

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

Reservation Application for use of the Historic Courthouse Grounds

Today's Date:

June 5, 2025

Contact Persons Name:

JoAnn Gordon

Contact Persons Phone Number:

601-859-1307

Contact Persons Address:

147 North Union Street
Canton, MS 39046

Briefly Describe Program/ Event:

MS Plein Air - a gathering of artists to focus on the joy
of plein air meaning painting outdoors

Facility Fee:	Courthouse Grounds -	\$300.00
	North Courthouse Grounds -	\$100.00
	South Courthouse Grounds -	\$200.00

Thurs - Friday - Sat
Date(s) of Reservation: 10/2/2025 - 10/4/2025

PERMIT APPLICATION:

1. Permit Applications must be completed and delivered to the Administration Office on the 2nd floor of the Administration Building located at 125 West North Street, Canton, MS. Applicant may call (601) 855-5500 for information or questions any weekday from 8AM-5PM. Reservations can be submitted one (1) year in advance.
2. Applicant must be twenty-one (21) or older to submit a permit application. A copy of a state-issued ID must accompany this application.
3. Permit Applications shall be submitted to the Administration Office at least thirty (30) days in advance of the scheduled event.
4. The entire application fee shall be paid in full when submitting the Permit Application for the Courthouse Grounds. Checks or Money Orders shall be made out to the *Madison County Board of Supervisors*.
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5. The Applicant and all participating members will hold the Madison County Board of Supervisors and its employees harmless in the event of an injury or damage of any kind. JL
6. All Permit Applications are subject to denial. All events are approved or denied at the discretion of the Madison County Board of Supervisors. JL

7. All Permit Applications are on a first come, first serve basis. Applications will not be accepted by phone, fax or e-mail. *JG*
8. Refunds will be granted in the event of a cancellation or rain out. If desired, a credit and new event date can be requested at (601) 855-5500. *JG*
9. Applicants shall be a Not-For-Profit entity. *JG*

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. All events can begin at 8:00 AM, and shall be completed, cleaned, secured and vacated no later than 10:00 PM, unless specifically approved by the Board of Supervisors. *JG*
2. Applicant is responsible for any misuse or damage to County Property, irrigation system, brick wall, landscape, etc., and is responsible for charges required to make all repairs as deemed necessary by Madison County. *JG*
3. At the end of the scheduled event, it is the responsibility of the Applicant to dispose of all debris and trash accumulated during the event and dispose of it legally at an off-site facility. *JG*
4. Applicant must have copy of an Approved Permit Application on site at the time of the rental. *JG*
5. Alcohol and/or Illicit Drugs are prohibited. *JG*
6. Security is NOT provided by the Madison County Board of Supervisors for either the Applicant, Participants or personal property. *JG*
7. Restroom facilities are not available. The Applicant is responsible for securing this service. *JG*
8. No signage, decorations or other materials shall be attached to the fence. Locations for signs are provided by Madison County. *JG*
9. Only service animals are allowed on Courthouse Grounds. *JG*

VEHICLES AND PARKING:

1. NO Vehicles shall be allowed on the courthouse grounds except for Emergency Vehicles, Madison County/County Vendor Maintenance Vehicles and CMU Maintenance Vehicles. *JG*
2. Event parking is available one block north of the Square at the Madison County Circuit Courthouse, 128 West North Street. Please notify the participants prior to the event of parking location availability. *JG*

I hereby agree to the above conditions of this agreement and have tendered the appropriate fee.


Applicant Signature (Responsible Party)

6-6-05
Date



Madison County Buildings and Grounds

Drew Ridinger - Director of Buildings & Grounds

125 West North Street or Post Office Box 608

Canton, Mississippi 39046

Office: 601-855-5500 • Facsimile: 601-855-5759

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FACILITY USE AGREEMENT

To: Applicant

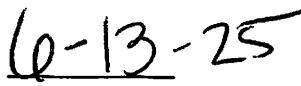
From: Drew Ridinger, Director
Buildings & Grounds

Subject: Applicants Responsibility for Damages

To reduce damage to the Historic Courthouse and the surrounding grounds, herein described as The Square, it is required that all Applicants requesting the use of The Square, agree to repair any and all damage to the grounds or associated items i.e. iron fence, sidewalks, gazebo, irrigation system, brick wall, landscape etc. that occur as a result of the Applicant's planned event. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to inspect the current conditions and note any pre-existing conditions prior to the scheduled event. Once the Applicant and Owner agree to pre-existing conditions, the Applicant will be responsible for all cost associated with repairs needed to bring The Square back to pre-event conditions. At the conclusion of the event, the Owner will inspect The Square and note any damage. The Applicant will be contacted by the Owner, and damages that are attributed to the Applicants event will be repaired to the satisfaction of the Owner and completed within (7) seven days of notification.

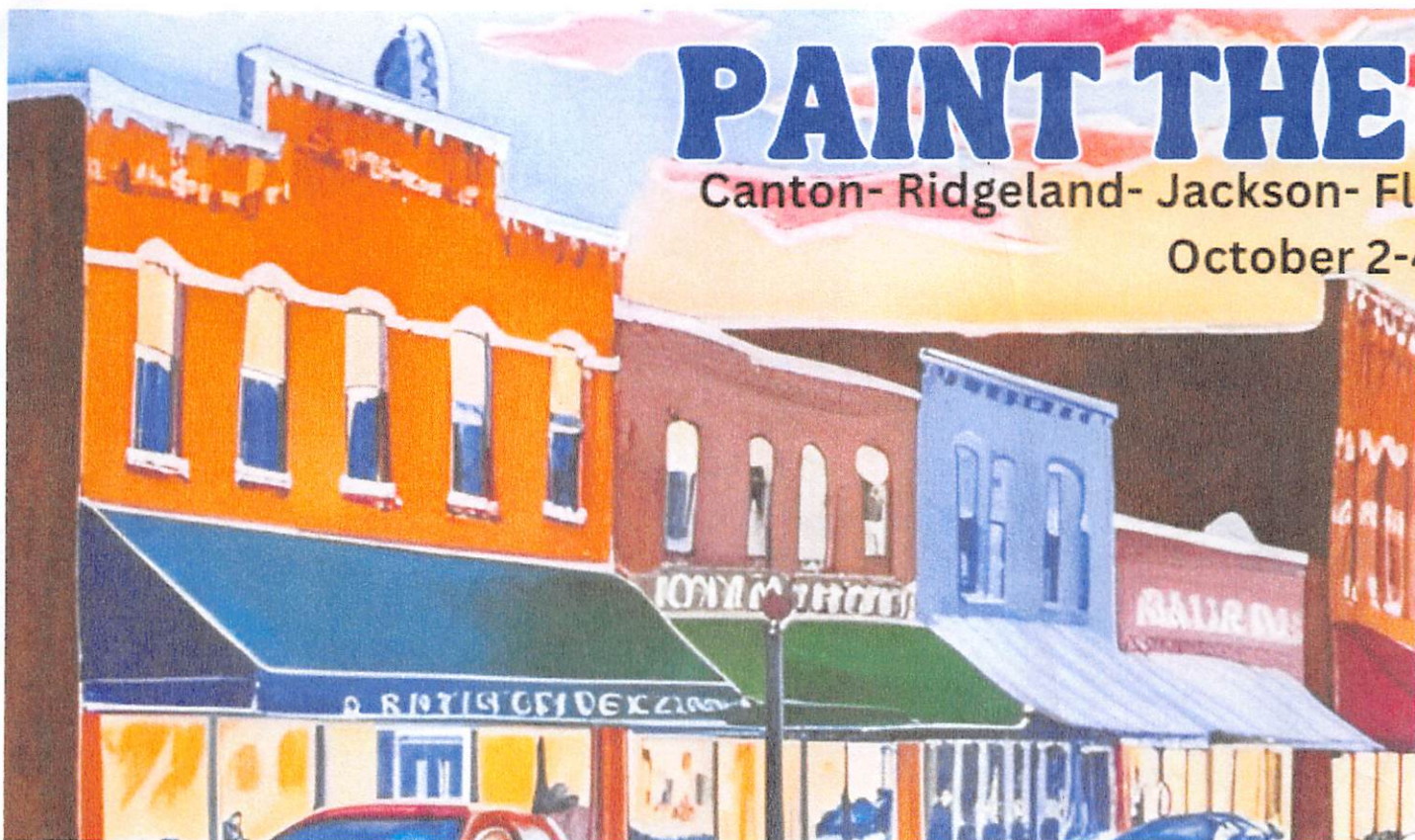
I agree to the above-mentioned requirement, and agree to correct any damage to The Square that occurred as a result of the Applicants event.


Applicants Signature


Date

Jo Ann

From: mspleinairpainters@outlook.com
Sent: Sunday, May 11, 2025 2:52 PM
To: Renee Deweese; Crystal Pham; Krystal Watson; Lefleurs Bluff State Park; Jo Ann; raymondchamberofcommerce@gmail.com; MichaelHo@mdac.ms.gov; sales@pacesettergallery.com; ameliaa@cfnm.org; dgreen@greaterjacksonpartnership.com; communications@arts.ms.gov; vmEEK@arts.ms.gov; Wayne Andrews
Subject: Paint the Town Mississippi Partners



To all our Partners:

- Canton Tourism
- Renaissance EuroFest Car Show
- Explore Ridgeland
- Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum
- LeFleur's Bluff State Park
- Raymond Chamber of Commerce
- Cypress Point Resort
- Greater Jackson Chamber of Commerce
- Mississippi Arts Commission
- Mississippi Presenters Network
- Community Foundation for Northwest Mississippi
- Pacesetter Gallery

Let me thank each of you for the excitement you've shown in partnering with us for this Mississippi Plein Air Painters event. Plein Air just means we like to paint outdoors.

Registration is now open and people from all over the state are getting excited to attend .

We usually have some register from out-of-state as well.

Take a look at the site <https://cvent.me/grLe9V> and let me know if you see anything that needs to be updated for the time we will spend in your area.

Also, if you have better graphics you'd like to share, please do so. I'm relying on AI and available online resources.

Please send your .png or .jpg logo for our Sponsor Page.

The next step is our **Marketing Strategy**.

Several of you mentioned that you would share our event on your website and or social media pages to help with marketing.

Can you share specifically what you are budgeted for and plan to do so we avoid redundancy?

For instance, if you are putting up a banner, marketing in a newspaper or magazine, etc..

Cash Sponsorships are still needed in order to fund the event.

Last year we had the event in my home town, Greenwood, so I easily raised the \$10,000 needed. Trying to do the same in your area where I don't personally know business owners, may be more challenging. If you are aware of businesses or individuals who generously give to artistic events, would you please take just a minute and mention our event to them and send them to our sponsor page for information on how to help. [Sponsors - 2025 Paint the Town Mississippi](#)

501(c)3 Status - Just a reminder that Mississippi Plein Air Painters is not a 501(c)3 but has partnered with the Mississippi Presenters Network for many years. If a sponsor needs to donate to a 501(c)3, then they can send it through MPN. That information is located on our Sponsor Page.

Our Facebook page is [\(4\) Facebook](#) if you'd like to follow us. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Paint the Town Mississippi - Facebook

SAVE THE DATE Our next paint out is really coming along. It will be a 3-day event from Thursday-Sat Oct 2-4, 2025 in the capital area. So far we have worked with Canton Tourism and they are hosting our Thursday workshops, opening Meet & Greet Reception and early-evening paint out.

With the greatest appreciation!

Judy Nail

Director MS Plein Air Painters

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Canton - Ridgeland - Flowood - Jackson

October 2-4, 2025

Mississippi Plein Air Painters

*Saturday
October
4th*

About this group

Mississippi Plein Air Painters (MPAP) is an association of painters who gather to focus on helping one another growing artistically while sharing their love of painting outdoors on location (thus the French term, "en plein aire").

It was established in 2014.

The group consists of artists of all skill levels working in various mediums such as oil, acrylic, watercolor, and pastel.

In 2018, the MPAP hosted one of Oil Painters of America's "Great American Paint Out Days" with more than 40 artists from multiple painted around the famous Oxford, MS square. This first event is known today as Mississippi en Plein Air: A Gathering of Artists and rotates around our state.

In 2019, in Laurel, Ms the paint out was highlighted on HGTV's show "Home Town", Season 4 Episode 12 entitled "Termite Terror."

To be creative during the pandemic, the Mississippi Plein Air Painters hosted a Webinar in October 2020 that included presentations from 4 professional Mississippi artists.

Plans for the Mississippi en Plein Air: A Gathering of Artists 2021 is



The event, Mississippi en Plein Air: A Gathering of Artists is intended to give artists a time to "gather" together, socialize, network, and focus on the joy of plein air meaning paint outdoors.

For more information about the Mississippi Plein Air Painters, follow us on Facebook, Mississippi Plein Air Painters or email MississippiEnPleinAir@gmail.com [See less](#)



Public

Anyone can see who's in the group and what they post.



Visible

Anyone can find this group.



History

Group created on February 2, 2017. Name last changed on August 2, 2018.
[See more](#)



Mississippi

Members



Judy and 3 other members are admins.

[See all](#)

Activity



No new posts today



1,232 total members



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