

Paint Annapolis 2026 Event Schedule

Now celebrating 25 years, Paint Annapolis is the premier plein air painting event for this historic sailing town, bringing the community together to share in the beauty of painting outdoors. See below for the week's schedule of events.

May 31 – June 5 – Artists will be painting all over the city from morning to night – and through the night, too. Walk around downtown Annapolis and catch the artists in action. On June 3, artists are encouraged to paint during West Street's Dinner Under the Stars. Reserve your spot at your favorite restaurant to dine al fresco and watch many artists set up to begin painting their nocturnes from **dusk to dawn**.

Day by Day:

May 31 – Dueling Brushes Exhibition will take place in Eastport. Take the water taxi or drive over to the vibrant Eastport peninsula to see and buy the pieces made this morning and kick off Paint Annapolis with an exhibition from **11:30 AM – 2 PM**. Awards will be announced at **1 PM**. This event is free and open to the public.

June 2 – Paint the Bay Reception will take place at Bay Ridge Marina (80 E. Lake Dr.) from **6 – 8 PM**. Come see some of the Juried Artists' first works featuring the lovely Chesapeake on display and for sale, and enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres. Awards will be announced at **7 PM**. This event is free and open to the public.

June 4 – Art on the Avenue will see Maryland Avenue closed to traffic from **4 – 8 PM** and open to the public for art, music, and a celebration. There will be an exhibition on the street from **5 – 7 PM** and awards will be given out at **6 PM** to the pieces that best showcase the architecture of Historic Annapolis.

June 5 – Collector's Party and Juried Artist Awards Ceremony will be from **6 – 8 PM**. Be the first to see and have purchase access to the Juried Artists' best paintings created over the past week, chat with them, and watch the artists win prizes. Awards for the Juried Artists will be announced at **7 PM**. Tickets for this event are \$25 and may be purchased starting May 1 at paintannapolis.org or at the door at the event. (Limited quantity)

June 6 – Paint Annapolis Opening Reception from **5 – 7 PM** at the Pop Up Gallery. Get your first look at all of the work created since Sunday. Awards for the Public Artists will be announced at **6 PM**. This event is free and open to the public.

June 7 to June 20 – Paint Annapolis Exhibition Officially Opens. Exhibition of work by both Juried and Public Artists will be on display at the Pop Up Gallery (TBD) and Circle Gallery (18 State Circle). Both galleries are open everyday **11 AM – 5 PM**.

June 7 – Muffins and Mimosas will be available at both galleries from **11 AM – 1 PM**. Enjoy breakfast and the wonderful art made over the past week. This event is free and open to the public.

June 20 – Closing Reception from **5 – 7 PM at the Pop Up Gallery**. This is your last chance to view the work by the Public Artists. This event is free and open to the public.

Circle Gallery: 18 State Circle

Pop Up Gallery: Location TBA

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