

Evergreen Association of Fine Artists (EAFA)

2024 Plein Air Schedule

We meet at 9:00 A.M. and break for lunch at 12:30. The official session ends with lunch, but some of us may resume painting in the afternoon as weather, energy, and inspiration permit. Due to travel schedules, some venues may not have an official coordinator on site. This year's plein air-coordinators are Judy Gilbert (301-233-0983), Anna Choi Lee, Steve Momii and Sharon Blickenstaff.

Date	Location
May 7	Kubota Gardens. 9817 55 th Ave. S, Seattle. Facilities and Scene: Parking lot, on Metro Bus line, portable toilets. Hilly 20-acre Japanese-style garden dating to 1927. Flowers, ponds, waterfalls, lawn, Japanese lanterns, & a moon bridge. Huge variety of shrubs and trees, trails. Directions: I-5 south from downtown Seattle. Exit 158/ Boeing access Rd towards E Marginal Way. Use left 2 lanes to turn left onto S. Boeing Access Rd (signs for M L King Way.) Go 0.07-mile turn Left onto 51 st Ave S. Go 0.5 mile Turn Right onto S. Roxbury. 100 ft. turn right onto Renton Ave S. Go 0.3-mile turn right onto 55 th Ave S. Go 100 ft. Kubota Gardens on the right. Meet near parking lot.
May 14	Lowell Riverfront Trail. 2901 Lowell Snohomish River Rd, Everett, WA 98203. Facilities and Scene: Popular with bird watchers, this 1.75-mi. multi-use paved trail also offers mountain views. There is parking and a bathroom. Directions: Follow I-5 N to WA-527 N in Everett. Take exit 189 from I-5 N for WA-527 N toward WA-99/ Everett Mall Way. Continue on W-527 N to Lowell Riverfront Trail.
May 21	Tanner's Landing, 433rd Ave SE Mount Si Rd & North Bend WA 98045. Facilities and Scene. Parking and portable toilet, picnic tables. Mountain/meadow views and easy access to shore of Snoqualmie River. Directions: Follow E North Bend Way, turn left on Mount Si Road at the the Daily Grind coffee shop. Turn right for Tanner's Landing parking lot before you go over the bridge to the Mount Si Trailhead.
May 28	Bellevue Botanical Garden 12001 Main St 98005. Facilities and Scene: Free parking, restrooms. Formal gardens, a Japanese garden, stream and waterfall, native woods and wetlands. Directions: From SR 520 take 124 th Ave NE exit, drive south on 124th Ave NE. At the end of 124th Ave NE turn right on NE Main St, then left into Bellevue Botanical Gardens parking lot. Meet for lunch at picnic tables near Shorts House.
June 4	Tolt-McDonald Park, 31020 NE 40th St, Carnation WA. Two rivers, the Snoqualmie and the Tolt join in Tolt-McDonald Park. Cool suspension bridge across the Snoqualmie. Also woods, fields, farm buildings, distant mountain vistas. Facilities: Parking, restrooms, picnicking. Directions: Drive SR 203 to Carnation. On the south side of town turn west on NE 40th Street, shortly entering the park. Meet for lunch at the picnic tables by the first parking lot.
June 11	Saint Edward State Park. 7515 NE 175th St, Kenmore, WA 98028. Discover pass required. Facilities and Scene: Sprawling lawns and forested trails, all set around impressive Romanesque Revival-style brick buildings, rocky beach, wildflowers. Directions: Meet at picnic tables in Orchard Picnic Area for lunch.

June 18	<p>Snoqualmie Railroad Station, 7971 Railroad Ave, Snoqualmie, WA Quaint buildings, old trains; nearby river views; Snoqualmie Falls about a mile west. Feel free to paint anywhere in and around Snoqualmie. Facilities: Restrooms in the station, street parking, nearby shops, shelter in case of rain. Directions: Drive I-90 east and take Exit 25 (Snoqualmie Parkway/Hwy 18). Turn left back under the freeway onto Snoqualmie Parkway and follow that road for about three miles to its end at Railroad Ave. (Hwy 202). Turn right onto Railroad Avenue and drive into the main part of Snoqualmie. Park near the railroad station. Meet near the Gazebo for lunch.</p>
June 25	<p>TL' awh-ah-dees Kenmore Paddle Park, 7515 NE 175th St, Kenmore, WA 98028. Facilities and Scene: Marsh and pedestrian walkways, bridges. Restrooms and picnic tables.</p>
July 2	<p>Kelsey Creek Farm. 410 130th Place SE, Bellevue... Facilities and Scene: Part of Bellevue Parks Department. Large parking lot, toilets, picnic shelter. Creek and historic barns. Animals: goats, sheep, horses, cows, chickens. Mature gardens and pasture. Directions: from I-405-N, take Exit 12 / SE 8th St. Head East past Lake Hills Connector, Keep right and Turn right onto SE 8th St., 0.3 mi, continue Straight onto SE 7th Place. Turn left onto 129th Ave SE in 0.2mi. Turn right onto SE 4th Place into Kelsey Creek Farm parking lot. Meet at shelter or picnic tables.</p>

July 9	<p>Index, Washington. Doolittle Pioneer Park. 308 5th St., Index. Facilities and Scene: North Fork Skykomish River with two bridges. Views of Mt. Index & Persis to the south and Mt. Merchant & Gunn to the north. Famous granite rock climbing wall to the west. Historic town buildings, homes, and Pioneer Park. Can be windy along the river. Restrooms at park. On street parking only.</p> <p>Directions: From Monroe, drive 20.3 miles east on US-2 (Stevens Pass Highway). Turn left on Index-Galena Rd. In 0.9 miles turn left onto 5th Street bridge across the Skykomish River. Pioneer Park on left. 1) Park and paint here, in town and along the river, OR 2) Continue on 5th street, turn left at the Bush Hotel, and cross RR tracks. Turn Left continue to river and paint along the river. Meet for lunch at Pioneer Park across from the Outdoor Adventure Center.</p>
July 16	<p>Juanita Beach Park 9703 Juanita Drive NE, Kirkland. Facilities and Scene: Parking lot, picnic shelter, and toilet. Open views of Lake Washington, beach, marsh area, trails. Directions: From I-405 North Exit 20A toward 116th Street South, Go 1.8 miles on NE Juanita Drive go into Juanita Beach Park parking lot. Meet at shelter for lunch.</p>
July 23	<p>Olallie State Park. 51350 Homestead Valley Rd, North Bend. Facilities and Scene: Large gravel parking, lot, portable restrooms near Ranger Station, south end of road, ADA porta potty and small parking area near Wallis Falls. Low bank access South Fork Snoqualmie River, forest trails, mountains, large meadow. Directions: I-90 eastbound Exit 38. Turn right at stop sign. Go 0.8-mile entrance to park is on left. Large meadows and Ranger Station. Continue on park road to end loop to the left for small parking area, ADA restroom, and Wallis Falls. Meet at picnic tables near Ranger Station. Washington State Discover Parking Pass Required.</p>

July 30	<p>Center for Urban Horticulture/ Union Bay Natural Area. 3501 NE 41st St, Seattle. Facilities and Scene: Parking lot and restrooms. 1) Lush Formal gardens surround the Urban Horticulture Visitors Center which has Restrooms. 2) A bit of a hike on wide groomed Trails leads to Union Bay Natural Area with views of Lake Washington, Union Bay, Mount Rainier, wetlands, towering trees, open meadows, and ponds. Directions: From eastbound NE 45th St. (south of University village) turn right (south) on to Mary Gates Memorial Drive NE. Continue on to NE 41st St, and turn right into the parking lot east of Visitors Center. Meet for lunch at fountain east of buildings.</p>
Aug 6	<p>Gold Creek Pond, Snoqualmie Pass. Facilities and Scene: Parking lot and pit toilet. Paved walk of approximately ¼ mile to pond and picnic area. Pond is ringed by 1 mile paved trail with many viewpoints. Alpine forests, dramatic view of Chickamin Peak, Gold Creek Valley, and Gold Creek. Directions: I-90 east to Exit 54, Hyak. 2 miles east of the Snoqualmie Pass summit. Exit freeway, turn left crossing under the freeway. Turn right onto a narrow paved road (FR 4832). In 1-mile turn left on Gold Creek Road (FR-142) watch out for potholes. Turn left in 0.3 miles into Gold Creek Pond parking lot. Paved walk left of toilet leads approximately ¼ mile to pond. Meet for lunch at picnic tables near the pond. Forest Pass or National Park Golden Age Pass required.</p>
Aug 13	<p>Bothell Landing. 9919 NE 180th St., Bothell. Facilities and Scene: Historic Buildings, pedestrian bridge over the river, gazebo, playground, restrooms. Directions From SR-522 eastbound from Seattle (Bothell Way NE) In Bothell, turn right (south) at the light at 98th Ave NE. Park in lot. Additional parking available if you continue eastbound on SR522 and take the next right. Meet for lunch at picnic tables at west end of Bothell Landing Park.</p>
Aug 20	<p>Middle Fork Snoqualmie River, North Bend. Facilities and Scene: Parking lot, picnic areas, and restrooms. Low bank river access, mountain views, forest, trails, footbridge. Many areas to paint 1) River Front: follow trail near restroom to Left. 2) Foot bridge, high bank views, forest: follow trail near restrooms straight into forest to the footbridge. 3) There are pullouts along the road before the large parking lot with good views. 4) Continue on road to bridge and gravel parking lot next to primitive camping area. Directions: Drive east on I-90 to Exit 34 /468th Ave. Turn left on 468th Ave. and go about 0.5 mile; turn right on Middle Fork Road. Set your trip mileage to 0.0. Go 0.9 miles bear left at the fork. At 2.2 miles turn left at the stop sign. At 11.8 miles from the beginning of Middle Fork Road, turn right into the large paved parking lot. (For Google maps enter "<i>Middle Fork Trailhead</i>"). Meet near picnic tables along (1) riverfront. Northwest Forest Pass or National Park Pass required</p>
Aug 27	<p>Fisherman's Terminal, 3919 18th Ave W, Seattle, WA 98119. Parking, bathrooms, restaurants. There are docks with historic fishing boats, modern fishing boats, yachts, sailboats.</p>
Sept 3	<p>Ilssaquah Depot Park/ Memorial Field. 67291 1st Ave NE Issaquah. Facilities and Scene: Parking lot, toilet (blue doors in Preschool Building across Memorial field or in City Hall), picnic tables, and playground. Train Depot and Caboose, passenger car, historic logging equipment" steam donkey." NOTE: Depot is part of self-guided tour of Historic Issaquah on Front Street includes historic buildings, Wisteria trellis, etc. Views of Issaquah Alps Mountains. Directions: From Seattle I-90 eastbound. Exit 18 E / Sunset Way. Follow signs for E Sunset Way. Turn right onto 1st Ave NE. Go 200 ft. Turn right into Depot Park on the right. Meet at Depot.</p>
Sept 10	<p>Larson Lake, Bellevue. 14812 SE 8th St, Bellevue, WA 98007. Facilities: Meadows and fields surround the lake. The lake is accessed from a trail through the Lake Larson Blueberry Farm. The Farm officially opens at 10:00 am. Blueberry picking, for a fee, is available with a WA driver's license and in designated areas only. Directions: From I-90, take 148th Avenue SE exit (BCC exit, 11B) north. Turn right into parking lot just past SE 8th Street.</p>

Sept 17	<p>Wayne Park. 16721 96th Ave NE, Bothell. Facilities and Scene. Parking and portable toilet. There are 89 acres of open space, Sammamish River and Waynita Creek, trails, picnicking, bird watching, fishing, and short walk from Old Golf Club House to Blyth Park. Long views of meadows, ornamental & native deciduous and evergreen trees, and shrubs. Directions: From North Seattle, WA 522 E/Lake City Way eastbound. Turn right onto 96th Ave NE. Go 0.2-mile turn right into gravel parking lot. Meet near Club House.</p>
Sept 24	<p>Beaver Lake Park, 25101 SE 24th Street, Sammamish. Lake, picnic shelter, lodge, woods, restroom. Directions: From I-90 take exit 18, (Sunset/Highlands) and turn left up the hill at the end of the ramp. Go past the hospitals and shops and turn right on SE Issaquah-Fall city Road, which becomes SE Duthie Hill road. Left on SE Issaquah-Beaver Lake Rd, which becomes SE 32nd Street. Turn right on 244th Ave SE and go past the Dog walk/Ballfield entrance and turn right on SE 24th street, then turn right on West Beaver Lake Rd SE to the park lodge entrance. Meet for lunch at the picnic shelter.</p>
Oct 1	<p>Confluence Park, 595 Rainier Blvd N., Issaquah. Creek, natural area, old farmhouse and garden, picnic shelter, pedestrian bridge, restrooms. Directions: Take exit 17 (Front Street) off I-90. Turn south on Front St., Right on NW Holly St., left on Rainier Blvd N. and park on street or go to the parking lot - continue on Rainier Blvd, turn right on NW Dogwood, then right on <u>3rd Court NW (note name)</u>. Meet for lunch at the picnic shelter.</p>
Oct 8	<p>Magnusen Park, 7400 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle. Facilities and Scene: Park is huge with numerous government, private, and public access points. Large parking lots, porta potties, covered picnic tables, boat ramp. Low bank shore access to Lake Washington, view of Mt Rainier, trails, wetlands and ponds. Directions: Entrance to public area is at NE 65th St and Sandpoint Way NE. Follow 65th East to largest parking areas near the boat ram E1 & E2. Meet for lunch at covered picnic tables south of boat ramp.</p>
Oct 15	<p>Snoqualmie Falls Park - Lower level 37479 SE Fish Hatchery Rd, Fall City. Riverside boardwalk and observation platform. Restrooms. Be prepared for lots of traffic on the boardwalk if you set up there. Or walk down to the river and navigate some boulders to a beach view of the river. Also views at upper falls or Fish Hatchery rd. (see directions). Directions: From the Fall City round-a-bout make a right turn onto east bound SR-202 towards the Falls. Turn right on 372nd Ave SE, drive 0.2 miles and turn left on SE Fish Hatchery road, drive to end of Rd to parking lot. There are also 3 pullouts going the other way on SE Fish Hatchery Rd, the first at the intersection with 372nd SE with restroom and steep trail to river, the third with porta-potty. Meet for lunch near the parking lot at the lower falls.</p>
Oct 22	