

## PAINT THE GARDENS INFORMATION

***Paint the Gardens***, an event to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Halifax Public Gardens, will take place over eight Saturdays, mid-June – mid-September, 2017.

### **Entry Information:**

- This is not a juried process; artists, 18 and older, are welcome to submit a registration form.
- The Public Gardens can accommodate a maximum of 15 artists on any scheduled Saturday; event from 9am – 5pm.
- Artists can register as an individual or part of an art group. A group registration will contain the names of members who will be participating.
- An individual or group will be allocated one Saturday (based on stated choice at time of registration).
- The event will take place on the scheduled Saturday ‘rain or shine’. Participants should come prepared to paint in all weather conditions.
- Artists can paint from a chosen location, or from an archival or current picture taken *in the Gardens*.
- Artists will provide their own paint and personal supplies for the day. Maximum two easels per artist.
- Artists are asked to be careful in site selection so as not to block gates, pathways, bridges, or other walking areas while painting. The Gardens will have many visitors every day.
- Artists are asked to be especially careful with Gardens property (benches, etc.) and are responsible for removal of all supplies and clean-up of their location at the end of the day.

- Artists are asked *not* to bring, for demonstration or sale, previously completed art work, reproductions, or digital art.
- Artists may sell their 'work in progress' during the day. Pricing will be the prerogative of the individual artist.
- We are planning to organize an *Exhibition and Sale* of art at the end of the summer (details to follow). Works must have been created at this event.
- This is intended to be a fun day for all participants. Artists should feel free to collaborate, wander around to see others work, have a picnic, lunch in Horticultural Hall, and interact with visitors as/if you choose.
- There is no registration fee, however TFPG would appreciate artists making a donation to the Public Gardens. Income tax receipts will be issued.
- Throughout the summer, TFPG will have photographers in the Gardens taking pictures of events and activities. Artists should be ok with this, and agree to have their images used for publicity purposes.
- There will be other activities taking place in the Gardens on any given Saturday over the spring/summer/fall. A full Calendar of Events will be posted at [www.halifaxpublicgardent.ca](http://www.halifaxpublicgardent.ca)

### **Important Dates:**

- Painting Saturdays are: June 24, July 15, July 22, July 29, August 12, August 19, September 9 and September 16.
- Registration forms can be submitted at any time, however deadline for submission is May 17, 2017
- Individuals/groups will be notified no later than May 24.
- Individuals and groups will confirm their participation by May 31.
- Once painting dates have been assigned, we may not be able to reschedule an artist who is unable to attend on their assigned date. However, an artist may allocate their space to someone else:
  - If you registered as an individual artist, please notify us of this change and provide the substitute name and contact info.
  - If you are part of a group registration, please inform your group contact person who may make the substitution on your behalf.

### **Submitting a Registration Form:**

- Submit completed form **by email** to [150thPublicGardens@gmail.com](mailto:150thPublicGardens@gmail.com)  
Please use **Subject line:** Paint the Gardens Registration

- Or mail completed form to: Friends of the Public Gardens, Box 36013, 5665 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, NS B3J 3S9 Attn: Paint the Gardens Registration

**On Painting Day:**

- Organizers will be in Horticultural Hall by 9:00am.
- A list of participants for that day will be posted in Horticultural Hall.
- The Gardens open at 8am and close at dusk. Artists may check-in any time after 9am, identify your site and prepare your set-up.
- Sign-in will take place throughout the morning in Hort Hall.
- Painting will take place after check-in and no later than 5pm.

**Sale of Work:**

- Artists will price their own work and, if you choose, have it available for sale during the day.
- For those wishing to participate, we are planning an Exhibition and Sale at the end of the summer. Art work must have been created at this event.
- Planning is ongoing; details to come.

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