



NATIONAL OIL & ACRYLIC PAINTERS' SOCIETY
P. O. BOX 676 • OSAGE BEACH, MISSOURI 65065
www.noaps.org

PROSPECTUS

BEST of America! 2008

(Competition Rules)

MISSION STATEMENT

The National Oil and Acrylic Painters' Society is an alliance of exceptional artists showcasing outstanding works of art in oil and acrylic media. We welcome all patrons and artists. In addition to the waiver of entry fees for the annual competition, other benefits of membership include invitation to the opening ceremonies, a complimentary exhibition catalog, and periodic NOAPSociety newsletters. You are also invited to seminars and networking events. Eligible members are invited to the Signature Artists' Guild, a designation which identifies an elite sector of the artists in NOAPS, whose work has been recognized for consistent excellence.

The organization's goal is the expansion of public awareness, knowledge and appreciation of fine art. The NOAPSociety is designated by the Internal Revenue Service as a Sec. 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, eligible to receive tax exempt grants, gifts and donations. Artists and patrons are encouraged to join the organization and become a part of this cultural experience.

AWARDS JUDGE

Tom Tierney
Co-Publisher

Art of the West Magazine

AWARDS

Best of Show: \$5,000
Various Merit & Supplier Awards Ranging from
\$50 to \$600

2008 CALENDAR

Entry Postmark Deadline

Friday, July 18

Acceptance Notification

Friday, August 8

Painting Receipt Deadline

Friday, September 12

Best of America! 2008 Exhibit Opening and Awards Reception

Sunday, September 28 1-4 p.m.

Ella Carothers Dunnegan Gallery

Bolivar, Missouri

September 28 through October 19

Exhibit open 1-4 p.m.

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

Best of America! 2008 Exhibit KATY Depot Historic Site

Sedalia, Missouri

October 20 through 31

Open daily except Sunday

Best of America! 2008 Exhibit Artichokes Gallery

10557 Mission Rd

Leawood, Kansas

November 3 through November 8

Best of America! 2008 Exhibit Thompson Hall

Harper Chapel Methodist Church

Osage Beach, Missouri

November 10 through November 21

ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to all living artists 18 years of age and older who create original art utilizing oil and/or acrylic media. A U.S. shipping address is required for any international entries.

PAINTING SPECIFICATIONS

Each work of art entered must be original: An entirely unique, authentic, one-of-a-kind work of art, not copied from any published photo or print or the work of another artist. Paintings must be the entering artist's original concept, design, style and fabrication, with the media limited to oil and/or acrylic paint, completed January 2006 or later, and not previously submitted for NOAPS national exhibition competition. The use of various materials for line drawing and under-painting is allowed, but mixed media is not acceptable. Paintings must be on a rigid support such as stretched canvas, board, etc. and ready to hang for display. Maximum acceptable size including frame is 168 inches total outside dimensions.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Entry is free for all National Oil and Acrylic Painters' Society members. To enter the competition, complete the entry form. Each artist may submit a maximum of 3 entries. Non-member fee is \$30 per entry. The entry fee is non-refundable. Check, credit card information or money order should accompany entry form unless membership dues have already been paid.

Please include 35 mm high quality color slides, tightly focused exact representation of the actual work, showing no frame, mounted on cardboard or plastic, with no outside labels or tape. Submit multi-panel works on a single slide. Mark clearly on the front upright (correct viewing side): Artist name, the word "TOP" in the upper right corner, mark #1, #2, or #3, then size and painting title. We will also accept digital images on a CD. The high resolution image must be in Jpeg file format-300 dpi publication quality digital images resized with the largest dimension of each image 8 inches. Each image file must have a file name with a number that corresponds with number on entry form. E-mail entries are not acceptable. CDs will not be returned. If you want the slide returned, please send self-addressed stamped envelope. Mail the completed form with the appropriate fee.

DEADLINE

Entries must be postmarked on or before **Friday, July 18, 2008.**

SALES AND LIABILITY

All entries must be for sale. Paintings of all price ranges are accepted. Entrants price their own work, and these prices must be closely representative of the established market value for that artist's work. The prices of accepted paintings, as stated on the entry form, may not be altered during the entire exhibition period. The NOAPSociety deducts as a donation twenty percent of the sale price for transactions attributed to the exhibition. Upon acceptance, slides become the property of the NOAPSociety, which retains the right to reproduce the images, regardless of copyright, for promotional or educational purposes. All reasonable care will be exercised with slides and artwork. However, the NOAPSociety, hosting facilities, and organizations or individuals assume no responsibility and shall not be held liable for damages of any kind which may occur while work is exhibited or in transit. Shipping companies and artists are responsible for the safety, payment, and clarification of various methods of shipment. The NOAPSociety continues referrals for up to one year after the closing date of the exhibition.

SELECTION

Entry slides are reviewed anonymously by a qualified, independent panel of artists, art collectors, educators, and patrons. Works are chosen on the basis of quality and the individual artist's mastery of medium and expression without preference toward any particular school, painting style, or technique. Artists are notified of acceptance and upon selection, are given shipping instructions. There will be a \$25.00 handling charge to help pay costs of unpacking, packing, and moving the exhibit to the various venues. Upon receipt of accepted paintings, NOAPSociety retains the right to refuse any painting for technical inaccuracy, misrepresentation, inadequate framing, or improper packaging. Artists are responsible for shipping costs. Awards are selected by a very highly qualified Awards Judge. Decision of the judge is final. Awards are announced at the Awards Reception, to which artists, members, and patrons are invited.

Make checks payable to NOAPS and mail to:

BEST of America! 2008, NOAPS

PO Box 676

Lake Ozark, MO 65065-0676

NOAPS EXHIBIT 2008 ENTRY FORM

Please print or type

Send entry form, fee, slide(s) or CD, and #10 self-addressed stamped envelope to:

**NOAPS
PO Box 676
Osage Beach MO 65065**



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____ **Cell phone** _____

Signature _____

Your signature here indicates compliance with BEST OF AMERICA 2008 regulations.

Fee: \$50.00 Includes your new or renewed membership until July 1, 2009
\$30.00 Per entry for non-membership

Make checks payable to: NOAPS

Master Card or Visa Number _____ **Expiration Date** _____

ENTRY #1

Title _____

Medium _____ **Year Completed** _____

Size (including frame) h = _____ **w =** _____ **Retail Price** _____

ENTRY #2

Title _____

Medium _____ **Year Completed** _____

Size (including frame) h = _____ **w =** _____ **Retail Price** _____

ENTRY #3

Title _____

Medium _____ **Year Completed** _____

Size (including frame) h = _____ **w =** _____ **Retail Price** _____

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