



Featured Will Vawter painting, "Oaks in Autumn" on loan courtesy of David Spencer.

WILL VAWTER was born on April 13, 1871. He moved with his family to Greenfield, Indiana, at age six. Young Will loved to draw and would frequently fill the pages of his schoolbooks with sketches. Basically a self-taught artist, Vawter started doing illustrations for the *Indianapolis Sentinel* in 1891. Soon his work appeared in other newspapers and magazines.

Around the same time, another Greenfield native was also making a name for himself as a poet. James Whitcomb Riley, known as the "Hoosier Poet," was a national bestseller with poems such as "Little Orphant Annie" and "The Raggedy Man." In 1893, Riley hired Will Vawter as an illustrator. Over the next thirty years, Vawter's work appeared in many of Riley's books.



In 1908, Vawter moved from Greenfield to Nashville, Indiana. There he helped establish what would later be known as the Brown County Art Colony along with other famous Indiana artists. Despite moving to Brown County, Vawter maintained his Greenfield ties. Will Vawter died in 1941 and was laid to rest in Greenfield's Park Cemetery.

Meet Our Juror Kjell Wangenstein

Dr. Kjell Wangenstein is Associate Curator of European Art at the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields. His primary passion is connecting people with works of art and with new ideas.



He has recently been exploring cross-disciplinary ways to make art from all times and places relevant to new and diverse audiences.

Wangenstein was the 2014-15 Theodore Rousseau Fellow in the department of European paintings at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. He has held positions in the paintings department of the J. Paul Getty Museum, the department of Old Master drawings at the National Gallery of Art, and the department of prints and drawings at the Princeton University Art Museum.

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20-A N. State St.
Greenfield, IN 46140
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CALL FOR ENTRIES

**2023 Will Vawter
Juried Art Exhibition & Sale
June 9 - July 8**



CALENDAR

MAILED ENTRY FORMS POSTMARKED BY:

Sat., May 20, 2023 (NO late entries)
Online forms may also be completed by midnight on this date at hancockcountyarts.org.

INTAKE AND PLEIN AIR:

Sat., June 3, 2023, 12-3 p.m. Delivered work due.
Twenty North Gallery (**Plein Air Paint-Out**)*
20 N. State St. (SR 9) Suite A, Greenfield, IN 46140

OPENING RECEPTION:

Friday, June 9, 2023

- 6 p.m. gallery gathering, refreshments
- 7 p.m. Awards presented in the "living alley" tent. Participating artists cast ballots for "Artists' Choice" during reception.

GALLERY VIEWING:

Wed., & Thu., 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sat., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
June 7 - July 8. Free admission.

PICK UP OF DECLINED WORK:

Sat., June 10, 5-6 p.m., ONLY

PICK UP OF EXHIBITED WORK:

Sat., July 8, 2-5 p.m. ONLY

**A plein air in historic downtown Greenfield is planned for intake day. See details inside.*

CALL FOR ENTRIES

ELIGIBILITY

Artists residing in Indiana are invited to compete in this juried art show.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

All entries must be original work. An image that is copied or done under the guidance of an instructor is not eligible. We accept only framed work or fully painted gallery wrap hung with wire (no saw-tooth hangers), work that has been completed within the last three years, and work that has never been entered in this show before. No more than two entries per artist.

Please include the sale price of your work. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE FOR SALE** and will be offered at your designated price throughout the exhibit.

All artwork must be clearly labeled with the medium, artist's name, address, phone number and name of work, if applicable. Please include your biographical information for the "Artist Notebook."

After the artwork is judged, artists will be notified by email from hancockcountyarts@gmail.com.

ART MEDIA

Oil & acrylic, watercolor, and everything else 2D. No photos, computer images, or posthumous artwork.

DIMENSIONS

48 inches maximum in any direction, including frame.

PRIZES:

GBC, HANCOCK HEALTH, NINESTAR CONNECT, TRI KAPPA

Best of Show _____ \$1,200
First Place Overall (all categories) _____ \$600
Second Place Overall (all categories) _____ \$400
Third Place Overall (all categories) _____ \$200
Two Merit Awards _____ \$100
Artists' Choice (voting by artists at reception) _____ \$100
Two Honorable Mentions (judge's discretion) _____ Ribbons
People's Choice Award (tally at show's end) _____ \$100

AWARDS AND SALES

The "Will Vawter Art Competition 2023 Awards" will be presented at the discretion of the juror. Sales are encouraged. A 35% commission from all purchases will be retained by Hancock County Arts. Artwork may be removed from the show from **2-5 p.m. on Sat., July 8, 2023.**
(Brochure revised 4-20-23)

LIABILITY

Hancock County Arts and the Will Vawter Art Committee will do everything within ordinary care to protect the artwork submitted. However, they assume no responsibility for loss or damage to the artwork.

RETURN OF WORK

Upon closing of the exhibition, all artwork may **ONLY** be picked up on **Saturday, July 8, 2023, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

AGREEMENT

Submission of an entry to the Will Vawter Art Competition 2023 constitutes an agreement on the part of the entrant to all the conditions set forth in this call for entries. Hancock County Arts reserves the right to reproduce accepted entries for publicity purposes.

ENTRY FEE (Includes Two Works)

\$45 per artist must be submitted with the entry form.

Members of Hancock County Arts receive \$10 off their entry fees.

Make check or money order payable to:

Hancock County Arts

Or become a member at

<https://www.hancockcountyarts.org>.

Entries must be postmarked or completed online by **midnight on Saturday, May 20, 2023.** No cash payments or refunds.

ENTRY LABELS

2023 Entry #1

Please attach to upper left corner on back of artwork

Name _____

Title _____

Medium _____

Sale Price _____
(required)

Accepted Declined

2023 Will Vawter Art Competition

2023 Entry #2

Please attach to upper left corner on back of artwork

Name _____

Title _____

Medium _____

Sale Price _____
(required)

Accepted Declined

2023 Will Vawter Art Competition

PLEIN AIR PAINT-OUT: ALL AGES

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023: 8 AM - 2 PM, judging at 1:30 PM

Entry fee \$10 for ages 13-adult (ages 12 and under, free)

Register onsite at the paint-out or in advance at <https://www.hancockcountyarts.org>

A juried plein air paint-out is planned on the Vawter show intake day. *Free lunch, artist gift bags, and monetary awards are sponsored by Leo's Market & Eatery.*

- **8-10 AM**, gather at the Hancock County Courthouse (9 E. Main St., Greenfield). **Have your papers/canvases stamped; enjoy coffee, juice and pastries;** and receive initial instructions. Paint a scene in downtown Greenfield or choose a view from the surrounding countryside.

- **1:30 PM**, must return to the courthouse before this time to be eligible for judging by Kjell Wangenstein.

- **2 PM**, a **\$150 Purchase Award will be selected by our sponsor, Leo's Market & Eatery.**

AWARDS BY AGE GROUP:

Adults \$100; Ages 13-18 \$50; Ages 12 & under \$25. Artists are invited to sell wet works painted at this event.



Please return this form with entry fee.

2023 Will Vawter Art Exhibition Entry Card

Please Print.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

2023 Entry #1 Accepted Declined

Title _____

Medium _____

Sale Price _____

Person Picking Up _____

2023 Entry #2 Accepted Declined

Title _____

Medium _____

Sale Price _____

Person Picking Up _____

SEND ENTRY FORMS along with entry fee to Hancock County Arts, 20 N. State St., Suite A, Greenfield, IN 46140. **Entries must be postmarked or completed online at [hancockcountyarts.org](https://www.hancockcountyarts.org) by midnight, Saturday, May 20, 2023.** No cash payments. No refunds.