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Plein Air Roanoke (PAR) brings renowned plein air artist, Mary Garrish to Roanoke, VA to be the judge for its Awards Gala and to teach a workshop at Gallery 202 in downtown Roanoke, VA May 16-17, 2021!

After the workshop closes on Monday evening, Plein Air Roanoke 2021 officially opens with the ritual Canvas Stamping which certifies all paintings to have been started and completed during the Plein Air Roanoke weeklong event and competition. PAR artists will paint en plein air, which means paint outside, in and around the Roanoke valley, and the region.

Renowned artist, Mary Garrish, who served as President of the American Impressionist Society for 2005-2007, will serve as judge for Plein Air Roanoke's Award Gala for 2021, where artists also compete for cash prizes. The Gala, a ticketed event will be Friday evening, May 21st, at Gallery 202, where Gala ticket holders will also get their first glimpse of a treasure full of original plein air art of the beloved valley and region and may place their bids to either begin or add to their very own revered art collection. Original paintings still available after the Gala closes, will be offered to the public the next day, Saturday 10 am-2pm at Gallery 202.

Mary Garish participated in numerous national juried shows, and several one-woman shows at both galleries and museums. More of her art can be seen at www.MaryGarrishFineArt.com

Plein Air Roanoke has grown, nearly doubling its number of participants and states with upwards of 50 artists now coming from 13 states to enjoy and compete in the growing sport of plein air painting! Artists at Gallery 202 spearheading Plein Air Roanoke began meeting as a Committee with a few other artists, out of their love to paint en plein air the beautiful mountain and valley views and formed the successful Plein Air South Peak before later expanding to Plein Air Roanoke with its regional multitude of available landscapes, vistas, rivers, lakes, streams and waterfalls!

For more information about the workshop with Mary Garrish, the Plein Air Roanoke event and Gala tickets, go to the website, <http://pleinairroanoke.com/>

Plein Air Roanoke is also on Facebook for the ever-growing supportive community of plein air artists to share their art and ideas with one another. <http://facebook.com/PleinAirRoanoke>

You can get also get your Gala tickets, when you sign up for Plein Air Roanoke, or purchase them from Gallery 202 in person or by mail:

Gallery 202
Plein Air Roanoke
206 Market Square
Roanoke, VA 24011