In regards to the Covid-19 corona virus:

We encourage everyone to comply with Governor DeWine's stay at home policy.

The Southwest Ohio Plein Air Painters group is a free, unorganized, voluntary group. Painting outside does come with its own risks and each artist is responsible for his/her own safety and health. Who would ever believe that we would have to say, "Paint at your own risk!"

Traveling away from home carries risks. Going to any public place where you might touch something someone else has touched, carries risks. Please come to paint with the group only if you feel you can do that safely. If you do, and you touch any surface others may have touched, including in the restroom, please wash your hands thoroughly, with soap.

Please maintain at least 6 feet between each other and stay in a cross-breeze so that you do not breathe each other's air. It is recommended that you put your clothes in the washing machine as soon as you get back home because the virus can live a good while on surfaces you may have brushed against that an ill person touched. People can be ill without knowing it. We risk the spread of the virus by simply grocery shopping or getting gas.

That said, if you feel you can paint safely in the locations announced, then paint. Otherwise, please paint at home and send a photo of your painting to the FaceBook page for us to publish.

Thank you,

SWOPA Painters