



26th National Exhibition & Convention

Plein Air Competition Dates: May 10 & 11, 2017 • Convention Dates: May 10 - 14, 2017 • Exhibition Dates: May 12 - June 10, 2017

Eisele Gallery of Fine Art • Cincinnati, Ohio

Wednesday, May 10

12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - OPA's "Beautiful Ohio" Wet Paint Sale & Competition

Location: Westin Cincinnati Lobby, 21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH

Get Excited to Paint the Town! 2017 is the year to say YES to participating in this year's indoor/outdoor wet paint sale and competition! Artists will have the opportunity to paint both indoors and/or outdoors beginning on Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday! Only attendees registered for the full convention are eligible to compete in the competition.

Canvas must be officially stamped by an OPA or an Eisele Gallery representative prior to painting. Maximum canvas size is 320 square inches. All paintings must be framed and wired for hanging in order to be in the competition & sale. Eligible convention attendees are guaranteed one painting in the exhibition; however, two or more paintings will be considered based on the number of participating attendees, so please come prepared. Models and props will be available for artists who wish to paint indoors. **Framed Paintings for the competition are required to be turned in by 5:00 p.m. Thursday at the Cincinnati Art Club.**

***Please Note:** Only attendees who have paid a full convention registration fee are eligible to participate in the competition. Please see the competition rules for the full details. Juror of Awards will be Signature Member Roger Dale Brown. **Wet Paint Rules can be found at:** <http://oilpaintersofamerica.com/events/exhibitions/2017/national/wet-paint.cfm>

Thursday, May 11

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Southwest Art Magazine's Pampered Paint Out

Location: Cincinnati Art Club, 1021 Parkside Place, Cincinnati, OH

Inspiration Abounds! OPA is thrilled to announce that the historic Cincinnati Art Club (CAC) will serve as the headquarters for this year's *SW Art* Pampered Paint Out. *SW Art* has sponsored this event for the past 6 years, and they are still going strong! Come meet the SW staff and take part in a fun day that includes a continental breakfast, lunch, massage and music...it definitely is a full day of painting and pampering! Founded in 1890, CAC continues to play a prominent role in the arts, attracting the most talented artists from Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana to its doors.

Framed paintings for the competition should be turned in no later than 5:00 p.m.

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4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. - SW Art Magazine Welcomes OPA to Cincinnati Reception

Location: Westin Cincinnati, 21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH

Good food, good people, good conversation! *SW Art Magazine* is thrilled to welcome OPA to Cincinnati! As part of F&W Media, *SW Art* is one of several art-related magazines that F&W publishes in Cincinnati! Visit with the editors of F&W, have a drink and unwind with fellow artists before heading out to dinner.

Friday, May 12

8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. - Coffee with the Exhibitors

Location: Westin Cincinnati, 21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH

Take Five! Grab a cup of coffee and visit our exhibitors who are excited to meet you! Artists who visit each exhibitor and have their exhibitor cards stamped are eligible to enter the special exhibitor raffle basket drawing!

8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - Painting Demonstration with Juror of Awards William Whitaker OPAM

Location: Westin Cincinnati, 21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH



William Whitaker is a painter at the forefront of today's representational revival. The Chicago-born master of classical realism has produced a body of work widely recognized for its unmistakable technique and focus of style.

The only son of an artist father, William Whitaker grew up in the special world of the working artist. His fondest early memories are of the sights sounds and smells of the art studio. At age 17, he was fortunate to receive a thorough grounding in academic figure drawing and painting from the portrait painter Alvin Gittins at the University of Utah. This firm grounding in academic painting eventually led Whitaker to join the faculty of Brigham Young University, where for twelve years he has impressed upon his students the importance of establishing a solid technique before attempting a personal painting style.

Whitaker believes the value of painting is to be found in its spiritual power. Having been told all his life that the kind of painting he enjoys is dead, he takes quiet comfort in lovingly attempting to capture something the camera cannot see. He is also delighted that there are so many wonderfully talented young artists who are not bound or inhibited by contemporary art world conventions and who are out to paint beautifully crafted pictures without apology.



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Friday, May 12 continued

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Lunch Break

Location: On Your Own!

12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Painting Demonstration with Johanna Harmon OPA

Location: Westin Cincinnati, 21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH

Johanna Harmon is one of only two artists to have been awarded the prestigious Gold Medal at OPA's National Exhibition twice! Johanna Harmon was born in 1968 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but spent most of her childhood in Tempe, Arizona. Johanna began recording visual observations at the age of seven, but it wasn't until almost two decades later that she was introduced to the traditional language of art at the Scottsdale Artists' School in Arizona, the Fechin Art Institute in Taos, New Mexico, and the Art Students League of Denver in Colorado. There, she studied painting alongside prominent figure artists with varied artistic philosophies and approaches such as Carolyn Anderson, John Asaro, Mark Daily, Daniel Gerhartz OPAM, Quang Ho OPAM and C.W. Mundy OPAM. Following her 2014 OPA award, she expanded her understanding further by studying contemporary realism with Daniel Sprick, and abstract realism with David A. Leffel OPAM and Sherrie McGraw OPAM.

Over the past decade, her work has been presented in numerous solo, group and juried exhibitions. Her work has been published in *American Art Collector*, *International Artist*, *Fine Art Connoisseur*, *Southwest Art*, *Artbook of the New West*, and *Focus Santa Fe* and is collected internationally. Johanna now resides in beautiful Colorado, with her husband of 20 years, Steven.



3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Visit the Exhibitors!

Location: Westin Cincinnati, 21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH

Take a moment to stop by the Exhibitor room to see your favorite products. Visit each exhibitor to have your card stamped for a chance to win the Exhibitor raffle basket.

3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - "Sophisticated Fundamentals" by David Mueller

Location: Westin Cincinnati 21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH



David Mueller, originally from the suburbs of Chicago, IL, currently resides in Northern Kentucky, across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, OH. He is a 1987 graduate of The American Academy of Art, in Chicago, whose fine art program had a strong focus on traditional realism.

Since 1989, David has been creating renderings for many private and corporate collectors, including gubernatorial portraits that hang in the Ohio State capital. David's work has appeared on the cover of *The Artist's Magazine* and in the feature articles therein on his painting technique. His work has been the subject of many regional publications, including print, television, and radio. Also, of note in 2009, David rendered a Christmas ornament that was displayed on the main indoor White House Christmas tree.

David is active in The Cincinnati Art Club, and has demonstrated his techniques as a guest speaker there and many other regional organizations. He has taught oil painting/drawing to numerous students both privately and in regional workshops. He has been sharing his knowledge of "Sophisticated Fundamentals" paying forward concepts that he gleaned from numerous educational,

peer group and historic inspirations.

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - OPA's 26th Annual National Exhibition Opening Reception

Location: Eisele Gallery, 5729 Dragon Way, Cincinnati, OH

Come join us as at this year's opening reception as we celebrate the marvelous work being produced by this year's exhibiting artists.

8:45 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. - Oil Painters of America's Awards & Recognition Ceremony

Location: Mariemont High School, 1 Warrior Way, Cincinnati, OH

Join us as we recognize this year's award recipients and announce the coveted Gold Medal award winner. Also those artists who have achieved Signature or Master Signature status are honored for this extraordinary accomplishment.





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Saturday, May 13

8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. - "The First Signs of Impressionism" breakfast presentation by Joe Gyurcsak from Blick/Utrecht

Location: Westin Cincinnati, 21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH

Please join us at this Blick sponsored breakfast where Joe Gyurcsak, Blick/Utrecht Resident Artist, will provide an in-depth lecture tracing back the history of impressionism. He will reveal the artists, subjects and methods that brought impressionism to the world.

Joe has traveled extensively demonstrating painting practices and lecturing on a broad range of fine art subjects. He has conducted his extensive art education programs for over 18 years at more than 160 art institutions, schools and organizations throughout North America.

Mr. Gyurcsak is a nationally recognized artist with award winning paintings in multiple mediums and his work is exhibited and collected nationally.

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9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Visit the Exhibitors

Location: Westin Cincinnati, 21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH

Join us in the Exhibitor room after breakfast and check out all the exhibitors and their latest in art supplies. Artists who visit each exhibitor are eligible to enter the special exhibitor raffle basket drawing.

10:00 a.m. to Noon - Group Demo

Location: Westin Cincinnati, 21 E 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH

Don't miss this great opportunity to view some of today's top artists as they work side by side. Their methods and philosophies might be vastly different – but their end results are always the same - spectacular! This year we are fortunate to have with us: Jane Hunt, John P. Lasater IV, David Mueller & MaryBeth Karas OPA.



Jane Hunt



John P. Lasater IV



David Mueller



MaryBeth Karas OPA

Noon to 1:00 p.m. - Lunch Break

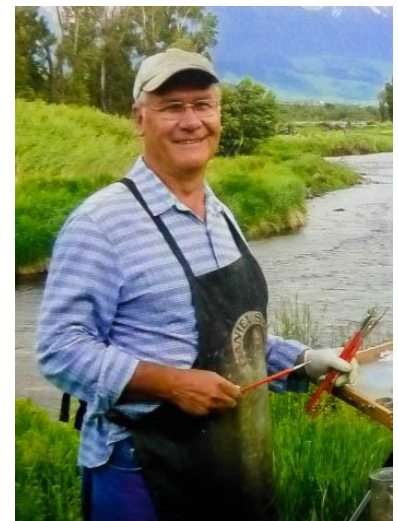
Location: On Your Own!

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - "Up Close and Personal" with OPA's Distinguished Artist Ned Mueller OPAM

Location: Westin Cincinnati, 21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH

Ned is a very accomplished and highly respected artist, having been drawing and painting for over 65 years. He is a graduate of the prestigious Art Center School of Design in Los Angeles. When he was still a student, he also taught drawing classes. He has participated in many of the major invitational shows in the country, including the "Artists of America Show", "Great American Artist's Show", "Prix de West Show", "Oil Painters of America", "Laguna Plein Air Show", "Pastel Society of America", "The Autry Western Masters Show", "The Northwest Rendezvous Show" and the annual "Plein Air Painters of America Exhibition".

He shows in some of the finest galleries in the country, has won numerous awards and is included in many private fine art collections. He is a Signature member of the Oil Painters of America, Plein Air Painters of America, California Art Club, Northwest Pastel Society, Puget Sound Group of Northwest Artists, Northwest Rendezvous Group, and the American Society of Marine Artists. Ned is the only Artist in the Northwest that has been designated as "Master Artist" status with both the Oil Painters of America and the American Impressionist Society. He continues to challenge himself to grow artistically. Ned is asked to jury regional and national art shows and he loves to teach and share his many years of knowledge and experience by teaching classes and workshops, regionally, nationally and internationally.





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4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Visit the Exhibitors!

Location: Westin Cincinnati, 21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH

Don't miss your chance to visit with some of the top art supply companies in the business. Have your card stamped for a chance to win a special exhibitor raffle basket.

4:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. - "Career Advice for Artists: Panel Discussion with Seasoned Pros"

Location: Westin Cincinnati, 21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH

With over 100 years of combined experience, professional artists Jane Hunt, John P. Lasater IV, John Michael Carter OPAM, Ned Mueller OPAM and Johanna Harmon OPA will share their collective wisdom on how to have a successful career in the arts in today's ever changing art world. They will cover a myriad of topics from their humble beginnings to established careers and everything in between, all neatly wrapped up with an audience Q&A.

7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - "Beautiful Ohio" Wet Paint Awards

Location: Cincinnati Art Club, 1021 Parkside Place, Cincinnati, OH

View the "Beautiful Ohio" paintings that were created by many talented artists during the wet paint competition on Wednesday & Thursday. Juror of Awards Roger Dale Brown OPA will present 10 awards at approximately 7:00 p.m.

7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. - American Art Collector's Closing Party

Location: Cincinnati Art Club, 1021 Parkside Place, Cincinnati, OH

Celebrate with us at American Art Collector's After Dinner Party which is for many attendees the highlight of the weekend! Come prepared for a fun filled evening with lively music, great food and libations while you mingle with other artists and OPA board members.



Sunday, May 14



8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. - OPA's Annual Business Meeting

Location: Westin Cincinnati, 21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH

This meeting is the perfect opportunity for members to hear from their Board of Directors and to find out what's new in the organization and what the future holds. This is the time to ask your questions and voice your opinions!

9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. - Visit the Exhibitors

Location: Westin Cincinnati, 21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH

Don't miss your last chance to visit our exhibitors and have your card stamped. The winner of the special exhibitor raffle basket will be chosen at 9:15 a.m. Winner must be present to win.

9:30 a.m. to Noon - John Stobart Presentation

Location: Westin Cincinnati, 21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH



The name John Stobart is preeminent in the world of maritime art. Born in 1929 in Leicester, England, he showed an early aptitude for creativity. His Father recognized his son's talent for art and enrolled him in Derby College of Art in 1946. In this new environment, he achieved high honors and a county scholarship to London's prestigious Royal Academy. As a student, he began to exhibit small landscapes painted in the countryside outside London and along the River Thames.

After graduation Stobart sailed to South Africa. During his voyage, he sketched the twelve exotic ports at which the passenger-cargo ship was anchored. Here the idea came to him to borrow the plans for the vessels being built. Using the plans and the sketches from his voyage as backgrounds, he painted the new vessels and sold the originals to the shipping companies. Within two years his paintings of ships in foreign ports hung on the walls of some fifteen shipping company board rooms in London.

In 1957, Stobart immigrated to Canada where he developed the interests of shipping companies along the St. Lawrence River. In 1965 he came to New York with four paintings of sailing ships he hoped would be well received at a few chosen galleries. He was offered a one-man show by the Wunderlich family, founders of the Kennedy Galleries, who also encouraged him to pursue his notion to recreate the American harbor scenes in the days of the great clipper era. Over the next fifteen years

the Wunderlich's hosted another seven one-man shows, all virtual sell outs. In the years to follow, the name Stobart would become synonymous with the rediscovery of the nation's lost ports.

12:00 p.m. to Lunch Break

Location: On Your Own!



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Sunday, May 14 continued

1:00 p.m. Visit to the Cincinnati Museum of Art

Location: 953 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45202. (Parking is free)

Join OPA Board members for a self-guided tour of The Cincinnati Art Museum. The museum is one of the premiere venues for the study and enjoyment of American painting, sculpture, drawings and portrait miniatures, reflecting the city's eminence as an art center in the nineteenth- and early twentieth-centuries. The museum is the institution of record for the masters associated with Cincinnati, including Hiram Powers, Robert S. Duncanson, Frank Duveneck, Henry Mosler, Elizabeth Nourse, John H. Twachtman, Henry Farny, Edward Henry Potthast and Robert Frederick Blum.

The inception of the American Art collection dates from the Cincinnati Art Museum's founding in 1881. In 1893, the museum instituted its Annual Exhibition of American Art, from which several works were purchased each year. First-rate examples of American Impressionism by Childe Hassam, William Merritt Chase, John Singer Sargent and others thereby entered the collection. With the addition of paintings by such important figures as John Trumbull, Thomas Cole, Winslow Homer, George Inness, Thomas Eakins, Mary Cassatt, Grant Wood and Jacob Lawrence, the museum presents a strong survey of American creativity in painting.



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ADVANCED REGISTRATION INFORMATION

OPA has customized the registration process to meet your convention needs. Registration includes options to attend the entire convention or individual days. Attendees must pay the full registration fee in order to participate in the wet paint sale and competition.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR CONVENTION

To register online, visit www.oilpaintersofamerica.com. Click on the National Exhibition & Convention Registration link found on the OPA home page.

To register by mail, complete this registration form and mail it in to OPA, PO Box 2488, Crystal Lake, IL. 60039-2488, with a check or credit card information. Please one registrant per form. Students must provide proof of full-time student status.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT! Save money and secure your spot by registering right now. Mailed in registration form must be postmarked by February 20th in order to receive the Early Bird discount and must arrive in the OPA office no later than Monday, February 23, 2017.

Please Note: Full registration IS required to participate in the wet paint sale & competition. A one-day registration includes all activities listed for that day.

Registration is NOT required to attend the 26th National Exhibition Opening Reception on Friday evening at Eisele Gallery.

Registration is NOT required to attend the Awards & Recognition Ceremony immediately following the reception at the Mariemont High School. Both events are free and open to the public.

ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION NOTES

Advanced Registration Deadline by Mail is Monday, May 1, 2017 or ONLINE by Friday, May 5, 2017

To register via mail, complete the registration form and mail it in to OPA, PO Box 2488, Crystal Lake, IL. 60039-2488 with a check or credit card information. Please one registrant per form. Students must provide proof of full-time student status.

Online registration is available at www.oilpaintersofamerica.com. Click on the National Exhibition & Convention Registration link found on the OPA home page.

Onsite Registration begins at Noon on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. Registration hours are listed on the registration schedule below. OPA members must have paid their 2017 membership dues to receive membership rates.

Cancellation/Refunds: An 80% refund of registration fees is allowed if a written request is sent to OPA headquarters 14 days prior to the scheduled start date of the convention. No refunds are made after this date. Requests for refunds must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, April 26, 2017. OPA assesses a \$25 administrative charge for all returned checks. NO refunds will be issued onsite or for failure to attend.

Confirmation: Online registrants should receive a confirmation email immediately upon registering. Mailed registrations will receive an emailed confirmation within 10-14 days from receipt of your registration. If you require a mailed confirmation, please make the appropriate indication on your registration form. Your confirmation will serve as your receipt.

Students: Students eligible for the reduced rate must provide a photocopy of a valid student ID from an accredited, degree granting college or university.

Special Requests: If you have any special requirements under the ADA, please e-mail your request to Rosemary Murray at mail@oilpaintersofamerica.com. Special needs must be received at the OPA office 30 days before opening day of convention to assure reasonable accommodation.

Important! Registration Packet Pick-Up Hours and Location:

NOTE: Canvas for wet paint sale & competition can be stamped at registration

Day	Time	Location
Wednesday, May 10	Noon – 5:00 p.m.	Westin Cincinnati – Lobby Area
Thursday, May 11	7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Westin Cincinnati
Friday, May 12	7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Westin Cincinnati
Saturday, May 13	7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Westin Cincinnati
Sunday, May 14	8:30 a.m. to Noon	Westin Cincinnati

Wet Paint Rules can be found at: <http://oilpaintersofamerica.com/events/exhibitions/2017/national/wet-paint.cfm>



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ADVANCED REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Type	Early Bird Through February 20	Advanced Through May 5	Onsite May 10 - 14	Total
Full Registration includes wet paint sale & competition, OPA tradeshow, all educational presentations and social events including the Welcome Reception and AAC's After Dinner Celebration. Bus service NOT included.				
<input type="checkbox"/> OPA Member – Full Registration	\$275	\$325	\$375	
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member* – Full Registration	\$300	\$350	\$400	
<input type="checkbox"/> Student – must be a full-time student and provide a valid student ID		\$200	\$225	
Daily Registration includes all convention events and social activities on the specified day. Bus service NOT included. **A Full Registration is required in order to participate in the wet paint sale & competition. **				
Daily Registration		Advanced	Onsite	
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day – Friday, May 12*		\$125 member/ \$135 non-member	\$135 member/ \$145 non-member	
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day – Saturday, May 13* (Includes AAC's Celebration")		\$125 member/ \$135 non-member	\$135 member/ \$145 non-member	
<input type="checkbox"/> One Day – Sunday, May 14* (includes critique session)		\$125 member/ \$135 non-member	\$135 member/ \$145 non-member	
Individuals/Spouses not registered to attend the convention can register for the following events				
Ala Carte		Advanced	Onsite	
<input type="checkbox"/> Southwest Art Magazine's Welcome Reception Thursday, May 11 (Member & Non-Member)		\$35	\$50	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Art Collector's Closing Party Saturday, May 13 (Member & Non-Member)		\$50	\$75	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday night bus service to/from SW Art Pampered Paint Out, opening reception & awards ceremony and AAC Closing Party		\$50	\$50	
Please type or print clearly and use black or blue ink. (Please, only one registrant per form)			TOTAL DUE:	

- OPA Member
 Non-member artist

- OPA Student Member
 Non-member collector

- Non-member student
 Non-member guest/spouse

Last Name _____ First _____ M.I. _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

Method of Payment: Check MasterCard Visa Discover American Express **TOTAL DUE:** _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVV: _____

(Please print clearly)

Print Name on Card _____ Signature _____

If credit card billing address is different from mailing address:

Billing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

*Non-member artists may apply for membership onsite to qualify for member rate. Please bring 2 photos of your recent work to be eligible.

Or apply now at www.oilpaintersofamerica.com



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LODGING AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

Lodging Information: OPA has reserved a limited number of rooms at Cincinnati Westin. Please make your reservations early as space is limited. **The cut-off date to receive this special rate is: April 9, 2017.**

The Westin Cincinnati, 21 E. 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202 Phone: 513-621-7700

Room Rates: Single/Double Room: \$129 + tax Triple: \$149 + tax Quad: \$169 + tax

Please Note: Daily parking fees apply based on length of stay. Self park-overnight: \$17.00
(Valet parking is available for an additional fee)

Reservation line: 1-800-937-8461

Please identify yourself as an "Oil Painters of America" conference participant

Travel Information: The closest international airport servicing the Cincinnati area is the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.

Airport Shuttle Information: Executive Airport Shuttle. \$36 round trip (excludes gratuity) 888-597-2648

Bus Service: Attendees who prefer not to rent a car can sign up for bus service to/from SW Art Pampered Paint Out, Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony, and AAC Closing Party. Cost: \$50

Hertz Rental Car: Hertz Rental Car is offering OPA attendees the best rate available at the time of reservation. To reserve your special meeting rates, please include the following **CV# 04ZU0002** when making your reservation. 1-800-654-2240 or go to www.hertz.com.

Take note of these important addresses!

Eisele Gallery of Fine Art 5729 Dragon Way Cincinnati, OH 45227 513-791-7717	OPA Awards & Recognition Ceremony Mariemont High School 1 Warrior Way Cincinnati, OH	The Westin Cincinnati 21 E. 5 th Street Cincinnati, OH 513-621-7700
AAC Closing Celebration at the Cincinnati Art Club 1021 Parkside Pl. Cincinnati, OH 513-241-4591	SW Art's Pampered Paint Out at the Cincinnati Art Club 1021 Parkside Pl. Cincinnati, OH 513-241-4591	

Questions? Please Call OPA at 815-356-5987 or email at: mail@oilpaintersofamerica.com

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