

## ARTIST PAINTING SITES

### Melrose Bay Art Gallery OPEN AIR ARTS PAINT OUT 2024

Please wear your name tag when painting on private property so owners will know why you are there. Bug repellent and sunscreen advised! From March 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, the Gallery will be open weekdays 11-1, Sat 10-6 and Sun 1-5 to visit and drop off paintings.

1. MELROSE BAY PARK. Public Park on Melrose Bay. This is a small park with classic views of Melrose Bay and Santa Fe Pass. Open 7 a.m. to sundown daily. Some benches. Off of SR 26, turn North at Quail Street, to end.
2. BOAT RAMP. One block East of Melrose Bay Park is a Public boat ramp for small boats on Trout Street.
3. LEE HOUSE: Historic Boarding House with antique rusty truck out front. Available every day. Permission to paint in the garden, too. Patti Christensen is the owner. 904-315-3620.
4. HOMEMAKERS' CLUB. 198 Park Street. Historic Building. Closed but painting on the grounds is ok.
5. HERITAGE PARK. Public Park in the center of town between Mossman Hall and Melrose Bay Art Gallery. Open 24/7. Lovely fountain, small historic building and lovely view of the Episcopal Church across the street. There is a gazebo in case of rain. On site restroom.
6. BONNIE MOUNT. 741 Seminole Ridge Road. Turn north off SR 26 on Grove Street, which changes to Seminole Ridge Road. At the end, turn left and go to 741. The Palmers lease this house and it is shared by friends year-round. Lovely grounds and view of Melrose Bay from the north side.
7. JOE RUSH. 6228 Dogwood Lane. Large house and barn on a small cove. Open pasture in front. There will probably be small boats around his covered dock. We are welcome on the grounds but please don't knock on his door or disturb him as he often works from home.
8. MOSSMAN HALL. 301 SR 26, at the corner of Grove Street. The Hall is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday from 12-5 and Monday 10-2. Registered as an 1881 historic home, the adjacent church was built in the 1920's. Separate outdoor restroom is outside in a small white building with moon on the door. Paint anytime.
9. PHIL & JEANNE ROBINSON. 11622 NE 199<sup>th</sup> Dr., Crane Song Subdivision, Earleton. **March 13-19.** 20 acres of beautiful gardens and woods with lots of painting possibilities. Turn into Crane Song, turn right after the first house and bear left at the end of that short road. Call/text Phil ahead (352) 214-0378
10. GOLD HEAD BRANCH STATE PARK. Gold Head has a deep ravine with walkways, 2 lakes, clear springs and brooks, sand-hills and spring run, covered pavilions for rainy days. There are many wonderful painting locations. Camping available. \$5 entrance fee for up to 8 persons per car.
11. MICHÈLE KARAHALIOS & BOB BIRD. 2766 SE 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Keystone Heights. From the Melrose traffic light, head north on SR 21. Turn left onto 21B by the Kangaroo Jiffy store. Follow 21B for approx. 3.5 miles then turn left on SE 50<sup>th</sup> Street to #2766. House and dock on Little Lake Santa Fe with view of the pass. View of Santa Fe Swamp and deep woods with trails across the road. Text or call ahead: Bob: 352-538-9747, Michèle: 352-665-3710. **Artists' Lunch here on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-2 please RSVP and paint 10-5.**
12. SANTA FE COLLEGE WATSON CENTER. 4150 SR 21, Keystone Heights. **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. 9 am – 2 pm.** Santa Fe College has invited us to paint here again! Stacey Breheny, Art Instructor, suggests painting at the back of the campus this year, closer to the Art classrooms.

There are wonderful subjects all around Melrose!

You'll find Southland Blueberry Farm, a cattle ranch, the old post office/general store (white wooden building) and a beautiful oak lined road on CR 1469 in Earleton, 2 miles north of SR 26.

Grove Street/Seminole Ridge Road is a lovely tree lined road in Historic Melrose with interesting properties.

The historic Episcopal Church on SR 26 across from Heritage Park is a well loved subject. Best viewed from Heritage Park across the street.

Right across the street from Lake Area Physical Therapy just south of the Gallery is the old Melrose Fire Department. It's a sweet building that you really can't see unless you position yourself right across the street from it.

Price Road is approximately 2 miles south of SR 26 off of 21B. This road has rolling hills, charming old structures and pastures. It merges with CR 1474 which eventually intersects with CR 219A, the countryside is very picturesque. Follow 219A to the east, it will take you back to SR 26 very close to Melrose.

At the corner of SE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 21B in Keystone Heights, you'll see longhorn cattle on the Watusi Cattle Ranch and a Horse Farm across the street.

Keystone Beach Park is a park open to the public from 7 am to 10 PM daily. Located on Lake Geneva, there's a classic beach pavilion, beach area and shady tree areas. 565 S. Lawrence Boulevard (SR 21), Keystone Heights, about a 10 minute drive from Melrose.

Denise's Barber Shop, 5916 Hampton Street, Melrose. Suggest stopping by and asking the owner if it's ok to paint there. Denise recently bought her grandfather's old home and fashioned it into a barber shop!