

## 2025 Annual Will Vawter Juried Art Exhibition & Sale



On view during the annual exhibition:

**Will Vawter**  
**Autumnal Landscape**

**On Loan from the collection of Msrs. Mark Rowlands  
and Juan Guzman-Rowlands**

**WILL VAWTER** was born on April 13, 1871. He moved with his family to Greenfield, Indiana, at age six. Young Will loved to draw and would frequently fill the pages of his schoolbooks with sketches. Basically, a self-taught artist, Vawter started doing illustrations for the *Indianapolis Sentinel* in 1891. Soon his work appeared in other newspapers and magazines.

Around the same time, another Greenfield native was also making a name for himself as a poet. James

Whitcomb Riley, known as the “Hoosier Poet,” was a

national bestseller with poems such as “Little Orphant Annie” and “The Raggedy Man.” In 1893, Riley hired Will Vawter as an illustrator. Over the next thirty years, Vawter’s work appeared in many of Riley’s books.

In 1908, Vawter moved from Greenfield to Nashville, Indiana. There he helped establish what would later be known as the Brown County Art Colony along with other famous Indiana artists.

Despite moving to Brown County, Vawter maintained his Greenfield ties. Will Vawter died in 1941 and was laid to rest in Greenfield’s Park Cemetery.

Meet our Juror  
**Susan Bunce Ritter**

Susan Bunce Ritter is a contemporary impressionist oil painter living in both Northwest Ohio and Southwest Florida. She has won numerous awards for her plein air and studio paintings in exhibitions and competitions nationally. She has been a juried artist for Shadows-On-The-Teche and Paint Grand Traverse competitions since 2021. Additionally, Susan is a two-time Best of Show winner for the Ohio Plein Air Society Annual Competition in 2021 and 2022 and she was twice awarded Honorable Mention in the American Impressionist Society Online Juried Exhibitions of 2021 and 2023. Susan was featured in *Outdoor Painter*, December 2020 as well as in *Venice Florida Weekly*, March 21-27, 2019.



Susan holds a B.A. degree from Mundelein College, Chicago, Illinois, and an M. Ed from San Jose State University, San Jose, California. She is a member of The American Impressionist Society, The Ohio Plein Air Society, and The Athena Art Society of Toledo, Ohio. Her work is represented by Fuller Art House, Sylvania, Ohio.

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## CALL FOR ENTRIES

2025 Will Vawter  
Juried Art Exhibition & Sale  
June 12 - July 26



Dianna Porter, *Best of Show*, 2024

## CALENDAR

**Mailed** entry forms postmarked by Saturday, May 24, 2025 (NO late entries)

**Online** forms must be completed by 11:59 on May 24; [hancockcountyarts.org](http://hancockcountyarts.org)

Vawter Juried Exhibition intake: Saturday, June 7, 12-4pm; artwork delivery to gallery for adjudication.

Plein Air Paint-Out: Saturday, June 7, 8:30am – 2pm; Judging at 1:30pm.

Vawter and Plein Air opening receptions: Friday, June 13 6pm reception and refreshments in the gallery 7pm awards presentation in the “Living Alley” tent. Participating artists may cast ballots for “Artists’ Choice” award during the reception.

Pick-up of Vawter declined work: Thursday, June 12, 3-6pm ONLY.

Plein Air reception at Thrive/CFHC: Friday, July 11, 4-8pm

Unsold artwork from the Vawter and Plein Air exhibitions *must be removed* from the gallery between 5 and 7pm on Saturday, July 26.

Gallery Hours: Thursday & Friday, 11am-2pm; and Saturday, 11am-5pm. Free Admission.

## Thank you, Sponsors!



**NineStar Connect   GBC Bank**  
**Hancock Health   City of Greenfield**  
**Hancock County Public Library   Tri-Kappa**  
**Indiana Arts Commission**  
**National Endowment for the Arts**

**Eligibility, entry procedures and information:**

Artists residing in Indiana are invited to compete in this juried art exhibition.

Entries must be of original work and not copied or created under the guidance of an instructor. No wet paintings are allowed.

Two-dimensional works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, drawing media, and mixed media. No photography, computer-generated imagery or posthumous artwork. No sculpture.

Artwork must be presented in a professional manner, either framed or fully painted gallery wrap, and delivered wired to hang. If an accepted entry is delivered in a format that is not ready to hang, it will not be exhibited.

HCA will not be responsible for works damaged by faulty wiring or framing. Use flat strap D-rings only (no saw-tooth or clip frame hangers). Works on paper must be framed under glass/Plexiglas.

Works must have been completed in the last three years and never exhibited in the Vawter exhibition.

48” max. dimension in any direction, including frame

Only three submission entries per artist.

Submit an artist statement / biography for the gallery’s “Artist Notebook”.

Submit up to 3 artwork pieces by 11:59 pm on May 24, 2025. Format high quality image(s): jpg, jpeg, or PNG, 1 MB - 10 MB; file dimension – min. 1920 pixels on the longest side (labeled: lastname\_title). Submitted images should be of the finished product; do not include the frame. HCA will use these for promotional purposes. Email images and bio to HCA at [hancockcountyarts@gmail.com](mailto:hancockcountyarts@gmail.com)

**AWARDS AND SALES**

Over \$5000 in awards supported through our sponsors. The “Will Vawter Art Competition 2025 Awards” will be presented at the discretion of the juror. All the artworks must be for sale.

Artists will receive 65% for each artwork sold during the exhibition, with a 35% commission retained by the HCA. Sales will be encouraged. Accepted/sold works may not be withdrawn prior to the closing of the exhibition.

**RETURN OF WORK**

Upon closing of the exhibition, all artworks must be picked up on **Saturday, July 26, 2025, from 5 to 7 p.m. ONLY.**

**LIABILITY**

Hancock County Arts and the Will Vawter Art Committee will do everything within ordinary care to protect the artwork submitted. However, they assume no responsibility for loss or damage to the artwork.

**AGREEMENT**

Submission of entry to the Will Vawter Juried Art Exhibition and Sale 2025 constitutes an agreement on the part of the entrant to all the conditions set forth in this call for entries and for publicity purposes.

The exhibit and award winners will be selected from the artwork delivered to the gallery at the judge's discretion.

**ENTRY FEE (includes up to three works)**

\$45 per artist must be submitted with the entry form or paid with completed online form.

Members of Hancock County Arts receive \$10 off their entry fee for exhibition submission. Make check or money order payable to **Hancock County Arts**

You can also become a member at <https://www.hancockcountyarts.org>

Entries must be postmarked, or completed online by 11:59pm on **Saturday, May 24, 2025.**

No cash payments or refunds.

**Please attach to the upper left corner on back of artwork.**

**2025 Entry #1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium: \_\_\_\_\_

Sale Price: (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted  Declined

2025 Will Vawter Art Competition

**Please attach to the upper left corner on back of artwork.**

**2025 Entry #2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium: \_\_\_\_\_

Sale Price: (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted  Declined

2025 Will Vawter Art Competition

**Please attach to the upper left corner on back of artwork.**

**2025 Entry #3**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium: \_\_\_\_\_

Sale Price: (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted  Declined

2025 Will Vawter Art Competition

**Please return this form with the entry fee.**

**2025 Will Vawter Art Exhibition Entry Card** Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 Entry #1**

Accepted  Declined

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

Sale Price \_\_\_\_\_

Person Picking Up \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 Entry #2**

Accepted  Declined

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

Sale Price \_\_\_\_\_

Person Picking Up \_\_\_\_\_

**2025 Entry #3**

Accepted  Declined

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Medium \_\_\_\_\_

Sale Price \_\_\_\_\_

Person Picking Up \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND ENTRY FORMS** along with entry fee to Hancock County Arts, 20A N. State Street, Greenfield, IN 46140. **Entries must be postmarked, or completed online by 11:59pm, Saturday, May 24, 2025.**

**No cash payments. No refunds.**  
<https://www.HancockCountyArts.org>

**WILL VAWTER PLEIN AIR COMPETITION Call for entries: ALL AGES**  
**Saturday, June 7, 2025: 8:30 AM-2:00 PM, Judging at 1:30 PM**  
**Entry fee \$20 for ages 13-adult, (Ages 12 and under, free)**  
**Register on-site at the paint-out or in advance at <https://www.hancockcountyarts.org>**

A juried plein air paint-out is planned on the Vawter show intake day. Free coffee and pastries, one lunch, artist gift bag, and monetary awards for each artist. The day is sponsored by Leo’s Market and Eatery and Scattered Bean Coffee Co.

- 8:30-10 AM, gather at the Hancock County Courthouse (9 E. Main St. Greenfield). Have your paper/canvas stamped; enjoy refreshments; receive instructions and map. Create at the Thornwood Preserve, Beckenholdt Family Park, Riley Park, Hancock Co Fairgrounds, within the Downtown Historic District, and other areas around the area.
- 1:30 PM, return to the courthouse to be eligible for judging by Susan Bunce Ritter.

**AWARDS BY AGE GROUP:** Adults: \$200 and \$100; Ages 13-18: \$75, Ages 12 and under: \$40.

Artists are invited to sell wet works painted at this event. Artists are invited to display their works on June 13 at the Will Vawter Awards Presentation. The art will then be placed for display from June 18 – July 25, at Thrive, Community Foundation of Hancock County, 971 W. US Hwy. 40, Greenfield, IN, with a public reception on July 11, from 4 – 8pm.

Unsold artwork must be picked up on July 26 between 5-7pm from the HCA gallery.


