

CAPTURING “OUR TOWN” Plein Air

Summary: Twice monthly outdoor art events (June through August) that give artists a chance to get together and artistically capture the scenery, people and feeling of the Kenai/Soldotna area.

Purpose: This project has two purposes:

1. Offer outdoor events that support and help artists create bonds within the art community
2. Encourage and support artists to create “plein air” works for submission for the upcoming call for art show titled “OUR TOWN” scheduled for March 2027.

OUR TOWN Plein Air Event Dates & Locations:

June

Saturday June 6th

Location: **Kite Festival:** Millennium (Square Park , Frontage Rd/Bridge Access, Kenai)

Time: 11:00–3:00pm

Wednesday June 10th

Location: **Wednesday Market Soldotna Creek park**

Time: 3:00–7:00 pm

July

Saturday July 11th

Location: **Erik Hansen Park**

913 Mission Ave, Kenai

Time: 2:00–5:00 pm

Saturday July 25th

Location: **Holy Assumption Russian Orthodox Church**

1106 Mission Ave, Kenai, AK 99611

Time: 12:00–3:00 pm

August

Saturday August 8th

Location: **Flower Fields**

10095 KENAI SPUR HWY, (accessed from Lawton Drive)

Time: 12:00–3:00

Saturday August 22nd

Location: **Soldotna Visitors Center & boardwalk**

44790 Sterling Hwy, Soldotna (near bridge)

Time: 12:00–3:00 pm

Instructions for Artists:

Join local artists outside while we create art that captures a sense of where we wander, rest, socialize, recreate and live. Grab your easels, paint brushes, paints, camera, sketchpad, paper, scissors, glue, or whatever you use to render scenes and spend some time outdoors with art friends capturing the unique character of Kenai and Soldotna.

Spots in old town Kenai, the Kenai bluffs, the kite festival, Soldotna Creek Park, local historical sites and other places will be where we come together as artists and the community becomes our subject matter for “the canvas”.

Sign in at every plein air location with our event coordinator and you can be part of the group that will be invited to submit works for the March 2027 show titled CAPTURING OUR TOWN.* At this opening reception in March we will be partnering up with the Kenai River Brewing Co to launch a new beer at this annual beer launch fundraiser.

More opening reception and call for art details coming in the future!

Here's what you need to do:

- Watch our web calendar, FB and Instagram accounts for plein air event dates and times.
- Get your art kit stocked and ready to travel! Good things to bring: Chair or stool, drawing board, easel (if you have one), water (to drink and for art), your creative brain!
- Show up at an event and **sign in** with our event coordinator (this gets you on the invite list for the March show)
- Attend as many events as you can fit into your schedule. You do not have to be present at all events.
- After the plein air events end in August, get into the your studio, pottery shed, art room or creative space and use the references from these events to create finished works to submit for the upcoming show in March 2027 (up to 3 submissions per artist)
- Submit an art entry form and artwork for the March show
Submission dates are: **February 6th through February 27th**. You can pick up an art entry form at the KAC or download a form here:
<https://kenaiartcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/art-entry-form-12-15-26.pdf>

- Artists who have attended the above events will be personally invited to submit works and given preference when submitting works to be included in the March 2027 show.
- Event locations are a starting point. After signing in on the event attendance sheet, you may wander and find the perfect spot for you—you are not required to stay with the group.

- These plein air events are open to the public. You do not have to be a KAC member or an experienced artist to participate—just come and join us to make great art!!

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