

## *ARTIST PAINTING SITES*

### Melrose Bay Art Gallery OPEN AIR ARTS PAINT OUT 2025

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 13th-19th, the Gallery will be open weekdays 12-2, 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. Available every day. Permission to paint in the garden, too. Patti Christensen is the owner. 904-315-3620. Patti bought downsized to a smaller nearby house and plans to sell this.
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. 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.
7. PHIL & JEANNE ROBINSON. 11622 NE 199<sup>th</sup> Dr., Crane Song Subdivision, Earleton. March 13-17. 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
8. 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.
9. PETER & LESLIE LANDAUER. 749 Seminole Ridge Road, Melrose. This is the first time this hoe has been offered as a painting site. Available March 13 & 14 and March 17-19. Please call or text in advance. 352-281-2199.
10. SANTA FE COLLEGE WATSON CENTER. 4150 SR 21, Keystone Heights. Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. 11 am – 4 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. This is Denise's grandfather's old home fashioned into her barber shop!