

Hello fabulous Plein Air Artists!

I am so delighted to be greeting you for our fourth Plein Air Grand Marais together. This year I have exciting news: **Historic Cook County's award, Best Historic Place, has expanded its list of eligible locations.**

Now eligible for the Best Historic Place prize will be all locations included in the Cook County Historical Alliance. This list includes:

- Sugarloaf Cove Nature Center (Schroeder)
- Cross River Heritage Center (Schroeder)
- North Shore Commercial Fishing Museum (Tofte)
- Chik Wauk Nature Center (Gunflint Trail)
- Cook County History Museum (Grand Marais)
- Johnson Heritage Post Art Gallery (Grand Marais)
- Bally Blacksmith Shop (Grand Marais)
- Chippewa City Church (Grand Marais)
- Nee Gee Tugboat/Replica Fish House (Grand Marais)
- Grand Portage National Monument and Heritage Center (Grand Portage)
- Grand Portage State Park (Grand Portage)

The complete list with additional information regarding sites, including hours, can be found in the linked PDF.

**To be considered eligible for the Historic Prize, artist MUST note 'Historic' under 'Special Category' on the Competition Exhibit Painting Labels which are affixed to the back of your artwork.** Paintings of historical locations are **not** automatically considered for this award.

Additionally, I am also happy to announce that **the Best Historic Place prize will be increasing this year to \$300.**

We can't wait to see what you all do! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out at [jhp@boreal.org](mailto:jhp@boreal.org)

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