

Patrick Saunders LPAPA, OPA, AIS, OPS

Artist's Statement

I believe that art is the act of creation. The result, whether it is a painting, sculpture, photograph etc., is simply a record of the creation experience. My approach is to free myself from preconceived visual beliefs and interpret the world directly before me. In so doing, I rediscover the colors, textures and values of everyday life that we otherwise take for granted. This is what drives me to paint and what I encourage in my students.

My art is the product of diligence in practice. I do not believe in talent. I believe that all of us have the potential to create art, if we choose to dedicate ourselves to the pursuit.

Biography

Patrick Saunders is a painter creating fine art while traveling North America in an Airstream with his photographer wife, Kimberly. He has studied with many renowned painters, including Mark English, Malcolm Liepke, Wilbur Niewald, Richard Schmid, Carolyn Anderson, and Burton Silverman. Patrick paints a variety of subjects, including portraits, landscapes, cityscapes, and florals, and frequently teaches workshops during his travels.

After graduating from the Kansas City Art Institute with a BFA, Patrick spent a decade as an artist at Hallmark Cards before returning to the KCAI to accept a full-time faculty position teaching illustration, painting, animation, and web design. Teaching led to a job offer in advertising, where, as a Group Creative Director, Patrick led teams of marketing professionals in New York, San Francisco, and globally, producing advertising for clients such as Colgate-Palmolive, Whole Foods, Hill's Pet Food, FedEx, Revlon, Southwest Airlines, Tom's of Maine, Nextel, Skyy, Kashi, and Kellogg's.

Throughout his career, Patrick has been recognized for outstanding work, earning awards from the Portrait Society of America, the Oil Painters of America, the American Advertising Federation, the International Academy of the Visual Arts, the Web Marketing Association, the Society of Illustrators and Communication Arts. He was featured by Southwest Art Magazine as one of their 21 Artists to Watch Under 31 in 2001. His KCAI students voted to honor Patrick with an Educator of the Year award.

In 2013, Patrick began plein air painting, and has won awards from numerous nationally recognized events and organizations, including Plein Air Easton, the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, Plein Air Texas, Plein Air

Richmond, Maui Plein Air, Telluride Plein Air, Lighthouse Plein Air and Sedona Plein Air. In September 2018, Patrick was the cover artist and featured in Southwest Art Magazine.

Patrick is a Signature Member of the Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, Oil Painters of America and the American Impressionist Society.

Education

Kansas City Art Institute - Bachelor of Fine Arts - 1992

Teaching Experience

Kansas City Art Institute – Faculty – 2002 – 2006

Painting Workshops – 2012 – Present

Coppini Academy of Fine Arts, Lighthouse ArtCenter, Plein Air Richmond, San Angelo Museum of Fine Art, Augusta Plein Air Festival, Penn Valley Plein Air Festival, White River Plein Air Festival, Eva Reynolds Fine Arts, Harold's Fine Arts, New Studio for the Visual Arts, Ellis County Art Association, Whistle Stop Corner Art Studio, Old Hyde Park Art Center, Artist Cove Studio, New Harmony Gallery, Women's Club of Fort Worth, The Art Loft, OnTrack Studios

Judging Experience

Pacific Northwest Plein Air

Art Muse Competition

Indiana Artists Juried Exhibition

Penn Valley Plein Air Festival

Plein Air On the White River

Augusta Plein Air Festival

Brush Creek Art Walk Plein Air Festival

The Global Awards

Press

Southwest Art Magazine, September 2018 (Featured Cover Artist)

Plein Air Magazine, June 2018

The Artist's Road, July 2017

OutdoorPainter.com, July 2017

OutdoorPainter.com, June 2017

OutdoorPainter.com, May 2017

OutdoorPainter.com, April 2017
OutdoorPainter.com, March 2017
Plein Air Magazine, December 2016
OutdoorPainter.com, December 2016
OutdoorPainter.com, November 2016
OutdoorPainter.com, October 2016
Peninsula Daily News, September 2016
PleinAirCollector.com, September 2016
OutdoorPainter.com, September 2016
OutdoorPainter.com, July 2016
PleinAirCollector.com, July 2016
OutdoorPainter.com, June 2016
Central Standard, KCUR 89.3, May 2016
OutdoorPainter.com, May 2016
Great Day St. Louis, KMOV 4, April 2016
OutdoorPainter.com April 2016
OutdoorPainter.com, March 2016
Plein Air Magazine, November 2015
San Angelo Standard Times, October 2015
OutdoorPainter.com, November 2015
OutdoorPainter.com, October 2015
Plein Air Magazine, September 2015
KCUR.org, KCUR 89.3 FM, August 2015
OutdoorPainter.com, July 2015
Telluride Inside, July 2015
OutdoorPainter.com, June 2015
OutdoorPainter.com, May 2015
PleinAirCollector.com, May 2015
OutdoorPainter.com, March 2014
Kansas City Live, KSHB, March 2014
OutdoorPainter.com, November 2013
Kansas City Star, August 2003
Southwest Art Magazine, September 2001
Kansas City Star, April 2000
Kansas City Sun, January 2000
Communication Arts Illustration Annual, 1996
Society of Illustrators, 1992
Society of Illustrators, 1991

Exhibitions

American Impressionist Society National Juried Exhibition,
Salmagundi Club – New York, NY – September, 2019
Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition,
Illume Gallery – St. George, UT – May, 2019

Portrait Society of America – International Portrait Competition – April, 2019
Richeson75 Figure/Portrait Exhibition – Richeson School of Art –
Kimberly, WI – October, 2018
American Impressionist Society National Juried Exhibition,
Peninsula School of Art – Fish Creek, WI – September, 2018
Laguna Plein Air Painters: Best of Plein Air, Forest & Ocean Gallery –
Laguna Beach, CA – July, 2018
Oil Painters of America 2018 Juried Salon Show,
Crooked Tree Arts Center – Traverse City, MI – June, 2018
Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition,
Steamboat Art Museum – Steamboat Springs, CO – June, 2018
Airstream Fine Art Invitational – Riverside Art Center – Wapakoneta, OH –
May, 2018
American Impressionist Society Small Works Showcase,
Greenwich House Gallery – Cincinnati, OH – March, 2017
American Impressionist Society National Juried Exhibition,
Montgomery Lee Fine Art – Park City, Utah – September, 2017
Laguna Plein Air Painters: Best of Plein Air, Forest & Ocean Gallery –
Laguna Beach, CA – June, 2017
Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition,
Eisele Gallery of Fine Art – Cincinnati, OH – May, 2017
Alumapalooza 8, Airstream Fine Art Invitational –
Jackson Center, OH – May, 2017
Plein Air Southwest Salon, Southwest Gallery – Dallas, TX – April, 2017
American Impressionist Society Small Works Showcase,
Randy Higbee Gallery – Costa Mesa, CA – March, 2017
Signature Impressions, Laguna Plein Air, Huntington Beach Art Center –
Huntington Beach, CA – November, 2016
Art & Nature, Laguna Plein Air, Forest & Ocean Gallery –
Laguna, CA – October, 2016
American Masters Exhibition, Salmagundi Club – New York, NY –
September, 2016
Plein Air Southwest Salon, Southwest Gallery – Dallas, TX – April, 2016
Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition
Cutter & Cutter Fine Art – St. Augustine, FL – May, 2015
Henderson Engineers – Lenexa, KS – January, 2015
Waddell & Reed – Kansas City, MO – October, 2014
Oil Painters of America Eastern Regional Juried Exhibition –
Cincinnati, OH - September 2014
Tomahawk Ridge Community Center – Overland Park, KS – July 2014
Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition –
Bennington, VT - June 2014
Buttonwood Art Space – Kansas City, MO – June, 2014
Eva Reynolds Fine Arts - Leawood, KS – April, 2014
Freeland Photography – Lee's Summit – MO – March, 2014
Berkowitz Oliver – Kansas City, MO – January 2014
Hooray for the Holidays Charity Auction
Mission Farms, Leawood KS – November, 2013

KCAI Fireside Committee Gala for the KCAI Scholarship Fund
November, 2013
Bruce Watkins Cultural Center – Kansas City, Mo – October, 2013
Wise Gallery – Kansas City, MO – April 2013
Wise Gallery – Kansas City, MO – December 2012
Oil Painters of America National Juried Exhibition
Nichols Taos Fine Art Gallery – Taos, New Mexico – May, 2003
Northern Colorado Artist Association National Juried Exhibition
Loveland, CO – April, 2003
Face It: Portraits - St. Louis Artists' Guild - St. Louis, MO - January, 2003
Artists For the New Century - Bennington Center For the Arts
Bennington, VT - September 2002
Lake Forest Art Expo - Chicago, IL - June, 1998
Art In the Woods - Corporate Woods - Overland Park, KS - May 1998
Sheraton Suites Hotel - Kansas City, MO - March, 1998
Lake Forest Art Expo - Chicago, IL - June, 1997
Lake Forest Art Expo - Chicago, IL - June, 1996
Eva Reynolds Fine Arts - Lenexa, KS - July, 1995
Zografia Gallery - Kansas City, MO - May, 1995
Yako Gallery - Kansas City, MO - January, 1993
U.S. Department of Energy - Washington D.C. - September 1992
Kansas City Art Institute Kemper Gallery - Kansas City, MO - May, 1992
Society of Illustrators Museum Juried Exhibition - New York, NY – May, 1992
Kansas City Art Institute - Kansas City, MO - January, 1992
Society of Illustrators Museum Juried Exhibition - New York, NY – May, 1991
Prairie Village City Hall - Prairie Village, Kansas - April, 1991

Awards & Honors

Laguna Beach Plein Air Painting Invitational – Invited Artist – October, 2019
Plein Air Easton – Invited Artist – July, 2019
Riverside Art Center – Best In Show – For the Love of the Moon Invitational
Exhibit – July, 2019
Art Muse Competition – Judge – April, 2019
Olmsted Plein Air – Second Place Quick Draw – May, 2019
Olmsted Plein Air – Best Architectural Award – May, 2019
Lighthouse Plein Air, Palm Beach, FL – Third Place – March, 2019
Lighthouse Plein Air, Palm Beach, FL – Second Place Quick Draw –
March, 2019
Richeson75 International Still Life & Floral Competition – Finalist –
March, 2019
Portrait Society of America – 2019 International Portrait Competition –
Certificate of Excellence - March, 2019
Richeson75 International Animals, Birds & Wildlife Competition –
Finalist – November 2018
En Plein Air Texas – Artists' Choice Texas Artist Camp Award – October, 2018

Laguna Beach Plein Air Painting Invitational – Revelite Award – Oct, 2018
Laguna Beach Plein Air Painting Invitational – Strada Award – October, 2018
Paint Grand Traverse – Invited Artist – August 2018
Gateway International Painting Competition – Finalist – August, 2018
Richeson75 International Portrait Competition – Finalist – August, 2018
Gateway International Painting Competition – Finalist – July, 2018
Plein Air Easton – Best Marine Award – July 2018
Plein Air Easton – Artists Choice Award, Tilghman Island – July, 2018
Plein Air Richmond – First Place Quickdraw – June, 2018
Plein Air Richmond – Honorable Mention – June, 2018
Outdoor Painters Society, Plein Air Southwest, Rockport, TX –
Plein Air Magazine Award of Excellence – May, 2018
Gateway International Painting Competition – Finalist – May, 2018
Airstream Fine Art Invitational – Third Place – May 2018
Gateway International Painting Competition – Finalist – April, 2018
Gateway International Painting Competition – Finalist – February, 2018
Lighthouse Plein Air, Palm Beach, FL – Second Place – March, 2018
Maui Plein Air – Makana Aloha Foundation Award – February, 2018
Maui Plein Air – Collector’s Choice Award – February, 2018
Gateway International Painting Competition – Finalist – December, 2017
Oil Painters of America, Fall Online Showcase –
Third Place, Signature Division – December, 2017
Gateway International Painting Competition –
Best In Show – November, 2017
En Plein Air Texas – Third Place – October, 2018
Sedona Plein Air – Judge’s Choice Award – October, 2017
Laguna Beach Plein Air Painting Invitational – Invited Artist – October, 2017
Sedona Winefest Paint Out – Sedona Plein Air– First Place – September, 2017
Gateway International Painting Competition – Finalist – August, 2017
Sedona Art Prize – Finalist – July, 2017
Door County Plein Air – Invited Artist – July, 2017
Plein Air Easton – Imagine Two Futures Award – July, 2017
Laguna Plein Air Painters: Best of Plein Air – Second Place – June, 2017
Plein Air Richmond – Best In Show – June, 2017
Buck’s County Plein Air – Third Place Quick Draw – June, 2017
Buck’s County Plein Air – Third Place Overall – June, 2017
Airstream Fine Art Invitations – People’s Choice Award – May, 2017
Sedona Art Prize – Finalist – May, 2017
Eureka Springs Plein Air Festival – People’s Choice Award – May 2017
Plein Air KC – Kansas City, MO - Judge – May, 2017
Plein Air On the White River – Cotter, AR – Judge – April, 2017
Outdoor Painters Society, Plein Air Southwest, Dallas, TX –
Award of Merit – April, 2017
Lighthouse Plein Air, Palm Beach, FL – Honorable Mention – March, 2017
Sedona Art Prize – Finalist – February, 2017
En Plein Air Texas – Second Place – October, 2016
Sedona Plein Air Festival, Sedona AZ – Best of Show – October, 2016
Sedona Plein Air Festival, Sedona AZ –

First Place, Main Street Paint Out – October, 2016
Sonoma Plein Air, Sonoma, CA – Featured Artist – September, 2016
Paint the Peninsula, Port Angeles, WA –
Olympic Rangers Interpretation Award – August, 2016
Paint the Peninsula, Port Angeles, WA – First Place Paintout – August, 2016
Paint the Peninsula, Port Angeles, WA – Honorable Mention – August, 2016
Door County Plein Air – Featured Artist – July, 2016
Art Muse Contest – Finalist Master Artist – July, 2016
Plein Air Easton – 3rd Place, Small Painting Sunday – July, 2016
Plein Air Easton – Life On the Farm Award – July, 2016
Plein Air Easton – 1st Place, Cambridge Paint Out – July, 2016
Richmond Plein Air – Honorable Mention – June, 2016
Easels In Frederick – Best Use of Light Award Winner – June, 2016
Easels In Frederick – Second Place Quick Draw Award Winner – June, 2016
Mountain Maryland Plein Air – Honorable Mention – June 2016
Mountain Maryland Plein Air –
Second Place Quick Draw Award Winner – June 2016
Paint Annapolis – People’s Choice Award Winner – June, 2016
Paint Annapolis – Honorable Mention – June, 2016
Paint Annapolis – Second Place Nocturne Award Winner – June, 2016
Penn Valley Park Plein Air Fest – Best In Show – May 2016
Purchase Award Winner, WWI Memorial Quick Paint – May 2016
Augusta Plein Air – Second Place Oil Painting Award – May, 2016
Augusta Plein Air – Second Place Artists’ Choice – May, 2016
Augusta Plein Air – Purchase Award Winner, Augusta Shores – April, 2016
Outdoor Painter’s Society, Plein Air Southwest, Dallas, TX –
Artist’s Choice Award Winner – April, 2016
Outdoor Painters Society, Plein Air Southwest, Dallas, TX –
Award of Merit – April, 2016
Paint the Town, Marble Falls, TX – Best In Show – March 2016
Lighthouse ArtCenter Plein Air Festival – Featured Artist – March, 2016
En Plein Air Texas – Best Architectural Award – October, 2015
Sonoma Plein Air – Featured Artist – September, 2015
Oil Painters of America Paintout, Marceline, MO –
Purchase Award Winner – August, 2015
Telluride Plein Air – Artist’s Choice, 3rd Place – July, 2015
Stems Plein Air Paint Out - First Place – May, 2015
Stems Plein Air Paint Out – Second Place – May, 2015
Stems Plein Air Paint Out – Purchase Award – May, 2015
Penn Valley Plein Air Fest – First Place – May, 2015
Penn Valley Plein Air Fest – Quick Paint First Place – May, 2015
Augusta Plein Air – Best of Show – April, 2015
Augusta Plein Air – First Place Oil Painting Award – April, 2015
Augusta Plein Air – Artist’s Choice Award Winner – May, 2015
Augusta Plein Air – Purchase Award Winner, Montelle Winery – April, 2015
Maple Leaf Paint Out, Carthage, MO – First Place – October, 2014
Oil Painters of America Paintout, Marceline, MO –
Purchase Award Winner – September, 2014

1st Annual KC Big Picnic Quick Paint – Purchase Award Winner – July, 2014
Stems Plein Air Paint 2014 – First Place, Oil Category 1 – June, 2014
Stems Plein Air Paint 2014 – Second Place, Oil Category 2 – June, 2014
Stems Plein Air Paint 2014 –
 Purchase Award Winner, Quick Paint Evening Event – May, 2014
Penn Valley Park Plein Air Fest – Best In Show – May 2014
Penn Valley Park Plein Air Fest –
 Purchase Award Winner, Firefighters Memorial Quick Paint – May 2014
Parkville In Art Plein Air Competition – Best In Show – October, 2013
Parkville In Art Plein Air Competition – Best Oil Painting – October, 2013
Parkville In Art Plein Air Competition –
 Olde Mill Purchase Award Winner – October, 2013
Brush Creek Art Walk - First Place, Zone 1 - October, 2013
Brush Creek Art Walk –
 Purchase Award Winner, Quick Paint– September, 2013

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