

2023-2024 Calendar Idea Submissions

Submit your event ideas for ACGR’s calendar on this form. Come to our Planning Meeting, Monday, SEPT 19 prepared to discuss your idea(s). If you’d like to see past calendar ideas, see the Slack channel "2023-24-Calendar-Planning."

ONE IDEA PER FORM

* Idea submission deadline: SEPT 12 *Planning Meeting date: Monday, SEPT 19.

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Idea Title ***ONE IDEA PER FORM*** *

Plein Air Sunday Mornings

Idea Description in a Brief Blurb *

Plein Air Sunday Mornings – Open to all levels of artistic talent. Bring your easel or drawing board, and artistic materials (oils, watercolors, acrylic, canvases or paper, pens, pencils, etc.) and create with other Glen Rock artists from set locations in Glen Rock with other artists. (See What is Plein Air Painting, below.)

Pitch your idea. Why should this be an ACGR event? How does it relate to the arts and our mission? What is unique about it? Our mission: <https://www.artscouncilgr.org/about.html> *

Artists bring their own materials (easel, chair, oils, watercolors, pencils, canvas, etc.) to a pre-established location and create once a month. We encourage participants to engage with others, as they feel comfortable, about what they are paintings/drawing, and offer tips and suggestions to others, if asked. This is not intended to be a teacher-led event, but a time & place where artists can just set up and create in the outdoors with other artists.

Initially we would select locations where we don't need to seek borough or business venue permission as gathering locations. But, if an ACGR member has a connection with All Saints Church, Community Church, and a downtown business (such as Crea8sart or Suka Jewelers) where we can set up outside (think Edward Hopper and Impressionists), that would be great. Care would be taken to not impede pedestrians on Sunday mornings.

Encourage participants to join ACGR, but not required.

What is Plein air painting?

It's about leaving the four walls of your studio behind and experiencing painting and drawing in the landscape. The practice goes back for centuries but was truly made into an art form by the French Impressionists. Their desire to paint light and its changing, ephemeral qualities, coupled with the creation of transportable paint tubes and the box easel—the precursor to the plein air easels of today—allowed artists the freedom to paint “en plein air,” which is the French expression for “in the open air.” (Source: ArtistNetwork.com)

Why should this be an ACGR Event?

- Encourages participation in the Arts. Open to anyone (all ages), and all levels of talent.
- Provides a new artistic experience to residents.
- Foster's ACGR's mission of making art a part of everyone's lives and building community.
- Easy to stage.
- Minimal organization skill required.
- No cost to ACGR.
- Encourages participants to join ACGR.

How Does It Relate to the Arts?

Open to all level of artistic talent.

All forms of art – oils, watercolors, drawing, etc.

What is unique about it?

Hasn't been done or has not been a sustained effort in town.

Can Be Done if Covid Hits Again?

Definitely.

Please do your best to identify your idea's defining category. Most ideas will likely combine multiple artistic elements, but it's helpful to try to categorize ideas to ensure our offerings are diverse. For example, 1 Hallow's Eve has visual art, music, theater, costume design, and it falls under "theater." Regarding "fine" art vs. "crafty" or "makers" art - this is so subjective, please do your best to identify if the way your idea will be executed would be considered by fine artists as fine art, or if it would be categorized as maker/crafty or even assembled art. If you can't place your idea in a single category, please explain in "other" and help us improve the form for next time with other necessary categories and feedback. *

- Creative Placemaking: Using art to reimagine and reinvent public spaces and strengthen the connection between people and the places they share. Creative Placemaking is an umbrella term, but is directly tied to Sustainable Jersey's Creative Team certification. Our window painting and interactive butterfly mural in the alcove are examples of Creative Placemaking, and if we were SJ "Creative Team" certified, we could apply for grants. For a deeper dive, review these Slack channels: #creative-placemaking, #creative-team-sustainable-jersey and SJ's CT's goals: <https://rb.gy/64brar>
- Fine Art: I.e., drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, glassmaking, collage, origami...
- Crafter or Makers Art (only if the makers don't consider it fine art): I.e., chalk drawing, tie dye, knitting, rock painting, collage
- Dance
- Music
- Theater
- Film
- Literary Arts: I.e., Poetry Month, Honoring a poet laureate
- Other Performing Arts: I.e. spoken word, magic, acrobatics, puppeteering, anything auditioned on America's Got Talent!..
- Other:

Preferred season(s) *

Note: The next few questions address the specific timing of when you envision your idea taking place.

Winter

Spring

Summer

Fall

Other: Winter optional, but not necessary

If applicable, please describe if your idea is tied to a specific holiday or time of year, or if you foresee it as something else such as April 1, Poetry Month, Quarterly, Pre-Holiday shopping period....

Not tied to any holiday, however, to celebrate the outdoors

Do you foresee this becoming an annual event? *

*OR, you're submitting a past Arts Council event, like the film festival for example, would you like it to continue to be added to the calendar annually?

Yes

No

Maybe

Other: _____

What year do you envision launching your event for the first time?

- 2022
- 2023
- 2024

Where would this event be held? List possible locations. *

I envision we offer Plein Air Sundays at different public locations around the borough. Here is a sample of location ideas:

- Diamond Brook Park
- Wilde Memorial Park
- Glen Rock Duck Pond
- Arboretum
- Area with stately trees
- Someone's front yard (i.e., Spring flower garden, Hahn's new garage or someone's old home as a structure drawing)
- Borough Hall lawn (artists could capture views of the building, flags and monument, railroad track)

Other Locations, requires permission:

- Glen Rock Public Library grounds
 - Storefront (area with enough room, don't block sidewalk) (i.e., Blue Foundry Bank's plaza looks upon 4 corners)
 - The Rock (would require police permission to block a section of road, unless a front yard is accessible)
 - Plaza in front of Alfred's Jewelers and Starbucks
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Include links to images (photos, video) to help illustrate the idea. (Write n/a if not applicable.) *

n/a Think of any painting!

Are you willing and able to chair this event? If not, name the person(s) you'd recommend or have in mind to chair under "other." *

Yes

No

Maybe

Other: Would need assistance in ending pre-written emails to people who sign up

List any qualifications (skills/expertise) you foresee needing when building your committee. Will you need actors, marketers, musicians, curators, graphic designers, costume designers, builders, or board members to facilitate logistics and operations, or other committee members with other skills? *

Need assistance sending pre-written emails (through ACGR account) & posting location schedule on URL/Facebook. Possible assistance (connections) in securing approval to stage events at some locations.

Is there a partnership opportunity? We currently partner with Thomas Edison Film Festival on our short films event, and we're in the process of partnering with Porch Light Studios on our upcoming 1 Enchanted Hallows Eve event. Under "Other," please list the organization/person(s) you're hoping to partner with, and any thoughts on why this is a good idea. *Partnerships preferred. Partnership pitches carry more weight when voting. *

Yes

No

Other: GR Public Library would be a lovely partner

Thoughts, comments, feedback?

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