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**Explore your Artistic Side this Fall at the Memphis Botanic Garden during Plein Air Season!**

The Memphis Botanic Garden invites artists and artists at heart to capture the colors and textures of the changing landscape this fall. Guest artists will also be on-site on select Sundays in September and October to share tips and tricks and paint *en plein air*. The season will culminate in a juried exhibition in December featuring works created at the Garden this fall.

*En Plein Air* is a French expression meaning “in the open air” and refers to the act of painting outdoors with the artist immersed in the natural setting they are depicting.

September 11, 18, and 25 and October 9, 16, and 23, guest artists will be on-site painting and sharing Plein Air techniques. Visitors are invited to bring their art supplies and create work inspired by the autumnal scenery at the Garden. Plus, the Garden will host a special Plein Air Twilight Thursday on September 22 from 5-8 pm, which features a children’s plein air activity.

Works can be submitted for consideration for the Plein Air Exhibition, which will be on view in December in the Garden’s Visitors Center. Submission deadline is November 1 at noon. All submitted work created at the Garden this fall that depicts the Garden will be considered.

This is an inclusive event – open to everyone from beginners to experts, including children, and all mediums are welcome. It is free with Garden admission, and there is no fee to submit work for consideration in the exhibition.

**Guest Artist Schedule**

Select Sundays, 3-5 pm

Sunday, September 11	Barrie Foster
Sunday, September 18	Jan Carnall
Sunday, September 25	Bob McCabe
Sunday, October 9	Ann Brown Thomason
Sunday, October 16	Carol Roark
Sunday, October 23	Jacque' Sligh

More information and artwork submission details are available at [membg.org/events/plein-air-season-at-the-garden/](http://membg.org/events/plein-air-season-at-the-garden/)

*The Memphis Botanic Garden is a not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization dedicated to being an exemplary center for horticulture and environmental enrichment. Serving over 40,000 school-aged children annually, and hosting 225,000 visitors each year, Memphis Botanic Garden strives to enhance lives by connecting people with nature, increasing awareness and appreciation of our environment.*