

Burgwin-Wright adds musical twist to plein air event

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Plein-air artists and spectators at the 4th Annual Burgwin-Wright Paint-Out can look forward to a special treat this year. Harpist Susan Wilzer will perform in the gardens from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on the first day of the event, slated for Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21. The public is invited to visit the gardens and observe the artists while they work on both days of the Paint-Out. Flowering pomegranate trees and heirloom roses promise to put on a show of spectacular colors for all.

Also open to the public, is the reception and wet-paint art show from 6:00-9:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. Guests at the reception may vote for their favorite painting to receive the People's Choice Award.

A portion of the sales from the art show will benefit the preservation of the Burgwin-Wright House and Gardens and its operation as a museum. Built in 1770-1771, the Burgwin-Wright House is one of only four structures in Wilmington that survives from the colonial era. Renowned landscape architects from Colonial Williamsburg, Alden Hopkins and Donald Parker, designed the gardens according to the styles of the period.

An assortment of note cards with reproductions of six paintings from the 2015 Paint-Out will be available for purchase in the museum's gift shop, where sales also benefit the historic property.

For more information about the upcoming Paint-Out, including a list of participating artists, visit the Burgwin-Wright web site, www.burgwinwrighthouse.com.

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