

PJ's (Plein Janes/Joes) LAA Plein Air Painters – May 2024

Happy spring. We're excited about another season of painting outdoors. All are welcome 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 1: Jane's home for the tulips – 436 E. Fir Ct, Louisville, 303-818-8679

Spring has sprung at Jane's home. Let's start with painting spring flowers. Providing a BIG wind doesn't come up my tulips should be in fine form along with other spring flowers. If such a wind has happened, I will be contacting those on our list of an alternate site the day before. I invite you to bring a sack lunch; I'll provide drinks so after painting we can catch up. Looking forward to seeing everyone.



May 8: Coal Creek Trail – at Dutch Creek area

From Buena Vista take S. Hoover Street; stay on it till it turns into Chestnut through the Dutch Creek neighborhood. House across the street from the trail is 279 Chestnut St. this may help if you are using GPS. Some have painted there before. It backs up to the Coal Creek golf course, has a nice trail, small bridge, Mountain views, rushing water. Lots of shade. No bathrooms except at the Community Park which is just a block away.



May 15: Brunner Farmhouse in Broomfield – 640 Main St, Broomfield (new site)

The Brunner Farmhouse is located on the northeast corner of Midway Boulevard and Main Street in Broomfield. It is surrounded by "the Field," a designated open space area.



May 22: Oct 1 – Golden Ponds Nature Area, 2651 3rd Ave., Longmont. From the intersection of CO 119 and Hover Rd., go north on Hover past the Boulder County Fairgrounds to 3rd Ave. and turn left (west). At the end of the road is the nature area. Park in the parking lot or on 3rd Ave. Meet at the pier and go from there, if you want. There are ponds with a paved path around the water, nice restrooms, lots of water birds and maybe a pelican, and great mountain views.



May 29: Marshall Mesa Trailhead – 5258 Eldorado Springs Dr, Boulder

Located at the intersection of Highway 93 and Marshall Rd., across 93 from Eldorado Springs turnoff. This is a popular mountain biking venue with a network of trails for bikers and hikers. Beautifully green at this time of year, you have mountain views to the west and rolling hills to the east. The trailhead features a picnic table, restrooms, and a kiosk with geologic site information. Parking can be tight, and vehicles not registered in Boulder County must pay. There is also free parking across Marshall Rd. to the north, just a short walk from parking lot to trailhead. You may want to bring an umbrella depending on what you want to paint. Paint by your car or walk down the trail. Lots of options.



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