



Stems  
Plein Air Paint 2009  
Grand Prize Winner  
After the Rain  
Penny Pate Dillon

# Stems *Plein Air Paint 2010*

presented by the Arts and Recreation Foundation  
to promote arts and culture in our community.

Artists are invited to paint *en plein air* at the Overland Park Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, 8909 W. 179th Street, and at the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead, 138th and Switzer, both in Overland Park, Kansas.

With over 300 acres of beautiful scenery ranging over 8 natural ecosystems at the Arboretum, all artists are sure to find just the perfect spots to paint. Popular subjects include Monet's Garden, woodland trails, the view across Margaret's Pond, sculpture nestled among the flowers, the prairie restoration project, and Wolf Creek as it meanders through the property. At this time in late spring, artists can expect to see much of the park's foliage in bloom, making it all the more inviting!

At the Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead, artists will be inspired by the delight children take in hands-on interaction with animals and the artifacts of our rural heritage. The children feed the goats, ride ponies, fish, pan for "gold," climb on tractors and visit the Kanza Indian encampment and the one-room schoolhouse. Animals you'll find at the Farmstead include goats, chickens, rabbits, sheep, pigs, cows, peacocks, prairie dogs, turtles, fish, bald eagle, hawk, bob cat, ducks, and horses. And don't forget to check out the lovely Butterfly Garden.

Cash prizes will be awarded. Judges include Bruce Hartman, Director of the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art at Johnson County Community College; Pat McCown, CEO of McCownGordon Construction and Chair of the Arts Council of Metropolitan Kansas City Board of Directors; Mary Cohen, arts benefactor and past Honorary Chair of Stems: A Garden Soirée; and Peggy Rice, owner of The Rice Gallery of Art. Judging will take place on June 10, 2010.

Selected entries will be on display and for sale at The Rice Gallery of Art in Leawood, KS, and at Stems: A Garden Soirée on Saturday, June 26, 2010, at the Arboretum.

Artists of all experience levels are encouraged to participate. Registration is required to take part in the judging/jurying process and be eligible for display at The Rice Gallery and at Stems: A Garden Soirée. 25% of all sales by The Rice Gallery and at Stems: A Garden Soirée will be donated to the Arts and Recreation Foundation.

Artist registration, Rules/Regulations, Important Dates and Event Photos are at [www.stemspleinair.com](http://www.stemspleinair.com).