

## An Introduction to Plein Air Painting

Are you curious about sketching or painting on site outdoors? Are you new to plein air painting? Join local award-winning plein air painter Barbara Stepura for an introduction to plein air painting on March 15 from 9-12:30 at the Mattawoman Creek Art Center,

Barbara will introduce some key steps for plein air painting success and coach you during a session of sketching or painting outdoors. One key principle is that the basis of any successful painting is composition. While sketching your composition is the first step, you are free in this session to begin and end with a sketch or develop it into a painting

We will meet indoors at MCAC to start then head outside to beautiful Smallwood State Park. After sketching or painting for about 2 hours, we will gather as a group to share our work.

Wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather. See below for a list of supplies.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn about the fun process of plein air, which has captivated many famous artists from Renoir to Monet. Let plein air inspire you!

To register for this free event, contact the MCAC office at 301-743-5159 or email [mattawomanart@aol.com](mailto:mattawomanart@aol.com).

### **Recommended Supplies:**

- pencil**
- eraser**
- sketchbook**
- paints or pastels if you intend to paint**
- brushes if painting**
- paper or canvas to paint on**
- paper towels**
- a folding chair**
- an easel if painting**
- a hat with a brim**

### **Optional items:**

- gloves**
- bug spray**
- water to drink**
- a small trash bag**
- lunch**