



*It was especially beautiful at the Arboretum on Saturday evening, May 22, with art rivaling nature!! 65 of the 109 artists participating in Stems Plein Air Paint 2010 were in the gardens for the kick-off of this year's Plein Air Paint. Sponsored by The Rice Gallery of Fine Art with a lovely light dinner provided by Sullivan's Steakhouse, it was a great way to begin the two weeks of artistry that will be taking place at the Arboretum and the Farmstead through June 6. We can hardly wait to see all the award winners displayed at Stems!*



*Peggy Rice presenting Sunset Paint First Place check and award to Natalie Hunsaker for her painting of the Erickson Water Garden.*



*The entries ready for judging!*



*Painting the view across Margaret's Pond.*



*The Monet Garden was a popular spot for painters.*