

PJ's (Plein Janes/Joes) LAA Plein Air Painters – August 2021

PJs artists should observe local guidelines related to COVID. Please wear mask if you are not vaccinated and keep physical distance from others. Even if you are vaccinated, some are worried about the fast spread of the Delta variant and may feel more comfortable wearing a mask. The choice is yours.

As always, you need to determine if weather conditions are suitable for you to paint. We won't usually announce any cancellations for weather, though we may formally cancel if it's a major weather event. We will paint from 9:00-12:00 unless otherwise specified, but you are encouraged to come and go according to your own needs.

August Schedule

Aug 6 – Centennial Trailhead, 501 Sunshine Canyon Drive, Boulder. Drive to the west end of Mapleton Ave. where it becomes Sunshine Canyon Drive. There you'll see a sign saying Centennial Trailhead. There you'll find limited parking, picnic tables, restrooms and access to multiple trails leading up Mt. Sanitas and other places. You can park in the neighborhood if necessary, and you can either paint what's visible from the parking lot and picnic tables (a large, interesting rock formation just across the road, wildflowers, mountain landscape) or you could choose to hike a little bit up one of the trails to a spot with more scenic mountain views. This area is maintained by the City of Boulder, so isn't among the locations listed for the Boulder County Parks and Open Space Plein Air event.

Aug 13 –Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat, northeast Boulder. From Valmont Rd. and 75th, drive north on 75th watching for a sign that says Sawhill Ponds on the left (easy to miss), then drive a little bit further until you see the sign for Walden Ponds on the left. This is a flourishing wetland area created from former industrial gravel pits. There are covered structures and trees for shade, bathrooms, plenty of parking, birds, cattails, people fishing, reflections, etc. This location can be used for the Boulder County Parks and Open Space plein air event.

Aug 20 – Grasso Park, 174 E. William St., Superior. Take McCaslin Blvd. south, over 36, to Marshall Rd. turnoff. Go past Marshall and just after the Phillips 66 gas station at that intersection, turn right onto First Ave. then drive a short distance to the park on your left. Given by the Grasso family (one of the first area settlers in the mid 1800s) to the Town of Superior, this park is a step back in time with the original town jail, little old dwellings, and antique farm implements. Coal Creek flows nearby with the paved bike/walking trail along side. Restroom may be available in current town hall across the street. Plenty of shade, picnic tables. Costco is very close by in case you want to shop as you're leaving!

Aug 27 – Greenbriar Inn, 8735 N. Foothills Highway (aka Colorado 36), just north of Boulder at the southwest corner of Left Hand Canyon Drive and 36. Enter the property and drive a little bit south to the farthest parking lot away from the restaurant. There you'll find a beautiful shady grove, with pond, some seating, little waterfall, views of the mountains in the distance, woodlands, fruit and flower gardens nearby. Restroom may be available inside the restaurant. Sometimes there's a nice, interesting male caretaker around who's fun to talk to. This area was created to host weddings and other events, and is therefore, very pleasant.

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