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## **BROOKER CREEK PRESERVE PLEIN AIR 2025: ART EVENT AND EXHIBITION**

**Friday, February 28 - Saturday, March 1**  
**(Registration each day: 8 am – 10 am; Event Hours: 8 am - 4 pm)**

**March 8 – April 27: Exhibition and Sales**  
**(Gallery is open Saturdays and Sundays, Noon to 3 pm)**

**Sunday, April 27: Artists' Reception and Juried Awards Program**  
**(Brooker Creek Preserve Auditorium Gallery, 1 – 3 pm)**

Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc, a non-profit support organization of Brooker Creek Preserve, is pleased to announce its sponsorship of:

### **Brooker Creek Preserve Plein Air 2025 Art Event and Exhibition**

This annual program is designed to encourage the use of the 8,700-acre wilderness Preserve, managed by Pinellas County Land Management, as a nature inspiration for works of art.

All artists (from amateurs to professionals, except for photographers this year) are invited to participate to show their talent and support for Brooker Creek Preserve by creating artwork inspired by the natural landscape of the Preserve. Participants, even those pre-registered, need to check in at the boardwalk entrance by the parking area each day, Friday, Feb. 28 and Saturday, Mar. 1, from 8-10 am to sign-in and receive information and their welcome event packet. All artworks must be created on the Preserve grounds during the two days to participate in the exhibition and judging for **Brooker Creek Preserve Plein Air 2025**.

All paperwork and completed artwork must be turned into the *Friends Nature Store* in the Education Building each day of the event up until 4 PM. Up to two presentation-ready pieces may be submitted for the competition. Works must be framed or canvas wrapped and must have a wire on the back for hanging with the Submission Form (title, size, medium and sales price) attached to the back.

**Brooker Creek Preserve Plein Air 2025 Exhibition** will be on view Mar. 8 through April 27; open hours are Noon – 3 PM Saturday and Sunday. Sale of artwork is encouraged and may be purchased in the Friends Nature Store which includes a 20% donation of the sale price for Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc. to cover administrative costs (sales tax and credit card fees) and to support efforts in organizing events such as the Plein Air event.

All sold and unsold artwork may be picked up by the art purchasers (and participating artists) from the BCP Auditorium Gallery on Sunday, April 27 following the reception (3-4 pm). Artwork not removed at that time is placed in the FOBC Nature Store where it is to be picked up Thursday through Sunday of the following week during store hours.

The cost to participate is a \$20 non-refundable fee to Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve. We strongly encourage early registration to assure participation. Cash prizes for the juried show will be awarded for Best in Show (\$125), First (\$100), Second (\$75), Third (\$50), 2 Honorable Mentions (\$25), and Visitor's Choice (\$25) Awards. An art professional will be selected to serve as the Judge for Brooker Creek Preserve Plein Air 2025.

**Registration forms and more information can be found at:**

**Web Site:** <http://www.friendsofbrookercreekpreserve.org/>

Friends  of Brooker Creek Preserve

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