



The Newsletter of the Calvert Artists' Guild
P. O. Box 602



Prince Frederick, MD 20678

October 2006

President's Note

As President of the Artists' Guild for this year, I have seen many of our goals achieved and the Guild has thrived with acquiring many new members to reach the goal of **100 Members**. This number hadn't been achieved since the 1980s. It is good to feel we are a vital organization! We proposed this year and continued the traditional 4 shows a year (March, May- included judging and awards, July, Oct), held at least 2 workshops (June & Sept), participated in organized fieldtrips, continued "Plein Air Paint-outs" at different locations (Flag Ponds, Battle Creek Cypress Swamp, Warriors Rest), and encouraged larger attendance at meetings with informative & educational programs. We updated our web site, printed a tri-fold brochure, and published an outstanding Directory/ Roster. The new Board for 2007 will continue to offer programs and activities for artists. Please see the proposed 2007 Calendar of Events for scheduled dates and mark your calendars now!

In November, Phyllis Doughty and I are going to attend a J. Betts workshop in Myrtle Beach, SC. There are numerous reasons for attending a workshop—subject matter (portraits, flowers), technique (collage), location (Maine), instructor (mentor) or a vacation get-away. It is wonderful to have a week of just painting without the home distractions to get you motivated and re-vitalized. Be sure and research your potential instructors, as there are many horror stories about instructors that just want to showcase and sell their artwork and are hostile or demeaning to the students. Some are good instructors but NOT good artists, and some are good artists but NOT good instructors. Choose your workshop wisely! I want to thank each one of you so much for your assistance and cooperation this past year for Shows, paint-outs, and events! I was overwhelmed and pleased to see such good participation. This meant a lot to me as it indicated that the cooperation and working togetherness is "still alive and well" and that the Artists' Guild has the potential for much success. The Guild is an important integral part of the county. We promote the arts; and we unite the artists to offer opportunities for sales, learning, and sharing. We are under the umbrella of the Arts Council of Calvert County. Where else could

you get all of the above for \$25/yr membership? 2007 will be a GREAT YEAR!!

Thank you again for all of your efforts on the Guild's behalf.

Yours in art,

Gerry :-)

Suggestions Wanted For 2007 Workshops and Programs

Please send suggestions for workshops and programs to the Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc. P.O. Box 602, Prince Frederick, MD 20678 or email: gbwood2@verizon.net; or contact one of the officers. We will try to put your suggestions on the 2007 schedule.

Welcome New Members!

Update your CAG Directory

Please add these new members/addresses to your Guild Directory: We now have **100 MEMBERS!**

Chambers, Judith 410-474-9988
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Lusby, MD 20657

Ferrante, Barbara 301-373-8741
26019 Jones Wharf Road
Hollywood, MD 20636
Rajibar@worldshots.net

Forche, Dianne Mayne 410-258-3330
4045 Hidden Hill Drive
Huntingtown, MD 20639
Dmf@hiddenhillhollow.com

Spore, Vickey M. 301-481-1185
P.O. Box 171
Piney Point, MD 20674
vickeysore@yahoo.com

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!!



On Sunday, **November 19, 2006** we'll hold the Calvert Artists' Guild Annual Meeting & Program, **at the Phillips House, Prince Frederick, MD starting at 2pm.** Bring finger foods. During the business meeting we will hold elections and discuss the events planned for 2007. Prior to the business meeting we will have a program about art therapy presented by Vickey Spore.

The Phillips House is in Prince Frederick behind the OLD P.F. Library (on Duke Street). Go into the old Library parking lot behind the library and there is a roadway to the meeting location with a sign "Phillips House" and there will be an Artists' Guild sign.

Vickey Spore has been using art as a modality and therapeutic means for the past three years. Ms. Spore is a Graphic Designer/Print Production Manager, and has worked in Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Texas and Maryland in the graphics field for nearly three decades. She has worked in Free-lance - Commercial Art for twenty years while managing at several printing companies and advertising agencies in their print production management depts. and assisting the graphic design teams. She has worked with Computer Graphics since 1989. In the past 3 years she has explored Art Therapy while volunteering for the bereaved children's support groups and camps with Hospice of St. Mary's, and has taught private art instruction to young children. She has worked with a certified Art Therapist for the past 3 years for her own support and usage for healing from life changes and enhancing creativity to begin to paint again. She has won state awards and national recognition for commercial art designs done in Texas. While living in Houston, she attained additional opportunity in directing with committee the first Texas Graphic Excellence Awards Program. Three years later, she won the "Samuel Bangs Award" for her piece-"The Texas Legacy", the best historical graphic piece in the state. She has also won awards from the Houston Advertising Federation competition. And worked with free-lance graphic design and other positions in the graphics industry. She is a graduate of Texas State University, in San Marcos, Texas with a BFA degree in Commercial Art; has attained continued education in Computer Graphic studies with Houston Community College. She has also been a past instructor for the University of Houston's department of Technology in Houston, Texas. She can be contacted at Vickeyspore@yahoo.com.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS - 2007

Look at Page 12 of your 2006 CAG Roster at the list of past presidents you will note the many names and my name repeatedly. After holding office of President for **8 terms** (not consecutive), I am relinquishing the position to limit the "Wood Dynasty" or "matriarchy" to give a new person the opportunity to serve the Guild. It is time for

new & fresh ideas and "Captain at the helm" to keep the Guild active. I am uplifted to think that we can be a great Artists' Guild and we have a partial slate of nominations for new officers. I will give assistance/guidance if you will please step up to the plate for President 2007!

We thank those that have agreed to accept office. We will be canvassing members to fill the positions as follows: Be sure and support your new President!

President: TBD
Secretary: Diane Dickey
Treasurer: Joan Humphreys

The following are volunteered positions:

Newsletter: Erin Groom
Web Master: Lara Rupinski
Arts Council Representative: TBD
Membership/Art Grants: Gerry Wood
Publicity: Mary Conto
Directory/Roster: Maria Fleming

If you wish to fill any position, please notify me.
Nominations will be accepted!
Elections will be held at the November 19th meeting at 2:00 p.m. in Pr. Frederick at the Phillips House.

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Patuxent River Appreciation Days Art Show
and Sale News

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Thanks to the following artists for their participation in the PRAD Art Show on Sunday, October 8th: Amy Beaven, Mary Blumberg, Tricia Darrow, Phyllis Doughty, Maria Fleming, Doris Anne Garner, Joan Humphreys, John Sesso, Suzanne Shelden, Mary Sokol, Vickey Spore, Tammy Vitale, and Gerry Wood.

Again due to weather, we had to postpone the set-up Friday & Saturday to show only one day—Sunday! The show was successful because the artists who were there had a good chance to meet and exchange ideas. This show gave the Guild exposure to the public and we distributed our new tri-fold brochure with 2007 events!

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"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

- Helen Keller

Join the Calvert Artists' Guild

Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc. Membership Form

The Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc., founded in 1978, promotes the appreciation and practice of fine arts in Calvert County. This is done through sponsoring art

shows and sales, participating in field trips to events and exhibitions, arranging workshops in various mediums led by recognized artists, offering plein-air paint outs at various sites, interesting programs and meetings, and encouraging young artists to pursue their interests in fine arts. Anyone with an interest in the arts is encouraged to join. Membership privileges include special rates for workshops and shows, members-only shows, the Guild newsletter, "ColorSpots" and recognition and link on our website.

The dues year is a calendar year Jan. 1st – Dec. 31st.

Make checks payable to Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc., and mail to P.O. Box 602, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Invite Friends to Join Us!

Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc. Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I am an artist or artisan interested in (specify medium) _____

I am interested in the arts in general _____

I am interested in helping with the Guild activities (areas of interest) _____

Annual Dues: (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31)

\$25.00 Individual

\$35.00 Family

\$15.00 Youth (18)

From Anne Oman--thought you'd enjoy Emile Zola's definition of a landscape painting: "a corner of nature viewed through a temperament."

Upcoming Events

Annual Meeting and Program - Sunday, Nov. 19th, 2pm at the Phillips House in Prince Frederick.

Contact persons: Annie Moore, 410-586-2427 annieHM@aol.com & Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663

gbwood2@verizon.net Program: **Vickey Spore, "Art Therapy"**.

Volunteers Needed – Halloween in the Garden – Saturday October 28th 11am-4pm, help with art activities, handing out candy & with Pumpkin Patch & gift shop sales. Please send inquiries or to volunteer to Jaimie Jeffrey at, gardeninfo@chesapeake.net or gardendirector@chesapeake.net



Mother Catherine Spalding School Christmas Bazaar Sunday November 5th, 10am – 4pm, Chaptico Road in Helen. Rental fee is \$30 for a 4x8 space, or \$50 for two spaces. Set up on Saturday November 4th from 12-3pm and on Sunday from 7am-10am. Genuine homemade crafts and artworks are welcome. Please contact Charlie Eisele, Crafter Chairman, at cweisele@yahoo.com, or 301-884-4792 for registration.

Art Classes

Clay Workshops with Tammy Vitale – classes offered in January – February 2007. Contact Tammy by email to register, belletamaam@hotmail.com Classes are first come, first serve.

Clay 101 – Saturday, January 13, 2007. 10am – 1pm, learn how to make stamped and bas relief tiles and fish. Clay 101 must be completed before open studio participation is allowed. \$45 covers clay, tools and firing.

Clay 102, Saturday, January, 13, 2007. 2 - 5 pm. How to mix glazes from formula. Bring a white dust mask with you. We will be working with open doors in the garage, so wear a coat you can get dirty. Bring a clay piece to glaze (or glaze from what you have fired either from the September class). \$45 covers glaze ingredients, glazes, and stains, and firing for glazed pieces.

Mary Blumberg offering classes, "The Magic of Watercolor", Beginner to Intermediate Classes. **Thursdays, Oct. 19-Dec. 7, 1:00-4:00 p.m., Fridays, Oct. 20-Dec. 8, 1:00-4:00 p.m.** Calvert Pines Sr. Center, Prince Frederick, MD \$90.00/6 weeks. Call Mary: 410-394-0626 or email: marybwatercolor@comast.net



Art Classes (continued)

Expression Through Pottery – Mondays at Calvert Pines Community Center, Prince Frederick, MD Starting at 10:00am

Open Art Studio – Wednesdays at Calvert Pines Senior Center, Prince Frederick, MD starting at 10:00am, Sally Den Hartog & Barbara Bowman - 410-535-4606; 301-855-1170; *Open Studio Art Show & Sale*, Saturday October 21st, 10am-2pm in the Auditorium.

Ceramics – Tuesdays at North Beach Senior Center, North Beach, MD starting at 9:30am

Clay Class – Mondays and Wednesdays at North Beach Senior Center, North Beach, MD starting at 9:30am

Watercolor Open Studio – Mondays at So. Pines Senior Center, Lusby, MD starting at 10am

Potpourri of Painting – Tuesdays at So. Pines Senior Center, Lusby, MD starting at 9am

Ceramics – Thursdays at So. Pines Senior Center, Lusby, MD, starting at 9:30am

We'll Try Anything Once – Thursdays at So. Pines Senior Center, Lusby, MD, starting at 1:30. Theme is creating Winter Scenes in various media for Jan/Feb 2007.

Notices and Announcements

33rd Annual UNIQUE BOUTIQUE Fine Arts and Crafts

Saturday, October 28, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Hollywood Firehouse, Hollywood, Maryland, St. Mary's County. Benefit Sale, Free parking, Free admission, Food available, Door prizes.

Annual Picnic Meeting

Our Annual Picnic Meeting was held on August 20, 2006 at the Clubhouse at Asbury, Solomons. The food provided by members was wonderful and we all had a great time. Our guest speaker was Lyn Clement from the College of So. Md. Thanks again to the members that sponsored the clubhouse site for us and to everyone who brought something to share.

Newsletter Information

The newsletter is published every other month. The next scheduled newsletter is due out around December 15th. Please submit items to the newsletter editor by December 10th. Thanks.

If anyone knows of any opportunities to show our art, please contact Erin Groom, to put it in the newsletter. If you are participating in a show, have won an award, or have any other information to share, please let me know and I'll put the announcement in the newsletter. Thanks.

*Online Art Competition,
The Artist's Magazine:*

The Artist's Magazine is offering an All-Media Online Competition in the following categories:

- Oil & Oil Pastel

- Acrylic
- Watercolor
- Pastel
- Mixed Media & Collage
- Graphite, Charcoal and Colored Pencil

The competition is open to artists anywhere, 16 years of age and over. All works must be original. Compositions based on published material or other artists' work are NOT considered original. Source material must be available upon request. Paintings executed in a workshop under another artist's direct supervision are not eligible. Paintings previously reproduced in a national publication or paintings that have previously received major awards in national competitions are not eligible. Employees of F+W Publications, Inc., and their immediate families, are not eligible. Deadline is December 1, 2006. Grand Prize, \$500 & Six First Place Awards of \$100, all winners receive complimentary subscriptions to *The Artist's Magazine* and \$100 worth of *North Light Books*. For more information, go to *The Artist's Magazine* website, http://www.artistsmagazine.com/contests/amoc_2006_details.asp An online entry form is also available at, https://www.artistsnetwork.com/tam/amoc_2006_entry.asp Good luck!!!

Photo from the Plein-Air Paint Out on August 12th at Warrior's Rest Sanctuary...



PROPOSED CALENDAR of EVENTS 2007

November 19, 2006 - Sunday, Annual Meeting & Program, 2:00 p.m., Phillips House, Pr. Frederick, MD: Contact persons: Annie Moore, 410-586-2427, annieHM@aol.com; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net

January/February 2007 - Workshop, Calvert Pines Center, Pr. Frederick, MD

February 2007- Meeting & Program

Contact person: Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663.

March 3-4, 2007, Saturday and Sunday - Annmarie Garden Show, "March Art Show". Artists' Reception Saturday, 2pm to 4pm. Contact persons: Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663.

April, 2007 - Saturday, CAG meeting and program; 10:00 a.m., So. Pines Center, Lusby, MD

May 5-6, 2007, Saturday and Sunday - Annmarie Garden Awards Show, Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc., Artists' Reception Saturday, 2pm to 4pm. Contact persons: Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663.

June, 2007, Saturday - Art Workshop, Instructor: TBD

Contact persons:

July 21, 2007, Saturday - Solomons Outdoor/Gazebo Show. Noon-6:00 p.m., Solomons Boardwalk, Contact: Rex Miller, 410-326-2604; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663

August, 2007, Sunday - Picnic meeting, 2pm to 6pm. Bring a potluck dish: TBD

September, 2007 - Saturday - Workshop (TBA). So Pines Art Room, Lusby, MD. Contact person:

September, 2007, Saturday and Sunday - Annmarie Garden. **ARTSFEST**

October 6-7, 2007 - Annual P.R.A.D. Show, Solomons, MD, 10:00-5:00 daily

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