiana Plein Air Painters Association, Waters Edge Artists, and Wisconsin Art League. For the past five years, she has led a twice-weekly Life Drawing Group in Appleton, WI. In her nine-year pursuit of fine art, Deke has studied with Dan Gerhartz, Carolyn Anderson, Quang Ho, Kim English, CW Mundy, Rob Liberace, and Li Hu. For more information on Deke's artwork and background, visit dkpalecek.com.