

Light Chasers Policies

Light Chasers only have **ONE RULE: BE KIND**. We do have some policies that are designed to help you participate with ease.

1. Each Sunday Light Chasers receive a letter with the location of our next paint out and directions. News is also published in these letters. If you miss the Sunday Letter for any reason just go to the Lightchasersinc.com website home page. You will find a link to all the Sunday letters in the top right corner.
2. Light Chasers paint every Thursday morning except from late July to mid September.
3. You do not have to be a member to paint with the Light Chasers on Thursday morning. Anyone can paint with us on Thursday mornings.
4. Snowbirds may not drop in and out of the organization. Just delete letters that do not pertain to you.
5. We are all about the painting. Every member picked up a brush for the first time. We are not competitive. We are FUN, KIND, and HELPFUL. You can stand behind the most famous artists on Thursday and they will not care.
6. We do not discriminate because of age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, political views, or creed. **We are all about the paint.**
7. Light Chasers do NOT compete with any other group or artist. To build a vibrant art community that sustains a group of artists on many levels you must have cooperation and support. Competition is a force that drives growth away. So Light Chasers NEVER compete! If you put on a show, start another group, hold an event? We applaud you. You just made more opportunities for more artists...which are exactly what we support. We encourage growth!
8. Our RAIN POLICY is to use your own judgment. If you go out and paint you might be the only one but you might run into others who are also painting! We don't call rain dates. It's up to you.
9. We pride ourselves with being friendly. If, however, you want to chat with another artist who is painting it's a good idea to ASK whether it is an okay time to chat. Painting takes a lot of concentration so just ask.
10. Refrain from critiquing another artist's work without asking if that is okay. Some artists love critiques, some do not. Just be respectful.
11. There is no need to email Terry if you are not coming. We love it when you do come and miss you when you do not!

12. If you want to paint at other times during the week feel free to set up paint outs with other artists. We can not do that for people.

13. Please do not ask to use the mailing list. Please do not ask for another artist's email either. Under no circumstances do I share the email list or any email with any other person or organization. I never have and I never will.

14. If you would like the group to paint at a place just send me the NAME of the place and the DIRECTIONS from I-75.

15. The Sunday Letter is only about Light Chaser and Master Artist Activities. We do not advertise your shows, classes, workshops, or personal news. We do that on our Face book Page, time permitting. Just ask. I do the best I can to get work up there on the Face book Page. During the month of our events we are all busy and that is usually when we are less likely to put up your paintings or your news, but we do try!

16. The group is for adults. People must be 18 years old to participate.

17. Our Face Book page is **Light Chasers: Plein Air Painters of the Sun Coast**. Please LIKE the page. Please LIKE and COMMENT when you can. This is how Face Book works for the group! This is how we spread news about our group. If you want your news and paintings posted? Please then help us get the news out for you and our other members! Thanks!

18. Light Chasers has over 500 members. We are all volunteers. No one is paid. Please be respectful of our time. If your email is not answered that is because the answer to your question is ON THE WEBSITE or in the SUNDAY LETTER Try looking there first. Get to know YOUR website. Please print out and save rules. You will find it very helpful to read the website to find out what you need.

19. Please volunteer to help with events! Volunteers are cherished and are given priority in sign up. Some years we even have enough money to give our volunteers a gift!

20. Off The Easel is the CHARITY ARM of the Light Chasers. When there is sign up for Off The Easel you probably will want to join. We put on shows and paint outs for different charities in the county. It's great for selling and for getting your name out there and helping others. We have a GREAT TIME. If you are not on the OFF THE EASEL list you never even hear about these opportunities. Sign up is once or twice a year!

21. Fair warning! Our shows fill up on sign up day usually by MID AFTERNOON! Be aware of when sign up is and MOVE! Last year people got up in the middle

of the night in Europe to get to an internet site so they could sign up for our shows. THAT is how incredibly popular our shows are! Once you take part you will understand.....we have GREAT and REALLY FUN shows!

22. We encourage artists to get their own ARTIST PAGE on the website. It helps get the word out about your work. We know that national magazines, galleries, and national painting groups READ our website and our Face Book page. Do not miss this opportunity to market yourself and also help the group get to know you better! You will have more fun!

If you have any questions about these policies, just ask. Policies do change. We try to update these every year and encourage all new members to read them. Thank you and join the Light Chasers for painting soon!

Paint! Paint!
Terry Mason
President
Light Chasers