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Arts Council of Lake Oswego’s Sixth Annual
Plein Air: Chronicling 2020 Moves Forward!

Lake Oswego, Oregon – The Arts Council of Lake Oswego (ACLO) is excited to announce Plein Air: Chronicling 2020 will take place with an exhibition on view August 7 through September 25 at ARTspace Gallery, now located at 41 B Avenue, Lake Oswego.

In many ways, the landscape of 2020 looks much different than in previous years. In light of the continued restrictions, health and safety risks due to COVID-19, and ongoing social justice movements, this year’s Plein Air will take an alternative approach. ACLO will accept paintings and drawings done en plein air (in the outdoors) in Lake Oswego and surrounding areas, however, ACLO will not be holding “paint-out” events. Works of art can be of any landscape – urban or rural – or even an artist’s own front/backyard. The term “landscape” can be interpreted creatively, as long as the artwork is made en plein air and not from a photograph.

Nicole Nathan, Executive Director of the Arts Council, remarks, “Plein Air: Chronicling 2020 is a unique opportunity for the community to delve into the artist process and interpretation of landscapes in Lake Oswego. It chronicles events, day-to-day life, or even abstract illuminations of people, places, and community spaces. We have so many extremely talented artists in the area, and to learn about the artist’s vision and see a completed work can be truly remarkable. The number of participants has grown each year. With the quarantine restrictions, we are hoping that artists can get a jump start on painting throughout the City.
We are also excited to welcome the public to our new ARTspace and Gallery with the exhibition and supporting programming."

Finished plein air artwork will be curated into an exhibition, *Plein Air: Chronicling 2020* in the Arts Council’s new ARTspace Gallery, located at 41 B Avenue in Lake Oswego with an opening reception on Friday, August 7, 5-7 p.m. Cash awards will be given to the top 3 works of art, chosen by a jury of local artists and community members.

Registration is currently open for artists at [http://artscouncillo.org/pleinairchronicling2020](http://artscouncillo.org/pleinairchronicling2020).

For more information on the exhibit, visit [www.artscouncillo.org](http://www.artscouncillo.org).

**Program Timeline**

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**About the Arts Council of Lake Oswego:** The Arts Council of Lake Oswego works to ensure that the arts are an integral part of life in our community, now and into the future. The Arts Council is located at 41 B Avenue, Lake Oswego, OR 97034. ARTspace hours are 10 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, or by appointment. Keep checking the website as hours of operation may change due to County restrictions and guidelines.

For more information visit [www.artscouncillo.org](http://www.artscouncillo.org) or call 503-675-3738.

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