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## **Spring City Artist' Studio Tour and Plein Air Competition 2009**

Spring City, Utah is "home" to many Utah artists: the scenic, pastoral rural landscape lends itself to creativity and landscape painting. This county is dotted with sheep, cattle, horse and agricultural farmlands as well as historic cities, and artists love it for its beautiful countryside's, majestic mountains and brilliant blue skies.

The Spring City Arts annual Artists' Studio Tour and 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Plein Air Competition will be held in Spring City September 9<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup> 2009.

The main event for art lovers and visitors will be the Studio Tour and Plein Air Show & Sale, which will run on Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Some 30 Spring City artists plan to open their studios and galleries—art will be on sale at most of these locales. Artists planning to participate in the Artist Studio Tour are:

**Painters: Osral Allred, Lee Udall Bennion, Joan Durfey, Sharon Evans, Marie Lindahl, Lynn Farrar, Douglas Fryer, Susan Gallacher, M'Lisa Paulsen, Shirley McKay, Kerry Soper, Cassandra Parsons, Kathleen Peterson, Michael Workman, Scott Allred**

**Pottery: Joseph Bennion, John Parsons & William Davidson**

**Glass Blowing: Vince Campanile**

**Majolica Ceramics: Gina Garner**

**Antique Furniture Finishing and Restoration: Lothar Janke & Carl Timm Restoration**

**Silversmiths: Garth & Vivian Jepperson**

**Handcrafted Windsor Chairs & Furniture: Jonathon 'Jock' Jones**

**Marquetry: Les Kraut**

**Photography: Paul Allred & Russ Evans**

**Boot Making: Don Walker**

Tickets for the tour (\$10) will be available at the corner of Main Street and Center in Spring City from 10 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Visitors will obtain tickets and a map of the artist studios at that time and can see a representation of local artwork in the Spring City Arts Gallery adjacent to the ticket sales booth, proceeding from there to the individual artist studios.

Spring City Arts, a non-profit organization of artists working in Spring City and Sanpete County, is sponsoring an outdoor painting (Plein Air) competition during the same week, September 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. The Sam and Diane Stewart Foundation is sponsoring cash prizes and all the paintings created during the competition will be offered for sale on Saturday at the Plein Air Show & Sale.

Artists will be painting and competing beginning Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup>, and may paint anywhere in Sanpete County; its cities, farms, mountains and streams and of course in Spring City. Possible scenes include historic streets and structures, pastoral vistas, mountain and stream scenes, landscapes and agricultural subjects. Professional artists may turn in up to three completed, framed and ready-to-be-hung artworks. All traditional Plein air painting mediums are acceptable, but work must be created "en plein air"; painted outdoors, on-site, without the assistance of photography or technology.

### **The following schedule is planned:**

#### **Wednesday, September 9th**

8 am & 4pm: Artist Registration

Painting starts at dawn and goes all-day.

#### **Thursday, September 10th**

8 am & 4 pm: Artist Registration

All-day painting continues.

**Friday, September 11th**

8 am: Artist Registration

Dawn - 6 pm: Painting continues.

6 pm: Competition ends.

7 pm - 9 pm: Plein Air Art Show Preview &  
Plein Air Artists reception.

**Saturday, September 12th**

8 am to 10 am: Judging

10 am: Competition Award winners announced.

10 am to 4 pm: Plein Air Exhibit & Sales. All  
artwork will be available for sale.

10 am to 4 pm: Artists Studio Tour

**Awards:**

Best of Show Award \$2000.00 (purchase award), 2nd Prize \$1000.00, 3rd Prize \$500.00 and various Merit Awards will be awarded. The juror for this competition will be David Dee, former curator of the Utah Museum of Art in Salt Lake City, Utah.

website: [www.springcityarts.com](http://www.springcityarts.com) (Gorgeous images of artwork and information about the competition are available here.)

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