



## PROSPECTUS

We are super excited to announce that Outdoor Painters Society has accepted an invitation from Galveston Historical Foundation for plein air painters to participate as "**Victorian Artist Participants**" in downtown Galveston's annual holiday event, *DICKENS on the SQUARES*.

### EVENT DESCRIPTION:

This annual 2-day holiday festival hosted by Galveston Historical Foundation takes place on December 5th and 6th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. ***Dickens on The Squares*** will offer ticketed guests access to specially crafted "Dickens squares" - Hendley Green, Old Galveston Square, Saengerfest Park, Galveston Historic Seaport, and Pier 22. Adhering to local, state, and federal guidelines for public gatherings, "Squares" will feature live entertainment, art & craft vendors, food, a dedicated entrance and exit, strict capacity limits, mask requirements for entry and participation, sanitation stations throughout the Squares, and social distancing reminders.

### PRE-EVENT PAINT OUT:

**Thursday and Friday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**- 2 days prior to the Dickens on the Squares festival event and the OPS "wet paint" sale, plein air artists will paint throughout Galveston island and create a body of work to display and sell on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> during the Dickens on the Squares event. We suggest that artists capture on canvas (or paper) the architecture and colorful sights of a Victorian holiday as well as "Iconic" Galveston scenes that will appeal to festival visitors.

### THE "WET PAINT SALE":

**Saturday and Sunday, December 5th and 6th**- Painters will set up their plein air easels within a pre-assigned Dickens Square and capture on canvas, paper, or panel, the people, sights & action of the event....(sort of an all-day

“Quick Draw”) The paintings completed 2 days prior (and the painting on your easel) will be “creatively displayed” around your easel and offered for sale. The event volunteers, vendors and participating artists all contribute to the theme of the festival by dressing in Victorian-style costumes.

#### REGISTRATION & PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

Open to all members of Outdoor Painters Society. No fee to participate, but artists must register by Nov. 27, 2020 and agree to the following rules including but not limited to:

- Attend Check in & Event Orientation December 3, 2020
  - Receive Instructions, **Festival Pass ID**, Painting Labels, Event Map
  - Artists will be pre-assigned to event “Squares” to paint, show & sell. (note: To be fair, at orientation, artists will draw for locations (squares) for Saturday location and draw for a Sunday location.
- Adhere to COVID policy of Social Distancing and masks.
- Participate in Festival 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Saturday & Sunday
- Artists should be prepared to paint & interact with festival attendees
- Victorian-style costumes are required during Festival on Saturday & Sunday.
- All sales transactions processed through Galveston Historic Foundation (65% to artist, 35% to GHF).
- No restriction on painting sizes.
- Paintings must be for sale with minimum price of \$100
- FYI - Event organizers require the vendors to wrap all posts of tents and 21st century devices in garland to camouflage and make a festive look, so give thought to decoration for your easel – a simple garland to wrap around your easel legs and your gear pack.

#### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Lodging- Look for lodging in 77550 and 77551 zip codes. The third zip for Galveston 77554 is pretty far out west and can be a 20-30 minute drive back and forth.

Also we will have a supply of 10X10 pizza boxes for small paintings that artists can use for buyers to transport their wet painting.

Tickets - If you have friends or family that will be attending the festival as guests, there will not be tickets sold at the event – all tickets are pre-sold in advance online. Public tickets will be available online at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 31st. You will be able to purchase from the general ticketing link as long as there is availability.

Dickens on The Squares will feature ticketed guest access in two time frames daily; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Guests in Victorian attire will receive a limited-edition commemorative keepsake.

Your ticket allows for entrance into all five Dickens on The Squares during your selected time frame.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for youth 6 to 18, and free for children five and under.

### **COSTUME SUGGESTIONS:**

Choose a Charles Dickens era period costume that is comfortable, workable and believable. The bare minimum costume would be a vintage artist smock and a beret. The maximum would be up to your own creativity of proper attire for the Charles Dickens period. Burda, McCalls, Simplicity and Vogue all have period costume patterns. If you have previously participated in any Civil War reenactments or Pioneer Village those costumes would also be appropriate; think Civil War through Steam punk through Victorian era costuming. The weather in Galveston that first weekend in December can be 90 degrees and high humidity one day with 50 degrees and sharp north winds the next. Be able to layer and adapt.

### **More Gender Specific Suggestions**

**Men:** Top Hats, Bowlers, Berets/Tams for men along with long coats with tails, loose shirts and suspenders for men, vests, sleeve garters, pocketwatch fobs and chains, spats, nickers with long socks. Have fun growing that handlebar mustache for added flavor!

**Women:** Long skirts, capes, smocks, corsets, aprons, boots that looked like high top shoes, bonnets, feathered hats, suffragist, fortune teller. The costume can be simple as a long black skirt with elastic waist and pockets, blouse with puffy sleeves, broach at neck, belt and or apron. Shawls for cool mornings. Or dress like a man in trousers. For additional costume inspiration, Google “Charles Dickens Costumes”. We’re sure your creativity will guide you to some pretty great costume ideas for wearing both days of the event.