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7th Annual Plein Air Paint Out Brings Fine Art, Learning Opportunities to Pike Road

Pike Road Arts Council and 40+ Artists Partner with Pike Road Elementary School to Create Masterpieces, Opportunity

PIKE ROAD, Ala – On Friday and Saturday, Oct. 26 & 27, artists from across the State of Alabama and the country will converge in the Town of Pike Road Town Hall for the 7th Annual Pike Road Plein Air Paint Out, a two-day art event presented by the Pike Road Arts Council. In addition to creating one-of-a-kind pieces celebrating the landscapes of our hometown, the Pike Road Arts Council is partnering with the Pike Road Elementary School Art Department to engage students in the event.

Through this partnership, various third, fourth and fifth grade students will learn about plein air (outdoor) painting, and impressionism through the life and work of Claude Monet and his Gardens in Giverny, France. This initiative is being led by Patty Payne, Pike Road Arts Council Coordinator, Natalie Tucker, PRES Enrichment Specialist, and Sarah Gill, PRES Art Resource teacher.

Students will celebrate Monet's contributions to the world of art by creating 8" x 8" panels of their impressions of his famous water lily paintings. The individual pieces will be displayed in mosaic, representing both the size of Monet's works, as well as the volume: Monet completed over 250 water lily pieces in the last 30 years of his life. These paintings will be displayed at New Waters Realty, 2239 Marler Rd, on October 26 & 27, including during the Art Show & Sale, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Oct. 27 at New Waters Realty. It will be on display at the Pike Road Elementary School (500 Avenue of Learning) after the Plein Air Paint Out.

The Pike Road Arts Council and Alabama Plein Air Artists, whose members make up many of the Plein Air Paint Out participants, have engaged Pike Road Schools students in a variety of arts experiences throughout the years, including learning about beavers and building beaver dioramas, making Remembrance Poppies to be distributed at the Pike Road Veterans Appreciation Ceremony, providing painting demonstrations and facilitating painting projects.

The Pike Road Arts Council was formed in early 2012 as part of the ENHANCE Initiative. ENHANCE: A Vision with Focus is a detailed plan for accomplishing work in four key areas known as the town's Four Pillars: quality of life, planning, services and education. ENHANCE stresses the enrichment of quality of life, and includes organizations and projects related to exercise, nutrition, health, agriculture, nature and community education.

Please see on page 2 a schedule of events for the 2018 Plein Air Paint Out. For more information or to schedule an interview, contact Turner Waddell by calling (334) 495-4109, (864) 958-6577 or by emailing turner@pikeroad.us, or contact Rebecca Williams at rebecca.williams@pikeroadschools.org or (334) 782-5334. You can also visit www.pikeroad.us for more information about the event.



7th Annual Pike Road Plein Air Paint Out Schedule – Oct 26 & 27, 2018

WHERE: New Waters Realty (2239 Marler Rd), throughout the Town of Pike Road – [Please click here for a map of designated painting locations.](#)

WHEN:

- Friday, Oct. 26 – Saturday, Oct. 27: Pike Road Elementary School Students Art on Display at New Waters Realty
- Friday, Oct. 26
 - Live Painting Demonstration by Barbara Davis, 8:30 a.m., Lake Sweet T at The Waters (technique: brush with oil paint, capturing the effects of light)
 - Artists paint throughout the Town of Pike Road all day, capturing local landscapes and architecture.
- Saturday, Oct. 27
 - Live Painting Demonstration by Alisa Koch, 8:30 a.m., Lake Sweet T at The Waters (technique: palette knife with oil paint, minimalist with a focus on landscapes)
 - Artists paint throughout the Town of Pike Road until 2:30 p.m., when paintings must be turned in to New Waters Realty for judging and display.
 - Art Show & Sale, 5:30 – 7 p.m., New Waters Realty. Those who attend the Art Show & Sale are invited to vote for the “People’s Choice Award.” One voter will receive a prize basket featuring local businesses for their participation, and winning artists will receive cash prizes. The first 100 visitors will receive gift bags.

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