PJ's (Plein Janes/Joes) LAA Plein Air Painters – July 2025

We paint mostly within Boulder County, as always, <u>you</u> need to determine if weather conditions are suitable for you to paint. We won't announce any cancellations for weather, though we may formally cancel if it's a major weather event or other circumstances. We will paint from 9:00-12:00 unless otherwise specified, but you are encouraged to come and go according to your own needs. PJ's is free and welcomes all levels of painters, sketchers, photographers. Don't need to be a member to join us. If you can, carpooling is encouraged. Come join the fun.

July 2 – Davidson Mesa/Harper Lake (we were rained out in May so let's try again) 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 still have some 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. At the Davidson Mesa Trail side, there is a dog park, views of Boulder below and the Baseline power plant stacks.



July 9 – Viele Lake, Boulder – South Boulder Rec Center, 1360 Gillaspie Drive West on South Boulder Rd. (which becomes Table Mesa Dr.) to its intersection with Broadway. Turn left, go ½ mile to Grinnell and turn right. At Grinnell and Gillaspie, turn left and you'll see the park, rec center and lake on your left. Park near the picnic shelter where we'll meet, and then branch out from there. Restrooms near playground and picnic shelter. Lots of trees, geese, the 2 lakes, views of nearby mountains, Flatirons, reeds and grasses, paved walkway around the lakes, a bridge between the 2 lakes.



July 16th – Nederland Field Trip

A fieldtrip to Nederland. This was so great last year, we're doing it again! This mountain town has so much to offer. Historic buildings, a carousel, mountain views, streams, lake views. Bring a picnic lunch and let's make a day of it.

We will carpool to Nederland. Meet at East Boulder Rec Center at 8:30. We will arrange cars there. Please let us know if you are willing to drive so we can plan. Please let us know if your joining us and would like to carpool. That would be helpful. 😊

If you choose to drive yourself, meet us at 9:15 at the Train Cars Coffee & Yogurt Company, 101 Peak To Peak Hwy, Nederland, CO 80466. It's right by the Carousel of Happiness on 20 Lakeview Dr. There are lots of painting sites to choose from. We will then have a picnic lunch at a local park. Return home by 2.



July 2 – 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. **An added treat, we have the LAA Theme Show there in July.**



July 30th TBA We are checking in with Louisville Open Space to see when the goats will be in town. Last year they were here around this time. Wouldn't it be so fun to paint GOATS!!!