

Avon Police Department Holiday Window Painting Contest

Benefiting Special Olympics

December 3, 2017

Rules and Regulations

I. Date, Time, Rain

- a. Artists will paint their windows on Sunday December 3, 2017 from 10:00 am to 1:00pm. **All work must be finished by 1:00pm.**
- b. In the event of rain/snow forecasted for Sunday December 3, 2017, the windows will be painted on Saturday December 2, 2017 and the "Dinning for Dollars" and voting portion of the event will remain on Sunday. A decision would be made by 7:00pm on Friday evening and all artists will be notified by their preferred method of contact.

II. Paints and Equipment

- a. **Each contestant will be supplied with his/her own tempera paints and brushes. Only the provided water-based tempera paint will be permitted.** Contestants may mix their own colors from the colors provided.
- b. No felt-tip markers, crayons, china markers, pencils, pens or glitter will be permitted. **No solid black, navy blue, dark gray or charcoal gray backgrounds will be permitted. Solid dark colors combined with sun exposure may damage merchant windows.**
- c. Provided Equipment:
 - Assorted colors of **water-based tempera** paint.
 - Plastic cups for mixing paint
 - Assorted paint brushes
 - One large box for garbage, rags and paper, etc.
 - Large Plastic bag to dispose of all waste
 - A covered coffee can or thermos filled with water for washing brushes
 - Rags or paper towels to wipe brushes, spills
 - Rocks or Weights to hold papers in case of windy weather
- d. Suggested Equipment:
 - Low stepstool/ladder (No ladder taller than 3 feet will be allowed)
 - Wear warm clothes

III. Painting Rules

- a. Painting must have Holiday theme. Any paintings that are inappropriate, offensive or obscene will be removed immediately, and artists will be disqualified.
- b. **Painting size is approximately 3 feet wide by 5 feet tall.** The dimensions will be measured out and marked with masking tape. Contestants must paint within taped area. Contestants may not paint on sidewalk, brickwork, or any areas other than the assigned window. The sidewalk, brickwork etc, will be covered newspaper or cardboard. Failure to obey this rule will result in disqualification.
- c. Contestants may NOT scratch paint off window in order to create a design. **This damages merchant's windows.**
- d. Contestants may seek advice or suggestions from any source or individual, **but the work must be done by the contestant only.**
- e. Contestants under the age of 18 must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- f. All work must be done freehand; no stencils for lettering or painting will be allowed. This includes pre-cut materials used to trace or aid in painting of the window (eg cardboard boxes used for straight edges or tracing pictures out of magazines or books).
- g. All contestants are responsible for cleaning the area around their windows and sidewalks when their painting is finished. Trash bags will be provided.
- h. The windows will remain painted for 24 hours at which time Bertucci's will clean the windows.

IV. Voting

- a. Winners will be determined by a voting system.
- b. Votes may be purchased inside of Bertucci's from 1:00pm until 08:00pm for \$1.00 per vote.
- c. Three prizes, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be awarded.
- d. All judges' decisions are final

V. Painting Pointers

- a. Sketch your painting ahead of time on a piece of paper.
- b. It is often easier to paint the background first and then paint the scene or characters over the background once it has dried.

Be sure to invite your family and friends to come out to Bertucci's for lunch or dinner to see your completed window and cast their votes. Bring the attached flyer and 15% of your food bill will also be donated to Special Olympics!!

