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Spotlight on Sonoma

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THINGS TO DO IN SONOMA

Sonoma Plein Air

There are few locations better suited for painting outdoors than Sonoma, and nationally recognized artists once again flock to the town for the 15th annual **Sonoma Plein Air Festival**. The weeklong event is hosted appropriately enough by the Sonoma Plein Air Foundation, whose mission is to support art in education with grant and scholarship programs that have brought millions of dollars into Sonoma Valley schools. This year's Plein Air Festival will see artists taking over the town to paint landscapes and city scenes from around the region. Special events include the Quick Draw event happening as part of the Sonoma Farmers Market and the art show & sale capping off the event in Sonoma Plaza. And don't miss the annual Plein Air Gala, with dinner and an art auction, taking place at [Buena Vista Winery](#). The week runs Monday through Saturday, Sept .11–16. For details and tickets, visit [sonomapleinair.com](#).