



Paint-out – Thursday, April 3rd, 2025

Location – Lafreniere Park

3000 Downs Blvd. Metairie, LA 70003

Demo Artist – Mandy Ellard, PSA, IAPS-MC



Calling artists of any medium! It is time for the Degas Pastel Society's annual "paint out". Members and non-members alike are welcome. It will take place in beautiful Lafreniere Park in Metairie, Louisiana on Thursday, April 3rd from 9am - 4pm. This "open to the public" event aims to bring artists together to make new friends, greet old friends, share experiences, and, for those who want to, paint outside in the fresh air.

DPS artist, Mandy Ellard, will demo for us from 10am – 12pm. Bring your own chair!

(In the event of rain, the demo will be moved indoors)

Mandy loves to paint the places that make her home state of Mississippi so beautiful. She studied art at Delta State University and the University of Mississippi. Emerging onto the national scene, her work has been juried into various national exhibitions/competitions. Mandy enjoys sharing her knowledge and experience with fellow painters of all skill levels.

SCHEDULE:

9-10am - Meet and greet with light refreshments at the Foundation Building, Lafreniere Park, 3000 Downs Blvd. Metairie, LA 70003

10am-12pm - Plein air demo by Mandy Ellard. (BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR)

12-1pm - Lunch (bring your own lunch or purchase from nearby establishments)

1-4pm - Plein Air painting on your own. Everyone is invited to join in and paint after the demo in their medium of choice. The park offers a wide array of subjects including marsh grasses & water, bridges, birds, a carousel, large oak trees, and flowers.

DIRECTIONS: Enter the park from either Veterans Memorial Highway or West Napoleon. Follow the loop around to the Foundation Building /Community Event Center (where we will meet) across from the children's playground. There is a large parking lot in front of the building.