

**Carmel on Canvas**

Thank you to everyone who made 2022 Carmel On Canvas a success!

**2022 Carmel on Canvas Results**



Left to right, first photo: Steve Puttrich, Judge; Plein Air Paint Out Grand Prize/Best of Show Winner Melinda Spear-Huff of Sheridan; Carmel City Councilor Adam Aasen. Left to right, second photo: Steve Puttrich, Judge; Children's Division Merit Award Winner, Natalie Huff of Sheridan; Councilor Adam Aasen.



Left to right, first photo: Nancy Heck, City of Carmel, Director of Community Relations and Economic Development, Quick Paint First Place Winner, Anna Afshar of Fishers. Left to right, second photo: Steve Puttrich, Judge; Non-professional First Place Winner, Melanie Wissel of Carmel; City Councilor Adam Aasen. Left to right, third photo: Steve Puttrich, Judge; Teen Division First Place Winner, Avery Guo of Carmel; City Councilor Adam Aasen.

**Artists awarded more than \$14,000 in prizes for competition featuring 59 artists from Midwest and beyond**  
 The eighth annual Carmel on Canvas plein air paint out was held September 16-18 and featured artists in open-air painting exhibition and competition – which took place on the sidewalks throughout the Carmel Arts & Design District, Midtown Plaza, Monon Greenway, Carmel City Center, Japanese Gardens and Central Park.

"Carmel on Canvas was once again a great success with many talented artists traveling a great distance to create images of our beautiful city landscapes," said Mayor Jim Brainard. "I want to congratulate the winners and thank all of the participants for helping us to make this annual event one of the best of its kind in the country."

The Carmel on Canvas plein air event hosted 59 highly acclaimed artists from the Midwest and beyond, including Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio and Florida. The artists competed in a variety of plein air contests during the three-day event, registering in a division that matched their skill or age level: professional, non-professional, teen or children. Chicago-based art teacher and artist Steve Puttrich served as the judge.

On Saturday morning, a Quick Paint competition took place at the Carmel Farmers Market at Carter Green. Winners of that contest were selected by visitors to the market, which raised community awareness of the event overall. An Art Fair concluded the weekend on Sunday afternoon, where artists displayed and sold their work to visitors. Artists displayed creations from the Carmel on Canvas event as well as pieces from their broader scope of work.

**The awards for the 2022 Carmel on Canvas are as follows:**

- Grand Prize (\$3000): Melinda Spear-Huff, Sheridan, IN
- 2nd Place (\$2000): Don Yang, Chicago, IL
- 3rd Place (\$1500): Thomas Himself, Brownsburg, IN
- 4th Place (\$1000): Jeannie Hilfiker, Indianapolis, IN
- Merit Winner: Jeff Baumgartner, Michigan City, IN
- Merit Winner: Sandra Pedrick, Carmel, IN
- Merit Winner: Justin Vining, Indianapolis, IN
- Merit Winner: Mary Ann Davis, Indianapolis, IN
- Merit Winner: Carleen O'Conner-Rivera, Munster, IN
- Merit Winner: Brad Fields, Fishers, IN
- Merit Winner: Wendy Fleury, Union, KY
- Merit Winner: Mark Millis, Bargersville, IN
- Merit Winner: Fran Mangino, Venice, FL
- Merit Winner: Susan Ritter, Harrysburg, OH

**NON-PROFESSIONAL DIVISION:**

- 1st Place: Melanie Wissel, Carmel, IN
- 2nd Place: Sepideh Motevasel, Carmel, IN
- 3rd Place: Stacy Cage, Cicero, IN
- Merit Winner: Ruth Williams, Noblesville, IN
- Merit Winner: Lia Kettensis, Bloomington, IN

**TEEN DIVISION:**

- 1st Place: Avery Guo, Carmel, IN
- 2nd Place: Ella Guo, Carmel, IN
- 3rd Place: Polly Thompson, Cicero, IN

**CHILDREN'S DIVISION:**

- Merit Winner: Natalie Huff, Sheridan, IN

**QUICK PAINT:**

- 1st Place: Anna Afshar, Fishers, IN
- 2nd Place: Don Yang, Chicago, IL
- 3rd Place: John Erwin, Ingalls, IN

**CHILDREN'S CATEGORY:**

No entries

**PURCHASE AWARDS:**

- Hotel Carmichael (\$250): Jeannie Hilfiker, Indianapolis, IN
- Indiana Design Center (\$250): Roxanne Larson, Carmel, IN
- Java House (\$250): Fran Mangino, Venice, FL
- Bazbeaux Pizza (\$300): Brad Fields, Fishers, IN
- Bub's Burgers and Ice Cream (\$300): Donna Shortt, Indianapolis, IN
- divvy (\$500): Autumn Hunt, Carmel, IN
- Woody's (\$500): Jeff Baumgartner, Michigan City, IN

Thank you to sponsoring organizations for providing the prize money for this portion of the event.

The Purchase Awards paintings have been presented to each business for display in their establishment. Please stop by the businesses to see the different winning paintings. Best of Show winners from previous years are displayed at All Things Carmel – 110 West Main Street, Carmel, IN.

**In addition to our Purchase Award sponsors, we want to thank our other event sponsors:**

- Carmel Arts Council
- Chapman-Osborne Legacy Realtors
- City of Carmel
- Indiana Design Center
- Promote Carmel, Inc.



The annual Carmel on Canvas Plein Air Paint Out will be held on Friday to Sunday, September 16-18. This open-air painting exhibition and competition takes place on the sidewalks throughout the Carmel Arts & Design District, Carmel's Midtown the City Hall Japanese Gardens, Carmel City Center and NEW FOR 2022, Carmel Central Park with its 161 acres of beautiful green space!

"Carmel on Canvas is a great way to bring many artists from across the Midwest to create works of art using Carmel Arts & Design District as their inspiration. One of my favorite aspects of this event is that the artists interact with the public who are able to see the works of art created. Our desire is to grow this event to be the best plein air paint out in the country," said Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard.

The Carmel on Canvas plein air event hosts more than 60 highly-acclaimed artists from states around the Midwest including Kentucky, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio and many Indiana communities as well. The artists will compete in a variety of plein air contests within the three-day event. They will register in a division that matches their skill level; professional, non-professional, teen and child.

On Saturday morning, a Quick Paint takes place at the Carmel Farmers Market at Carter Green. The winners of the adult and child categories will be selected by visitors to the market, which raises community awareness of the event overall.

The Carmel on Canvas Art Fair takes place on Sunday afternoon from Noon – 4 p.m, nestled within the popular Carmel PorchFest event on Artists' Lane at 2nd St. NW between 1st Ave. NW and 2nd Ave. NW. Artists will display creations from the Carmel on Canvas event as well as pieces from their broader scope of work. We want to thank the Carmel community for supporting each artist that participates in the Art Fair.

There will be more than \$13,000 in total prizes.

**Register Online for Carmel on Canvas 2022**

Please click below to sign up (please note processing fees do apply):

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