

PJ's (Plein Janes/Joes) LAA Plein Air Painters – May 2023

Happy spring. We're excited about another season of painting outdoors. All are welcomed to join us – LAA members and guests. PJ's is free and is for all levels of painters, sketchers, photographers. We try to vary the locations, have available restrooms, get permissions if needed. We will paint from 9:00–12:00 unless otherwise specified, but you are encouraged to come and go according to your own needs. Most stay till noon; if you'd like to bring your sack lunch, feel free.

As always, **you** need to determine if weather conditions are suitable for you to paint. We won't usually announce any cancellations for weather, though we may formally cancel if it's a major weather event. We hope to see you soon.

May 3: Davidson Mesa Trail /Harper Lake

N McCaslin at Washington Ave., Louisville (about ½ mile south of S. Boulder Rd.) There are 2 parking lots – on the west side and east side of McCaslin. This is a busy place so if you want to paint mountains at Davidson Mesa, you may need to park on the east side and walk through the tunnel that connects to the west side.



The mountains will be covered in snow. Harper is a small, pretty lake with panoramic mountain views looking west. Sometimes there are small boats on the water. Restroom available, but not much shade around the lake, so an umbrella could help. A row of trees on the west end of the lake can provide shade if you want to paint mountain views from the lake.

May 10: Sawhill Ponds

East of Boulder City limits on the west side of 75th Street, 0.6 mile north of Valmont Road, Boulder



Sawhill Ponds Wildlife Preserve is made up of 18 individual ponds with many surrounding trails and bench areas managed by Boulder City Open Space and Mountain Parks. This is a great place for birds. Pelicans are usually there this time of year. Shelters, trees, and bathrooms.

May 17: Flower Bin Nursery

1805 Nelson Rd., Longmont, between S Sunset Street and Korte Pkwy



Loads of flowers, other types of plants, yard and garden décor, tools, and accessories – both outdoors and indoors. Restroom available. In case you're in the market for plants (May is prime planting month), plan to stay longer to shop! No obligation to do so, however. We will have lunch somewhere in town for those that are interested.

May 24: East Simpson Coffee Company

201 E Simpson St., Lafayette, between N Harrison Ave. and N Gough Ave.



An opportunity to do some urban sketching/painting of this charming location of the ESCC. The building is a beautiful old home built in 1907 which has a wraparound porch and lovely yard. Naturally, there are beverages and food to be had inside, plus a restroom.

May 31: Long's Garden

3240 Broadway, Boulder, just north of the North Boulder Rec Center.



Lots of interesting subjects, whether the iris are blooming or not. There are antique trucks, interesting buildings, poppies, lilac trees. Restrooms available inside the office building.



Looking forward to a great Plein Air Season,

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