

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

As always, you need to decide if weather conditions are suitable for you to paint. We won't announce any cancellations for weather. We will paint from 9:00-12:00 unless otherwise specified, but you are encouraged to stay longer or leave earlier, according to your own need and wishes.

October Schedule

Oct 1 – Golden Ponds Nature Area, 2651 3rd Ave., Longmont. From the intersection of CO 119 and Hover Rd., go north on Hover past the Boulder County Fairgrounds to 3rd Ave. and turn left (west). At the end of the road is the nature area. Park in parking lot or on 3rd Ave. Meet at the pier and go from there, if you want. There are the ponds with a paved path around the water, nice restrooms, lots of water birds and maybe a pelican, and great mountain views.

Oct 8 – 7th Generation Farm, 1536 Courtesy Rd., Louisville. From the intersection of Hwy 42 and S. Boulder Rd., drive a short distance south on 42 and turn east into the farm. So much fun fall stuff to paint! Pumpkin patch, hay bales, farm buildings and silo, farm animals, tractor and other farm equipment, fall produce to buy.

Oct 15 –Munson Farm, Valmont Rd. and 75th St., Boulder. On the northwest corner of the intersection, park with care to allow room for customers. A great open market with locally grown fall veggies, an endless variety of pumpkins and gourds, a pumpkin patch with imaginative scarecrows, a field of U-pick zinnias, a long view of the mountains, and tons of fresh produce to buy. Might be good to bring cash, though they probably now have credit card processing equipment.

Oct 22 – Mapleton Ave, between 5th and 6th Streets, N. Boulder. Some of us ended up painting at this location the day we were scheduled to go to Centennial Trailhead at the end of Mapleton. There is plenty of free parking on both sides of Mapleton around this location, but no restrooms. One could drive a short distance to use restrooms at the trailhead if needed. Lots of shade under the big, old beautiful trees on the center strip, which will, hopefully, be in glorious color on the 22nd! Also, lovely homes for those who enjoy a little urban sketching.

Oct 29 - Viele Lake, South Boulder Rec Center, 1360 Gillaspie Drive west on South Boulder Rd. (which becomes Table Mesa Dr.) to its intersection with Broadway. Turn left, go ½ mile to Grinnell and turn right. At Grinnell and Gillaspie, turn left and you'll see the park, rec center and lake on your left. Park near the big picnic shelter where we'll meet, and then branch out from there. Restrooms near playground and picnic shelter. Lots of trees hopefully with fall color, geese and other birds, the 2 lakes, views of nearby mountains, reeds and grasses, paved walkway around the lakes, a bridge connecting the two lakes. Bring a lunch dish or appetizer to share, plus a few of your own favorite paintings from the 2021 season, and we'll have Show and Tell at the end for those interested.

Sunset Paint Outs. We're entering our last month of PJs' organized paint outs, and because of participants' interest in sunset sessions, we decided to try a couple more of those for October. These are optional, and as with our Friday mornings, weather decisions are yours, as well as decisions about how long you stay. These Wednesday evenings are in addition to the Friday mornings of those weeks.

Oct 6 – South Boulder Creek Trailhead West. This is where we went earlier in the season. About ½ mile south of Boulder city limits on Hwy 93, or coming from the south, go about ½ mile north on 93 from the intersection of Marshall Rd. and 93. The trailhead is on the west side of 93 and has a sign that's easy to miss. There's a parking lot, picnic tables and restrooms plus a great panoramic view of the Flatirons and front range. Sunset is at 6:35 so you can plan arrival time accordingly.

Oct 20 – Harper's Lake, Louisville. From the intersection of McCaslin and S. Boulder Rd., go south a short distance on McCaslin and turn left on Washington. You'll see the lake and the parking lot with restrooms. We also went here early in the season but are going back to capture the sunset view of the mountains. Sunset is at 6:14, so plan your time accordingly.

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