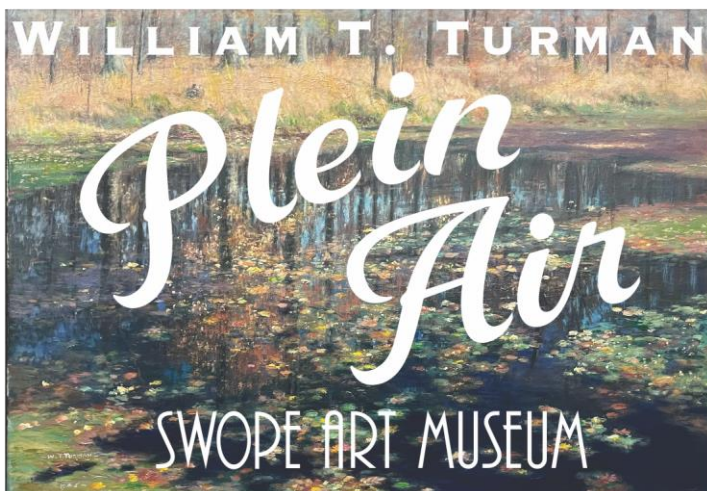


2025 William T. Turman Plein Air Competition & Exhibition



June 20 – 25, 2025

Welcome all painters!

ABOUT THE WILLIAM T. TURMAN SWOPE PLEIN AIR COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION

The 2025 Swope Art Museum William T. Turman Plein Air competition is open to all painters. All works must be painted during the event period, June 20 - 25, and must be created in Terre Haute and Vigo County, Indiana.

This outdoor painting event is a tribute to William Turman, a preeminent plein air painter from Graysville, Indiana. Turman was the second director of the Swope Art Museum, and Chairman of the Indiana State University Art Department for 40 years. Turman was part of the rich history of Indiana landscape painters including T.C. Steele, William Merritt Chase, and William Forsyth.

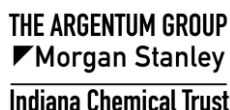
Painting: *Jewel Pool*, by William T. Turman, 1945, oil on panel, Swope Art Museum, 1997.03

HOW TO ENTER

Qualified entries are eligible for up to \$5000 in purchase and cash prizes. Swope members at the \$125 sustaining level or above are entitled to free entry in the competition. Non-members pay \$40. Online and mailed entries must be received by June 17th. Walk-in registration at Arts Illiana, 23 North 6th Street, June 18 – 20, during open hours, Tuesday - Saturday 10 AM – 4 PM. Access online entry and link to membership here: <https://www.swope.org/plein-air>

The Swope is partnering again this year with Arts Illiana. Because of renovations at the Swope Art Museum, all walk-in registration will take place at Arts Illiana. All painting supports must be stamped to be eligible for awards. Bring blank supports to Arts Illiana, 23 North 6th Street to be stamped.

All paintings must be submitted by NOON on June 25 at the Arts Illiana Gallery, 23 North 6th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana. Only stamped paintings will be accepted. All works must be display-ready with a wire on the back. Frames are optional, but keep in mind that artworks will be handled for installation purposes. The Swope Art Museum and Arts Illiana are not liable for any damage to artwork. Only traditional painting mediums are accepted: oil, acrylic, pastel, and watercolor.



JUROR



Our juror for the plein air competition and Swope exhibition is Julio Suarez, Associate Professor of Art at Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan. View Suarez' plein air paintings here:

<https://www.juliocsuarez.com/landscape>

Julio Suarez received his MFA in Painting from Indiana University Bloomington and a BFA in Illustration from the School of Visual Arts in New York City where he first discovered his passion for painting and drawing from direct observation. His influences range from old masters such as Velasquez and Vermeer to 20th century artists like Giorgio Morandi and the English painter Euan Uglow. Suarez's work has been exhibited nationally including at the Painting Center and Blue Mountain Gallery in New York City and Principle Gallery in Alexandria Virginia. He recently received a Best of Show award at the 56th Annual Greater Michigan Art Exhibition organized by the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art.

Artist's Statement

My work is about perception, attention and looking for beauty in the mundane. Using direct observation, I paint the people and objects that surround me. I believe that only through drawing or painting something can I really see it and understand it. I enjoy both the process of discovering what makes something look the way it does and the struggle to translate that into paint in the simplest way possible. The interaction with the subject and trying to capture the many moments of attention placed on it, is what keeps me most engaged in a painting and why working directly from the motif is central to my work.

ACCOMMODATIONS

A limited number of accommodations are available at the Goldsmith House Bed and Breakfast at 602 S. 7th Street in Terre Haute, especially for plein air participants. Breakfast is included. Mention the plein air when making your room reservations and a 20% discount will be applied at checkout.

www.goldsmithhouse.com

AWARDS

Enter to be eligible for \$5,000 in purchase awards and cash prizes!

Best of Show \$1,500

Swope Alliance Award \$1,000

IPAPA Award of Excellence \$200

and more than \$2,000 in other awards!

CALENDAR

Online registration May 1 – June 17

Walk-in registration June 18-20

(Arts Illiana, 23 North 6th Street: Tuesday – Friday, NOON – 5:00 PM)

Deliver completed entries Wednesday, June 25 at NOON

(Deliver artworks to the Arts Illiana Gallery at 23 North 6th Street)

Jury process June 25, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

End of event reception June 25, 5:00 – 6:00 PM

William T. Turman's Swope Plein Air Exhibition of selected works: July 1 – August 15

Reception: July 11th, 6 – 8 PM at The Gallery at Arts Illiana - 23 North 6th Street, Terre Haute, Indiana 47807

END OF EXHIBITION PAINTING PICK-UP:

August 16th, 10 AM – 4 PM. Any additional times needed the following week would be by appointment. Contact gALLERY@ARTSILLIANA.COM for further details.

RULES

- This call is for all painters working in 2D media, limited to oil media (traditional and water-mixable), wet media (acrylic, watercolor, and gouache), and dry media (pastel).
- A \$40 non-refundable entry fee is due upon registration. Registration for the competition is included in the \$125 Sustaining level Swope membership or above. Go to www.swope.org/pleinair to access the link to membership and to review the many benefits, including five free entries in the Wabash Valley Exhibition!
- Painting supports must be blank or a toned ground to be eligible for registration, exhibition, and awards.
- Paintings must be completed in Terre Haute or Vigo County and must be painted at least 80% *en plein air*.
- Paintings may be offered for sale to the public at the conclusion of the jury process. Sold artwork will remain on display until the end of the exhibition. All submitted paintings will be on display at the Arts Illiana Gallery at 23 North 6th Street in Terre Haute, Indiana from July 1 – August 15, 2025. Arts Illiana and the Swope Art Museum share 30% commission on sales.

All supports must be stamped and registered to be eligible for exhibition and awards!

I, _____ hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily elected to participate in the William T. Turman Swope Plein Air competition taking place in Terre Haute and Vigo County, Indiana, June 20-25, 2025. I, on behalf of myself and my personal representative, heirs, executives, agents, and assigns, hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant to sue the city of Terre Haute, Vigo County, the Swope Art Museum, and Arts Illiana, their governing boards, directors, offices, employees, agents, volunteers (hereinafter referred to as "Releases"), for any and all liability. I further agree that Releases are not in any way responsible for any injury or damages of any kind that I may sustain as a result of participating in this event. I further acknowledge and understand that Releases may not have medical personnel at the event. In case of a medical emergency, I authorize medical care as deemed necessary. I acknowledge and freely accept the risks inherent with this activity and attest that I am in adequate physical condition to participate. I have read this agreement and fully understand its terms. By my electronic signature I represent that I am at least 18 years of age or, if not, that I have secured below the signature of my parent or legal guardian.