



SUSQUEHANNA SUMMER SOLSTICE FEST

JUNE 17-23, 2024
FRENCH AZILUM, PA

GREETINGS,

We hope you are well. Our committee is setting up the 3rd Annual Susquehanna Summer Solstice Fest (SSSF) at the French Azilum (FA) Historic Site in Wysox, PA.

The SSSF has had two successful years in 2022 and 2023, and we're looking ahead to another great one in 2024. While new suggestions from last year's attendees are being implemented this year, the basic event is the same: a week-long paint out along the beautiful Susquehanna River and surrounding towns culminating with a weekend show of art, concerts, dance and presentations.

We anticipate continuing prize monies around \$4000, including some new categories. One of the changes you'll see is the plein-air awards ceremony on Friday afternoon, rather than Sunday. In this way, the public can see the award winners sooner and have a longer period for the art to be on display and sold. We've also moved the canoe trip to Thursday at noon for easier participation.

The entry fee for plein-air artists is \$50. As in 2023, admission is non-juried, however it is limited to the first 30 applicants. We are partnering again with the Bradford County Regional Arts Council (BCRAC) in Towanda. Please make your checks payable to the BCRAC with SSSF in the memo. Mail it with the attached entry form to: Bradford County Regional Arts Council, Susquehanna Summer Solstice Fest, 601 Main St, Towanda, PA 18848.

The SSSF will be offering lodging nearby (for participating artists and musicians only) in the homes and cottages of our committee members and generous friends and supporters. Please indicate on the admission form whether or not you require housing. Camping is also available at FA.

We have a new website and Facebook page for 2024. Please visit www.susquehannasolstice.com and follow us at www.facebook.com/susquehannasolsticefest for the latest updates.

Attached is a schedule of 2024 plein-air events. (Please note: there *may* be some minor changes before June, but the basic itinerary is set.)

Any questions? Call or email Brooks, Rich or Brian:
Brooks: (570) 637-0514 - brooksem@icloud.com
Rich: (607) 754-0535 - henry.artist1@gmail.com
Brian: (570) 721-0055 - zingologyjazz@gmail.com

We look forward to meeting you again at our beautiful historic site this coming summer!

REGARDS,

SSSF Plein Air Committee Members:

Brian Keeler
Abbie Stevens
Rich Henry
Brooks Eldredge-Martin
Betsy Green



MONDAY JUNE 17

8:30 am Arrive at French Azilum (FA). Proceed to the Pavilion Gallery

9:00 am Mandatory orientation and panel stamping. *Don't miss this as we have important basics to cover!*

10:30 am Paint anywhere at FA or in the region (within 35 miles).

4:00 pm Paint in downtown Wyalusing, PA. Stay for a nocturne painting.

TUESDAY JUNE 18

Daytime Paint anywhere in the region.

4pm Bring in two or three pieces to hang in the Pavilion Gallery at FA (for the evening).

5pm Meet-and-Greet. Schmooze, meet the SSSF committee, fellow artists, patrons, and community members. Wine and refreshments served.

7 pm Special talk on our regional art history by Jan Lokuta.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 19

All day Paint Towanda: Set up around town and capture the beauty of historic architecture, river views etc.

THURSDAY JUNE 20

Morning Paint anywhere in the region.

11:00 am Arrive at FA for a shuttle up to canoe paddle launch.

12:00 pm Join us for a short canoe paddle (the 32nd annual for artists!) from the Wysox bridge to FA. We'll stop along the way to paint. It is an easy paddle of about 8 miles. Rent canoes or kayaks from Endless Mountain Outfitters in Sugar Run, PA, or bring your own.

FRIDAY JUNE 21

Daytime Paint anywhere in the region.

3:00 pm Bring you work in to the FA Pavilion Gallery and hang your work (up to five pieces).

4:00 pm Judging

5:00 pm Awards ceremony and juror's commentary. Evening music starts at FA. (If you paint the figure, consider working from performers.)

SATURDAY JUNE 22

French Azilum Day This is the time to set up on the grounds or surrounding area to paint the historic site. (We will have a (second) awards ceremony on Sunday for the Best FA Depiction and for the Quick Draw, possibly other awards too.)

10:00 am Children's mural with Jan Lokuta

11:00 am Landscape painting demo

12:00 pm Guest speaker in the Wagon House

12:00 pm to 6 pm Tours of the Laporte House

1:00 pm Portrait demo in oil with Brian Keeler in the Wagon House

2:30 pm Stephen Foster presentation with Jan Lokuta

SUNDAY JUNE 23

French Azilum Day Part Two

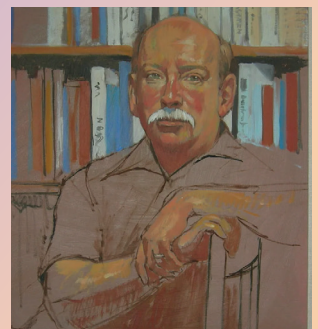
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Quick draw event

4:00 pm Final awards ceremony

5:00 pm Pick up unsold work. Farewell!

JUROR

Our esteemed 2024 juror is Gil Williams of Binghamton, NY. Gil has spent a long and productive career as an art collector. With a particular affinity for plein air work, his extensive collection focuses on prints of American artists but he also has many originals throughout his home.



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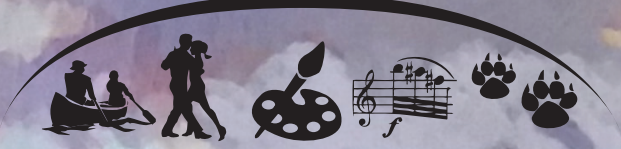


**3RD ANNUAL
SUSQUEHANNA SUMMER SOLSTICE FEST
PLEIN-AIR FESTIVAL
APPLICATION**

FRENCH AZILUM, PA

A beautiful historic site perched along the Susquehanna River between Wyalusing and Towanda in Bradford County, PA.

Take your inspiration directly from the charming landscapes and towns lying within 30 miles of French Azilum!



SUMMER SOLSTICE FEST



CELEBRATE THE SUMMER SOLSTICE along the the Susquehanna River with a multimedia art and music festival featuring plein-air painting, Americana concerts, dance, presentations, outdoor activities and more!

Artists are invited to participate in the plein-air portion of the festival, lasting 7 days from Monday June 17 to Sunday June 23, with the opportunity to paint local landscapes, interact with fellow artists and locals, and display and sell their work in a final show. **Note:** A 30% commission to SSSF is reserved from all show sales.

FESTIVAL APPLICATION

Do you require housing? _____

Eligibility Any artist over 18 may apply. Applications are non-juried but open only to the first 30 applicants.

Fee \$50 (non-refundable)

Application Deadline May 31, 2024. Please apply before 5/1/24 for inclusion in festival print marketing.

Submit applications to: Bradford County Regional Arts Council, 601 Main St, Towanda, PA 18848

For questions regarding payment, contact the BCRAC office at info@bcrac.org or (570) 268-2787.

Artist's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Medium: **Address:** _____

Email: _____

Oils

Watercolor

Acrylic

Pastel

Website: _____

Payment Method:

Cash

Check

PayPal

***Please make checks payable to the Bradford County Regional Arts Council**