

# ***Call for Artists: First Brush of Fall Colors*** **Saturday, September 23, 2023**

## **Plein Air Paint Out | Converse, Indiana**

**Free to all artists, no membership required**

**RSVP via email: [avonwaters@yahoo.com](mailto:avonwaters@yahoo.com)**

Join 40-70 artists in Converse, IN, September 23 to paint in the 6th biennial **First Brush of Fall Colors**.

It's free, but an RSVP gets you dates, times for the free breakfast, afterparty drinks, updated information and directions to places where owners have given prior permission for artist to roam and paint properties at will. This is an IPAPA (Indiana Plein Air Painter Association) event but requires no membership.

*First time Plein air, or you've never done it before???*

Typically 20-30 percent of the artists at this event are either newbies or have done very little plein air before. It's a safe comfortable non-judgmental environment where beginners can learn from pros, so put the fear aside and join us.

The event is September 23 but many join us Wednesday-Saturday. There's a Friday Nocturnal. Come scope out where to paint or just paint more paintings for the Saturday afternoon sale.

If you are an old pro at Plein Air, then you'll love the five \$500 awards and the strong sales this event always has from those that follow their favorite artists from event to event, and the locals that buy art of their farms, homes, and businesses. Sales are typically strong. The organizers buy 1-2 paintings for a permanent collection for the community. You are free to paint in any of the four surrounding counties that intersect in Converse.

We always host an after party at this event, this year vouchers will be given attending artists for a new steakhouse bar and grill in Converse. That's right...this is the event with the famous afterparties in the past that featured hog roasts, wood fired bread--pizza ovens, and salsa dancing with the Colombians. This year Burgers and Brews will open its doors and musical stage to artists and patrons of the arts. Don't miss this event.

*Where is Converse?*

1 hour from Carmel, Fort Wayne, Plymouth, Muncie, Warsaw,

1.5-2 hours from Lafayette, Indy, South Bend, Michigan City, LaPorte, Richmond