



Plein Air “SCULPT-OUT” 2026

Saturday, September 12, 2026

Treat yourself to a beautiful fall day sculpting in historic downtown Springville during the **Annual Springville Art Festival**.

Whether you enjoy working in clay, wire, plaster, mixed media, relief, or other sculptural forms, the **Plein Air SCULPT-OUT** offers a unique opportunity to create artwork inspired by the energy, architecture, scenery, and character of downtown Springville.

The **Plein Air SCULPT-OUT**, presented by **Springville Public Art**, welcomes artists of **all skill levels and ages**, from beginners to professionals, youth to adults. Art should be fun, welcoming, and inclusive. Come learn from one another, enjoy creating outdoors, and discover the joy of sculpting in community.

The **Springville Art Festival**, presented by **Springville Public Art**, will also feature artist booths, live performances, food trucks, chalk art, family activities, and more. Festival visitors will have the opportunity to observe artists at work throughout the day and vote for their favorites in the **Viewers’ Choice Award**.

Participating artists may enter the juried Plein Air **SCULPT-OUT** competition featuring **cash awards and prizes**.

Register online at:

www.smofa.org/2026-plein-air

Plein Air judges will be announced at a later date.

AWARDS CATEGORIES

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- **Adult (18+)**
 - **Youth (17 and Under)**
 - **Viewers’ Choice Award**
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SCULPT-OUT SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 12, 2026

8:00 - 9:00 AM Check-In & Same-Day Registration

Springville Civic Center

110 S. Main Street, Springville, UT

- Pre-registered artists must check in during this time.
- Walk-in registration will also be available.
- All artists must check in by **9:00 AM** to participate in the juried competition.
- Each artist may bring **one artist-provided base** to be stamped before beginning. (See Competition Rules for details.)
- **Artists may begin sculpting as soon as they complete check-in.**
- **Complimentary water, drinks, and snacks will be available at the Civic Center during check-in and again when artwork is dropped off for judging.**

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM SCULPT-OUT Competition

Downtown Springville

Artists may sculpt anywhere within the designated downtown competition boundaries. Artwork must be created **entirely outdoors and on location** and should reflect a scene, object, architecture, natural feature, or area directly observed in downtown Springville during the event.

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Viewers' Choice Voting: Artists at Work

Festival visitors are encouraged to explore downtown Springville, observe artists sculpting, and vote for their favorite artists while artwork is being created.

- Each participating artist will have a QR code available for voting.
- Guests may vote for **multiple artists and vote multiple times.**

By 1:00 PM Artwork Submission Deadline

Springville Civic Center

Completed artwork must be returned and displayed for judging by **1:00 PM**.

- Artwork should be displayed on the artist's stamped base.
- Artwork may be displayed on tables or on a festival-approved pedestal or display base.
- A display map will be provided at check-in.

1:00 - 2:00 PM Judging Period

Springville Civic Center

The exhibition area will be **closed to the public during judging** and reserved for judges only.

2:00 - 7:00 PM Plein Air Exhibition & Art Sales

Springville Civic Center

Completed artwork will be displayed together for public viewing and optional purchase.

- Visitors may continue voting for the **Viewers' Choice Award** using artist QR codes.
- Guests may vote for **multiple artists and vote multiple times**.
- **Viewers' Choice voting will close promptly at 4:00 PM** to allow time for vote tallying before the awards ceremony.
- Artwork may be available for purchase during the exhibition.
- Artwork will remain on display through **7:00 PM**.
- We kindly ask that artwork remain on display until **7:00 PM** to allow festival visitors the full exhibition experience.

5:00 PM Awards Ceremony

Main Stage Gazebo

Awards will be presented for all competition categories, including the **Viewers' Choice Award**.

7:00 - 7:30 PM Artwork Pick-Up

Springville Civic Center

Artists may pick up unsold artwork following the exhibition.

Artwork not picked up by **7:30 PM** may be collected at the **Springville Museum of Art** during regular business hours **September 15–19, 2026**.

REGISTRATION & FEES

Registration

Pre-registration:

Available through **September 5, 2026** at: www.smofa.org/2026-plein-air

Same-day registration:

Available during check-in from **8:00–9:00 AM** at the Springville Civic Center.

Pre-registration closes the week prior to the event, but walk-in registration is welcome on the day of the competition.

Fee

This is a FREE event. Pre-registration is appreciated to help us plan for participation.

WHAT TO BRING

Please bring any materials you will need for sculpting outdoors, including:

- Sculpture materials and preferred medium
- **One base** for stamping and display
- Sculpting tools and supplies
- Gloves or apron (optional)
- Chair or portable stool (optional)
- Sun protection and weather-appropriate clothing
- A fully charged phone (optional for communication and festival information)

Artists are responsible for bringing and transporting their own supplies throughout the event.

COMPETITION RULES

1. Subject Matter & Location

En plein air is defined as creating artwork outdoors and on location.

Participants must sculpt within the designated downtown Springville competition area (see attached map).

Your final piece must reflect the **scene, object, architecture, natural feature, or area of downtown Springville being directly observed during the event.**

Artwork created from **phones, photographs, memory, prior sketches, or outside reference materials** will not qualify for judging.

2. Accepted Mediums

All sculptural mediums are welcome, including:

- Clay
- Wire
- Plaster
- Mixed Media
- Relief Sculpture
- Additive or Subtractive Sculpture

Additional mediums may be approved during **check-in** at the discretion of event staff.

3. Sculpture Format

Artwork may be:

- **Three-dimensional (3D)**
- **Relief sculpture**
- **Additive or subtractive in process**

4. Artist-Provided Base Requirement

Each artist may bring **one base** to be stamped during registration.

The stamped base verifies that the work began during the competition.

Artists may label the base with their:

- Name
- Artwork title
- Medium

The official competition stamp must remain visible for judging.

5. Base Preparation

All bases must be free of sculptural materials prior to stamping.

A **thin base layer** is permitted for relief sculptures only.

6. Judging Entry

Only one artwork may be submitted per person for judging.

Artwork must be returned to the **Springville Civic Center by 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 12, 2026** for judging.

Artwork should be displayed on the artist's base, pedestal, or display support.

7. Safety Requirements

To ensure a safe and family-friendly festival environment:

- No **open flames**
- No **hazardous or toxic fumes**
- No **dangerous powered equipment**
- No materials or processes that present a safety risk to participants or the public
- Artwork must be stable and transportable by **1:00 PM**

Event staff reserve the right to restrict materials or processes deemed unsafe for a public festival setting.

8. Artwork Sales

Artists may choose whether or not to make their artwork available for sale during the exhibition between **2:00–7:00 PM**.

Artists who choose to sell their work will determine their own sale price.

All sales will be processed through the **Springville Museum of Art payment system**, with applicable sales tax included in the purchase process.

- Artists will receive **80% of the sale price**

- **20% supports Springville Museum of Art and future arts programming**
- Payments will be issued to artists by check approximately **one week after the competition concludes**
- Artists are responsible for reporting and paying any applicable taxes related to artwork sales

9. Participation & Liability

Each artist must sign a **release form and waiver of liability** to participate.

Participants assume responsibility for their personal conduct, safety, materials, and well-being during the event.

10. Photography & Promotion

By participating, artists grant permission for **Springville Public Art and the Springville Museum of Art** to photograph exhibited artwork for publicity, marketing, educational, and promotional purposes.

11. Artwork Pick-Up

We kindly ask that artwork remain on display until **7:00 PM** to allow festival visitors the full exhibition experience.

Artwork may be picked up between **7:00–7:30 PM** at the Springville Civic Center.

Artwork not picked up by **7:30 PM** may be collected at the **Springville Museum of Art** during regular business hours **September 15–19, 2026**.

Springville Public Art reserves the right to modify, update, or cancel event details or rules at any time.

QUESTIONS?

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See attached map for competition boundaries and key event location.

Map:

★ Springville Civic Center -
Check-in/registration 8:00-9:00am
Bring sculpture for judging by 1:00pm

★ Springville Museum of Art
Set up area - anywhere within or on the
area marked in yellow

