



Mill Creek Park
Saturday, August 8th, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



South Portland's 46th Annual Art in the Park Show & Sale

The 46th Annual South Portland Art in the Park Show & Sale will be held Saturday, August 8, 2026 in Mill Creek Park from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Artists may check in starting at 7:00 a.m.

Applications

Art in the Park is open to all artists who wish to exhibit original PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS, PHOTOGRAPHS and PRINTS. **Please be aware this is considered a "fine art" show and works will be carefully considered before being accepted.** There will be a Judges' Cash Award Competition. All exhibitors, regardless of whether they enter the Judges' Cash Award Competition, must submit an official entry form and pay the \$125 entry fee. **If you cancel before July 15th, you will be refunded \$100.00; Art in the Park will retain the \$35.00 advertising fee (if purchased) and a \$25.00 administrative fee. If you cancel on or after July 15th, you will be refunded \$100.00 only if another artist registers for your spot.**

The artists' section of the park will accommodate 170 artists while allowing plenty of room for relaxed viewing by the public. Therefore, only the first 170 applicants will be accepted. A reserve list may be established. Artists submitting entries after July 15th, 2026 will not be listed in the festival brochure. Information can also be obtained by logging on to our web page at www.artintheparkmaine.com or on our Facebook page at South Portland Art in the Park.

Site Assignments

Applicants will be assigned spaces as completed applications are received. If you wish to be placed next to another artist you must send your applications and fees together. We will not hold spaces open. Both applications must be sent in and the fees paid together to assure that you get adjoining spaces.

Because of changes in grounds keeping, the actual park layout may change from year to year. **Your location last year may be different this year even though your number remains the same.** Art in the Park will accommodate requests for particular sites if the site is still available at the time the request is received.

Please let us know if accommodations are needed for a disability.

Parking, Set-Up and Tear-Down

NO PARKING ON HINCKLEY DRIVE. In an effort to make parking available to the public visiting our show, Hinckley Drive will be closed to traffic until 9:00 A.M. Artists will be allowed to pull in to unload their vehicles, but must immediately move the vehicle to let other artists have the same opportunity. A gatekeeper will take your license plate number and site number to ensure all vehicles are off Hinckley Drive prior to the start of the show.

Art in the Park~21 Nelson Road, South Portland, ME 04106 ~ 207-767-7650 x 7540 ~ www.artintheparkmaine.com

Reminder to those artists who may have parked behind their sites (# 81-112) in the past are NO LONGER permitted to continue this practice. Your vehicle MUST be removed prior to 9:00.

You may access the park to unload if your location is along the Bandstand side of the pond, but you must exit to one of the parking areas before 9:00 a.m. Plan to enter the park for unloading by way of a paved driveway.

On Cottage Road. You must exit the park by way of Ocean Street. **Artists agree to display until 4:00 pm; early breakdown is unacceptable, as the public perceives the show is closing, decreasing foot traffic for other artists. No cars will be permitted back in the park for tear-down before 4:00 p.m.** Parking is available at Mahoney Middle School (entrance is across from the park on Broadway) and at the back parking lot of City Hall (one block over on Thomas Street). **Please do not park at Hannaford.**

Type of work accepted

All paintings, drawings, prints, and photographs are acceptable for exhibition; however, only original framed works are permitted in the Judges' Cash Award Competition. If there is any question about the admissibility of a certain work, the Committee will base its judgment solely on whether the work meets the admissibility criteria as described, is prepared for hanging and is ready for a purchaser to display.

PLEASE NOTE: The Committee may, in its discretion, permit no more than 7 sites to be assigned to artists displaying and selling art that does not meet the criteria as described, if it finds that the art proposed for the site is likely to enhance the show by providing a different viewing experience for the public and is not likely to detract from the general character of the show as a display of fine art.

The Committee will not permit jewelry, crafts or "paint by number" paintings in the show for competition or display.

Block print, woodcuts or numbered prints are not acceptable in the Judge's Cash Award Competition; however, artists are encouraged to exhibit such materials at their stands. All work entered must be your own original work and not a commercially produced item for which you are acting as sales agent.

Artists whose work generally meets the permitted criteria may also display and sell works other than those generally permitted as long as they do not take up more than six (6) SF of display space. You are encouraged to set up easels to sketch or paint or do quick portraits. This benefits the festival and will add to the atmosphere.

Cancellations

In the event you register and are accepted but find that you cannot be here to exhibit, please inform us immediately. Each year we have a waiting list for artists waiting to participate in the show. REMEMBER, you may NOT give away/reassign your space. Those artists on the waiting list are the only artists that will be accepted into the show. You will be refunded \$100.00 of your \$125.00 registration fee if you cancel on or before July 15th. Art in the Park will retain the \$35.00 advertising fee (if purchased) and a \$25.00 administrative fee. If you cancel after July 15th you will be refunded only if another artist registers for your spot.

Wait List

The Committee reserves the right to create a reserve list. Those artists placed on a list will be so notified and their numerical placement indicated. Please provide a phone number or an e-mail address where you or your representative can be reached during normal business hours. Vacancies may be filled through our

ability to contact the applicant or the representative by telephone or e-mail over a reasonable time period – usually one (1) business day.

Confirmation of Registration

You will receive an email acknowledging receipt of your registration with your site number within two weeks of its receipt. Three weeks prior to the event, you will receive final instructions via email.

Weather Related Issues

Mist, fog or intermittent rain will not result in cancellation of the show. If the forecast is for heavy rain and/or thunderstorms for the day, the show will be cancelled and we will post the cancellation on the Event Website, South Portland Parks & Rec Website, social media, and send an email to participating artists.

Display Guidelines

Every applicant must exhibit a minimum of five (5) pieces of artwork. Except for work entered into the Judges' Cash Prize Competition submissions, works displayed do not have to be framed. Artwork may or may not be offered for sale. Collection and payment for sales and other taxes will be the sole responsibility of the artist.

The entry you submit for judging is only for the cash prizes. You will receive a sticker to be attached to the work when bringing it to the judges' tent.

Artists are expected to provide their own stands for display, as well as rain coverings. Space provided will accommodate stands no larger than 15' in width nor greater than 10' in depth.

Please center your display (width) on the numbered stake. The FRONT of your display starts at the location of the stake. Please leave room for foot traffic.

Judges' Cash Awards

Each site number in the show is permitted to enter one painting in the Judges' Cash Award Competition. This painting or photograph must be framed or otherwise ready to hang and must have your competition number attached to the front in a visible manner. When two or more persons are included at one site (e.g. art association, senior citizen group, etc.) only one competitive entry is permitted in the Judges' Cash Award Competition from that site.

All Cash Award judging will be done in the Judges' tent beginning at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Please bring your work to that area with the numbered label attached to the front. All prizes are cash prizes where the artist retains ownership of the painting.

Judge's award prizes are as follows:

Best-in-Show- \$1000 *(1 available)*

Second Place- \$800 *(1 available)*

Third Place- \$600 *(1 available)*

Fourth Place- \$500 *(1 available)*

Best Photo in Show- \$600 *(1 available)*

Merit Awards- \$200 *(5 available)*



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Mail application to:
 Art in the Park
 21 Nelson Rd.
 South Portland, ME 04106

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Name (Business) to be listed in program: _____

Address: _____

Summer Address (if different): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Web Site: _____

What is your preferred way to receive Day-of Show Information: Email Letter Mailed

MEDIUM (description of work – please note: only original paintings, drawings, photographs and prints will be permitted. Please review guidelines for more info.): _____

Have you been in Art in the Park previously? Yes No

Do you give permission to use your name for publicity purposes? Yes No

Special Requests (ie. Preferred site number, accessibility needs): _____

Do you want a business card size ad in the program for an added \$35.00? Yes No

Ad copy must be in .JPG or .PDF format and may be emailed separately. Ad copy must be received by July 1, 2026.

ALL EXHIBITORS, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY ENTER PRIZE COMPETITION, MUST PAY THE \$125 FEE TO EXHIBIT, AND SIGN THIS ENTRY FORM. **Your application is not complete until payment is received.** Please enclose a check, bank draft, or money order made payable to the CITY OF SOUTH PORTLAND, for \$125 (entry fee) or \$160 (entry fee plus ad).

Applicant hereby releases and forever discharges the City of South Portland and all other participating and sponsoring organizations from any responsibility, personal liability, loss or damage in connection with this show. Art in the Park reserves the right to make final interpretation of the rules. An application is a commitment to the show. As stated in the rules and regulations I understand the refund policy. I confirm that the works entered, exhibited and sold are created by myself. I understand each exhibitor is responsible for collecting Maine State sales tax on all sales made during the show. This tax should be added to the price of the items sold. I have read, understand and agree to abide by all Art in the Park rules and regulations, and certify the accuracy of the foregoing statements.

Signature _____ Date _____

Return this application immediately to ensure acceptance.

Students attending public school in South Portland may have the \$125 entry fee waived; however, these students will be ineligible for a Judges' cash award unless paying the \$125 fee.

No refunds will be given due to the cancellation of the event by, an act of God, or a weather related incident.