

2025 CASA GRANDE ON CANVAS PLEIN AIR PAINTING COMPETITION RULES and GUIDELINES

WHAT: 2025 Casa Grande on Canvas: Plein Air Painting Competition, hosted by the Casa Grande Arts and Culture Commission

What is Plein Air?

En plein air is a French expression meaning “in the open air” and refers to the act of painting outdoors with the artist’s subject in full view. Plein air artists capture the spirit and essence of a landscape or subject by incorporating natural light, color, and movement into their works.

The event is open to any artist who paints using the Plein Air technique in oil, watercolor, acrylic, or pastel. Both artist and subject must be outdoors, and photographs are NOT used. Contemporary plein air artists capture moments in time that reflect the ever-changing colors, light and shadows, temperature and shifting elements. This art form requires stamina, focus and the ability to be completely absorbed in the work.

WHEN: Saturday, March 29, 2025

WHERE: Start Registration @ The Museum of Casa Grande, 110 W. Florence Blvd., Casa Grande AZ

Event Schedule:

2025 Plein Air Event Schedule	
Time	Event
7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Event Registration will be held at The Museum of Casa Grande
7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Painting “En Plein Air”
No later than 3:00 p.m.	Return Completed Art Submissions at the 2 nd Annual Casa Grande Southwest Taco Fest at Dave White Park & Golf Course located at 2121 N. Thorton Road, Casa Grande, AZ 85122
4:15 – 4:45 p.m.	Judging & People’s Choice Voting
5:30 – 5:45 p.m.	Winners Announced

SUBMIT ART & JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE AT:

Dave White Regional Park & Golf Course
2121 N. Thorton Road, Casa Grande, AZ 85122
3:00 p.m.

RULES FOR THE EVENT:

1. **Location:** An artist may paint any subject or scene outdoors, provided it is within the city limits of Casa Grande. *(Please see attached map, along with a list of potential sites).*
 - Registration will be from 7:30-10:00 a.m. and will be held at the Casa Grande Museum, located at 110 W. Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, AZ 85122.
2. **Materials:**
 - a. All canvas must be stamped PRIOR to painting. **NO** unstamped art will be accepted. An unlimited number may be stamped but no more than one (1) can be submitted for the competition. Artwork that is painted on any other material besides the stamped canvas will be disqualified.
 - b. Only the following mediums will be accepted: oils, acrylics, watercolors, and pastels.
 - c. Artists must provide their own materials and a **sturdy easel** for display during the judging

process. Please mark your materials with your name and phone number.

- d. *Youth (ages 17 and under) may utilize canvases using various mediums such as pencil, crayon, pen, or ink and may submit unframed completed artwork.*
3. Painting Time Period & Entrance to Dave White Park: Each work of art must be started and completed, "en plein air", on Saturday, March 29, 2025, between 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on the day of the event. The event will be held rain or shine so come prepared. **All art must be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. @ Dave White Regional Park, 2nd Annual Casa Grande Southwest Taco Fest.**
 - Participating artists will receive **TWO FREE** tickets to enter the Southwest Taco Fest. All other family members or guests will need to pay:
 - **Discounted Tickets**: \$10 discount tickets are available online until March 28th.
 - **Day of Event**: All ticket sales available online for \$15.
 - **Special Offers**: Active military, veterans, and children 12 & under (accompanied by a paying adult) can enjoy free admission.
4. Size of artwork: Size of unframed artwork does not to exceed 16" x 20".
5. Artist Participants: Participation is open to all.
6. Legal: Artists will be responsible for the safety of their paintings. The Casa Grande Arts and Culture Commission & City of Casa Grande shall assume no responsibility for loss or damage to any work, display, supplies/materials, or person during this event. All winning entries shall become the sole owner of the City of Casa Grande to include the frame it is presented in.

REQUIRED REGISTRATION:

All artists must register and have their canvas stamped **prior** to any work being done. (No exceptions). **All participating artists will receive TWO FREE tickets to the 2nd Annual Casa Grande Southwest Taco Fest.**

Registration will take place from 7:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at the Casa Grande Museum, 110 W. Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, AZ 85122.

Early registration fees can be completed by mail and must be postmarked by Monday, March 3, 2025. Early registration can also be completed by calling or coming to the City Clerk's Office by March 3, 2025.

Registration fees:

- **Adult Early Registration from February 10 – March 10, 2025 = \$15**
- **Adult Registration = \$20.00 from March 11 – March 29, 2025**
- **Youth Registration FREE for ages 17 and under; Register anytime between February 10 – March 29, 2025.**

Free paint kits for the first 10 youth who register.

Payments for adult registration may be made by cash, cashier's check, money order, credit cards or bank debit cards.

JUDGING PROCESS:

1. All Paintings and a Signed Contest Entry Card must be delivered to the judging site no later than 3:00 p.m. at the Dave White Regional Park & Golf Course on Saturday, March 29, 2025. **Late entries will not be accepted**, so plan your return trip accordingly.
2. Each artist may submit one (1) finished piece for the competition. No additional entries will be

accepted.

3. Artwork submitted for judging must be signed on the back. ****Do not sign your artwork on the front side.**
4. The "Plein Air Stamp" provided at event registration must be visible on the back of the artwork at the time of submission.
5. Framed art is an integral part of a finished painting. **All adult paintings must be appropriately framed, and you must also provide an easel to display your painting for judging.**
 - *We reserve the right to refuse any ADULT painting improperly framed or wired (i.e., no unframed wrapped canvases, stained mats, alligator hangers, etc.).*
 - ***Winning artwork and frames become the sole property of the City of Casa Grande.***
6. ***Teens & Youth (age 17 and under) may submit unframed, completed artwork.***
7. All submitted paintings must remain on display from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
8. The judging will take place from 4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. All judging is final during the competition.
9. Judging results will be announced between 5:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. at the Southwest Taco Fest.
10. The Judging Panel will consist of five (5) judges. This panel of judges will select the Adult and Youth winners.

AWARDS:

The following categories will be judged and awarded a monetary prize. There will be one (1) award per category.

Award Categories	Prize Award for Adult (18 years & over)	Prize Award for Teens (17 years – 13 years)	Prize Award for Youth (12 years -7 years)	Prize Award for Children (6 years -under)
Best of Show	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	Paint Kit
Second Place	\$250.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	Paint Kit
Third Place	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50	Paint Kit
People's Choice	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$50	Paint Kit

*****All entries judged and awarded monetary prizes will become the sole property of the City of Casa Grande***

ART SALE:

An opportunity for the public to buy paintings that were created at the 2025 Casa Grande on Canvas Plein Air Painting Competition, but not judged to be winners will be available at the Southwest Taco Fest on the day of the competition.

- *To purchase a piece of art for sale that evening, buyers will negotiate the price with the artist. Artists will pay the Arts and Culture Commission a 20% fee for each painting sold at this event.*

For further information, please contact:

Casa Grande City Clerk's Office at (520) 421-8600.

Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce Southwest Taco Fest:

The Casa Grande Southwest Taco Fest will be returning to the beautiful Dave White Park. Get ready for a day filled with culinary delights, entertainment, and family fun at this fantastic location!

Be sure to bring your own chair and/or blanket as seating will not be provided. Outside food and drinks, canopies/EZ-ups, pets or weapons are not allowed.

Visit the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce at www.casagrandechamber.org for more information on the 2nd Annual Casa Grande Southwest Taco Fest – located under the Event Calendars: Community Events in March.

For local hotel information, the Chamber has a list of hotels & lodgings under the Tourism tab.

The Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce can also be reached at:

- (520) 836-2125
- (800) 916-1515 (toll free)
- info@casagrandechamber.org or [Home - Experience Casa Grande Discover Casa Grande: Arizona's Hidden Gem for Adventure](#) or swtacofest.com

TACO FEST QR CODE:



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SUGGESTED AREAS OF INTEREST

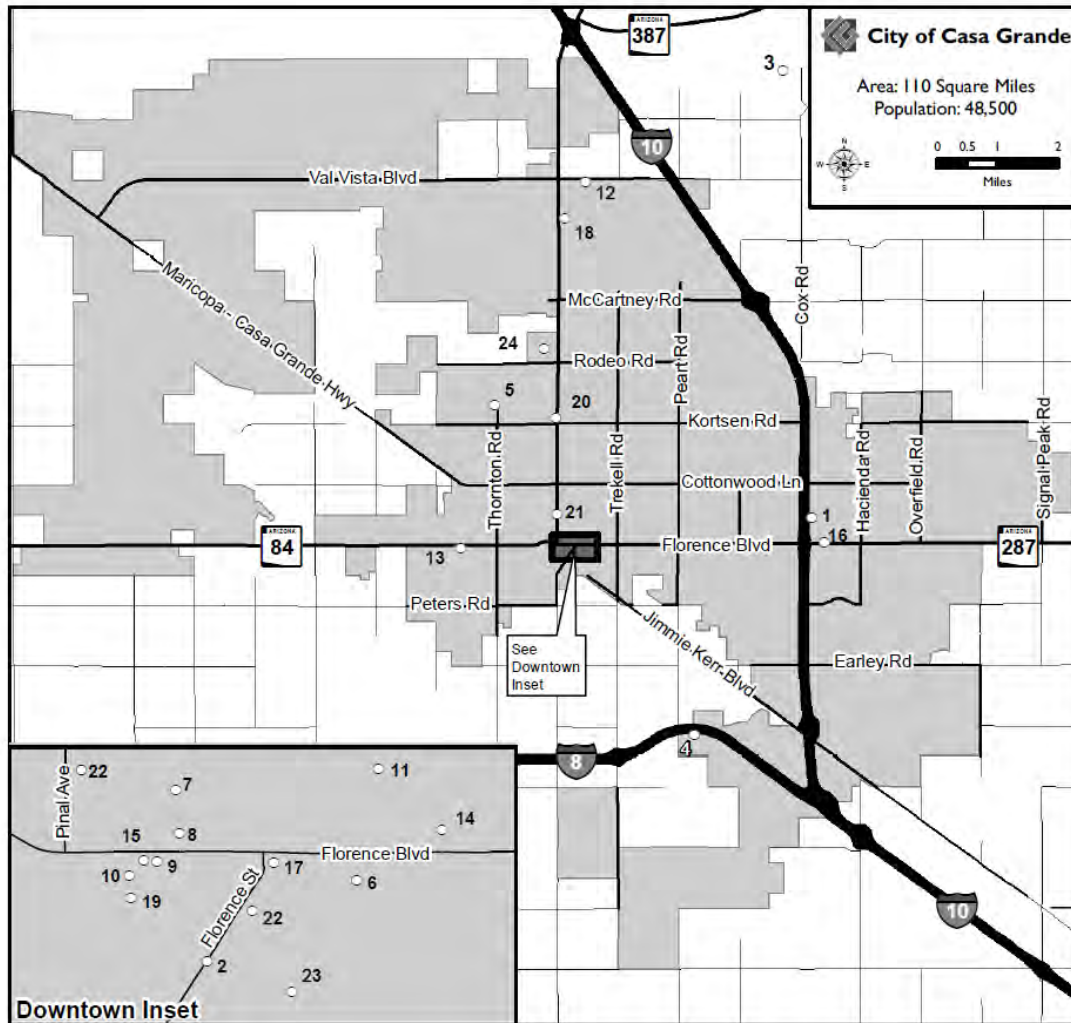
March 29, 2025 (Other areas may be selected)

<u>Areas</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>
1. Promenade Mall Court Area - Frog Sculpture	Located in front of Harkins Theatre, Promenade Mall	
2. Casa Grande Downtown Area	Florence Street	
3. North Mountain Park	3900 N. Cox Road Casa Grande, AZ 85122	City of Casa Grande
4. Casa Grande Mountain Trails	I-10 to Jimmie Kerr Blvd. west to Peart Road South.	City of Casa Grande
5. Dave White Municipal Golf Course	2121 N. Thornton Road Casa Grande, AZ 85122	City of Casa Grande
6. Peart Park	350 E. 6 th Street Casa Grande, AZ 85122	City of Casa Grande
7. BeDillon's Cactus Garden	800 N Park Ave Casa Grande, AZ 85122	Michael Jackson (520) 836-2045
8. Casa Grande Valley Historical Society (Barn & Heritage Hall)	110 West Florence Blvd. Casa Grande, AZ 85122	Casa Grande Valley Historical Society & Museum 520-836-2222 info@cgvhs.org
9. Woman's Club (Michael Sullivan Stone Structures)	407 N. Sacaton Street Casa Grande, AZ 85122	City of Casa Grande
10. Casa Grande Art Museum	319 W. 3 rd Street Casa Grande, AZ 85122	Casa Grande Art Museum
11. City Court House	375 E. 9 th Street Casa Grande, AZ 85122	City of Casa Grande
12. City Public Safety Facility	373 E. Val Vista Blvd. Casa Grande, AZ 85122	City of Casa Grande
13. The Property Conference Center	1251 W. Gila Bend Hwy Casa Grande, AZ 85194	Michael Jackson PO Box 10678 Casa Grande, AZ 85130 (520) 836-1101
14. City Hall, City Hall Fountain & City Hall Plaza	510 E. Florence Blvd. Casa Grande, AZ 85122	City of Casa Grande
15. Heritage Park	Corner of 3 rd Street and Sacaton	City of Casa Grande

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16. Barro's Pizza – former Mimi's Café	Street 839 North Promenade Parkway Casa Grande, AZ 85194	(520) 426-0193
17. Patio/Business Complex (McCarville Law Office)	Corner of Florence Street and Florence Blvd.	Florence & Florence Redevelopment, LLC (Florence Commercial Plaza)
18. Villago Park	3368 N. Pinal Avenue Casa Grande, AZ 85122	City of Casa Grande
19. Neon Sign – Wonder Bar	310 W. 2 nd Street Casa Grande, AZ 85122	(520) 836-9987
20. Neon Sign – Silver Bullet	1401 N. Pinal Avenue Casa Grande, AZ 85122	(520) 836-1361
21. Neon Sign – Pirates Fish & Chips	818 N. Pinal Avenue Casa Grande, AZ 85122	(520) 836-2646
22. Neon Sign – Paramount Theatre	420 N. Florence Street Casa Grande, AZ 85122	Debbie Martin (520) 836-1030
22. Abandoned Sign between Mexican Food Restaurant and Norris Pool & Supply	Picacho Street and 3 rd Street Casa Grande, AZ 85122	
24. Ed Hooper Rodeo Grounds	2525 N. Pinal Avenue Casa Grande, AZ 85122	
25. Hernandez Pecan Farm	1495 N. Burris Road Casa Grande, AZ	(520) 840-0142

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3.	North Mountain Park 3900 N. Cox Road, Casa Grande, AZ 85122	15.	Heritage Park Corner of 3 rd Street and Sacaton Street
4.	Casa Grande Mountain Trails I-10 to Jimmie Kerr Blvd. west to Peart Road South.	16.	Barro's Pizza - former Mimi's Café 839 North Promenade Parkway, Casa Grande, AZ 85194
5.	Dave White Municipal Golf Course 2121 N. Thornton Road, Casa Grande, AZ 85122	17.	Patio/Business Complex (McCarville Law Office) Corner of Florence Street and Florence Blvd.
6.	Peart Park 350 E. 6 th Street, Casa Grande, AZ 85122	18.	Villago Park 3368 N. Pinal Avenue, Casa Grande, AZ 85122
7.	BeDillon's Cactus Garden 800 N Park Ave, Casa Grande, AZ 85122	19.	Neon Sign - Wonder Bar 310 W. 2 nd Street, Casa Grande, AZ 85122
8.	Casa Grande Valley Historical Society (Barn & Heritage Hall) 110 West Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, AZ 85122	20.	Neon Sign - Silver Bullet 1401 N. Pinal Avenue, Casa Grande, AZ 85122
9.	Woman's Club (Michael Sullivan Stone Structures) 407 N. Sacaton Street, Casa Grande, AZ 85122	21.	Neon Sign - Pirates Fish & Chips 818 N. Pinal Avenue, Casa Grande, AZ 85122
10.	Casa Grande Art Museum 319 W. 3 rd Street, Casa Grande, AZ 85122	22.	Neon Sign - Paramount Theatre 420 N. Florence Street, Casa Grande, AZ 85122
11.	New City Court House 375 E. 9 th Street, Casa Grande, AZ 85122	23.	Abandoned Sign between Mexican Food Restaurant and Norris Pool & Supply Picacho Street and 3 rd Street, Casa Grande, AZ 85122
12.	New City Police Station 373 E. Val Vista Blvd., Casa Grande, AZ 85122	24.	Ed Hooper Rodeo Grounds 2525 N. Pinal Avenue, Casa Grande, AZ 85122



VENUE MAP - SW Taco Fest March 29, 2024 3pm-9pm
CG Chamber: Eric Snider (520) 836-2125 Five20 Events: Keith Rea (520) 840-9154
Dave White Regional Park - 2121 N Thorton Rd. Casa Grande AZ 85122

Parking

