

Colorspots

The Newsletter of the Calvert Artists' Guild
P.O. Box 602
Prince Frederick, MD 20678

August 2012

President's Note

Hopefully everyone is enjoying their summer in spite of the heat. Things are starting to heat up art wise with CAG also. We just had one of the best art shows that CAG has had since I have been a member. In my opinion, the Asbury show was an unmitigated success. Two third of the artists made sales and we brought in over \$2500.00 (not having to pay a commission was also a good thing)! We had lots of room, the lighting was good, and we had good attendance by the general public.

Our new roadside signs seem to have made a difference. Several visitors remarked about the signs as the reason they attended the show. Spontaneous decisions to attend the show work for me!!!

The Lexington Park Library Show has begun and the Potluck will be happening later in the month. Whew! When will it cool off!!!

Your Prez.



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Featured Artist Ruth Collins



Ruth was born and raised in Towson, MD, where as a child it was always understood that she would be an artist. As a student at Towson High School, she learned watercolor and oil painting, printmaking techniques, and commercial applications such as lettering. Her teacher, an excellent watercolor artist in his own right, influenced as well as encouraged her in her art.

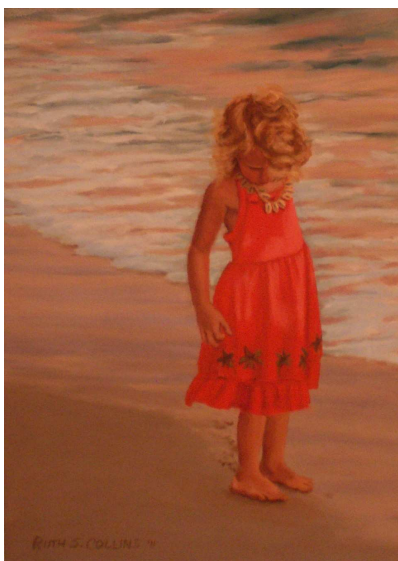
Ruth first came to St. Mary's county in 1970 while "college shopping" and the beauty of the campus and surrounding environs was the major deciding factor in attending St. Mary's College with a major in art. Her main focus was oil and watercolor painting, painting portraits and taking advantage of the area's landscape subject matter. Ruth says "I was also aware of the development in this diverse area that was slowly changing the way things looked, and I wanted to preserve scenes before they disappeared". After graduation, she wanted to remain in the County. She was hired at a local sign shop where she quickly learned brush lettering and how to make many types of signs. After a year, the owner returned to teaching, and she was offered the opportunity to run the business. Nine years later she married her husband, a member of the Coast Guard, and left the area for North

Carolina, Florida and Baltimore, raising two boys along the way. When her husband retired from the military, they returned to St. Mary's and replanted roots.

For the past 13 years Ruth has been employed as a custom picture framer while continuing to paint signs. She also tries to do as much fine art painting as possible. Speaking of her fine art painting Ruth says "In recent years I have worked in oils, but now I choose to use acrylics because there is very little time spent waiting for the paint to dry, and they can be varnished right away. My choice of subject matter is often driven by a desire to immortalize the commonplace, painting in a realist style, things that catch my attention because of the stories they tell. Once something has jumped out at me, usually while driving, I attempt to recreate the scene just as I saw it." Sometimes this involves her going back at a later time to taking photos and maybe asking someone to "stand like this" just to add the right pose.

"I also love and appreciate photography, so I am rarely without my camera, ready to capture scenes to use in the future as subject matter, as well as "recording history".

Ruth has been a member of the Calvert Artists' Guild for three years and participates in most of the Guild art shows, winning ribbons in every Art Awards show since she joined the Guild. To see more examples of Ruth's artwork please visit www.facebook.com/ArtworkByRuthS.Collins.



"Look How Wet I Got" - Ruth Collins

Printmaking Workshop a Success!

The Printmaking Workshop was held on July 28th and the participants had a boatload of fun! Six guild members were involved as well as a guest that saw our notice in the local newspaper. Instructor Diane Nargiz described several different printing techniques that the students then used to create works of art. Paper, ink, paint, styrofoam, vegetables, and a myriad of utensils and pointy objects were used to spread ink, create stamps, and draw designs.



Back Row – Gerry Wood, Lonnie Harkins, Kate Dinnel, Instructor -Diane Nargiz; Front Row – Suzanne Shelden, Cindy Pond, Linda Rosenthal

Lexington Park Library Show

This month five of our artists will have works on display at the Lexington Park Library. The display will last the entire month of August. An artists' reception will be held August 9th from 5PM to 8PM. The participating artists are Debbie Weimert, Melody Weed, Gerry Wood, Carol Wade, Candy Cummings, and Lonnie Harkins.

Pot-Luck Meeting

Don't forget the Annual Pot-Luck Meeting coming up on Sunday, August 19 at Asbury-Solomons. The meeting will be held in the **Clubhouse** from 2pm to 5pm. Drop off your potluck dishes and passengers at the Clubhouse entrance and proceed to the Visitor/Overflow/Event Parking area. Don't forget, bring a potluck dish (Mmmm. Meat!). The Program this year will be: "Digital Photo Enhancement Techniques" by Lonnie Harkins.

Sunday, August 19 Meeting Guest Speaker Information

Current Guild President, Lonnie Harkins, will demonstrate some of the programs and techniques he uses to enhance and/or alter photographs. Lonnie began his photographic journey in the early '80's while on deployment to Misawa, Japan with the U.S. Navy. While there, he bought a Canon A1 camera and proceeded to spend a large portion of his meager pay on film and processing. In 1985 he was transferred to Patuxent River Naval Air Station. While driving cross-country most of his camera gear was stolen during a fuel stop. It was several years before he could save enough to buy another camera. As the photography world embraced the digital age, and his preferred film became harder to find, Lonnie was left behind the power curve. In 2011 he was able to buy a used digital SLR camera and lens. Since then his interest in photography has been rekindled.

Photographic computer programs have become cheaper and more powerful over the last few years making it easier and affordable for the average person to do their own post-processing of photographs. Lonnie will demonstrate several of the programs he routinely uses to enhance photographs and at times, radically change the look of the photo. Lonnie is self-taught in the use of the programs and nearly so in photography.

Artsfest 2012

After much deliberation, cussing, and discussing the Board has decided that the Calvert Artists' Guild will not be participating in Artsfest 2012. The limited number of works that could be displayed by each artist was the major reason for the decision. Informal discussions with members helped the Board to reach this decision. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our members but the Board decided that this was the best course of action for the Guild as a whole.

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Remember the Guild is on Facebook. Try this link <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Calvert-Artists-Guild/106227186074949>. Remember to bookmark the page!!



“Pemaquid Point Light, ME” - Gerry Wood

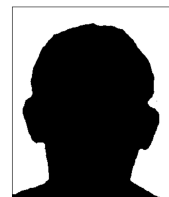
### KUDOS

Gerry Wood had three paintings, “Robbins Reef Light, NJ”; “Pemaquid Point Light, ME”; and “West Quoddy Head Light, ME”, accepted into the Lighthouse Art Show at the Calvert Marine Museum. The museum is featuring lighthouses during the months of August and September.

### September Paint-Out at Running Hare Winery

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the upcoming Paint-Out to again be held at the beautiful Running Hare Winery!! Last year the weather was awesome and the wine was tasty. Remember that you do not have to paint to come to the paint-out. You can bring your camera and take photos, wander the beautiful vineyards and grounds, or just sit and listen to live music while sipping your favorite vintage. Running Hare Vineyard, 150 Adelina Road, Pr. Frederick, time: 10:00AM-2:00PM or until closing.

Life is like a great big canvas,  
and you should throw all the  
paint on it you can.  
- Unknown





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## Opportunities for Artists

**Raley's Furniture Gallery Art Show** - Carole Wade, Ruth Collins, Gerry Wood, Mel Powell, Suzanne Shelden, Matthew Spaulding, Lonnie Harkins, and Nia Olabesi will be participating in an art show at Raley's Home Furnishings in the Fox Run Shopping Center, Prince Frederick, MD beginning August 25 and running for one month. An artist's reception with wine, food and music will be August 25th from 5 – 7 PM.

**North Beach Artist Market** - The Wheel Clothing Store in cooperation with the Town of North Beach is looking for artists to be a part of an "Artist Market" in conjunction with, but separate from, the Farmer's Market in North Beach. The North Beach Art Fair will be held each Friday starting May 25 through Sept 28 from 6 to 9 PM. Booth space is located on 7th Street (between Bay and Chesapeake Ave) and is open to all artists who locally design, make and sell art.

For additional info contact Lonnie Harkins at [baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net](mailto:baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net) or The Wheel Clothing Store, 4109 7th Street North Beach, MD (410)286-0000, [Wheelclothesllc@gmail.com](mailto:Wheelclothesllc@gmail.com)

**Mattawoman Creek Art Center** – Mattawoman Creek Art Center, located at Smallwood State Park in Charles County, Maryland is seeking artists of all media to exhibit their art. The Art Center is scheduling future exhibits. The deadline for entries is August 15, 2012 to be considered for the next two calendar years. You can contact the Center at Mattawoman Creek Art Center, Artists Advisory Committee, P.O. Box 258 Marbury, MD 20658 or [Mattawomanart@aol.com](mailto:Mattawomanart@aol.com)

**Fall Follies** - Saturday, September 8, 2012  
Location: The Town Square on Washington Street, Leonardtown, MD. Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Registration: \$30.00 with your own table, chairs and tent (if you wish). Space Size: 10' x 10' Space is limited for each event. Contact Nancy Wiehe at (301) 885-8926 for any further information or questions.

## Calvert Marine Museum Patuxent River Appreciation Days P.R.A.D Art Guild Show

P.R.A.D. is coming October 6-7 and CAG will again be a big part of the event. This is always a big event for CAG artists. Mark your calendars to participate in the PRAD show, held @ the Calvert Marine Museum grounds parking lot area. We will be in our usual prominent place in front of the Museum building. Members will be needed for Show **Setup**: Friday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>. We usually have 10 tents for this event. The Guild has three tents and needs to borrow an additional seven tents. If you have a tent you would be willing to loan to the cause please contact any of the Board members. You will be able to drive to the tent to unload on Friday. 8:30-10:30 a.m. Please enter via the Lore Road entrance. By special request you may set-up Saturday morning, 8-9:00a.m. You will not be able to drive to the tent site on Saturday. You will have to park in the parking-field area and transport your work. **CAG volunteers are needed** for loaning & setting up tents, unloading screens, judging vendor booths, show sitting, set-up, take down, sales, etc. Contacts: Gerry Wood 301-863-9663, or Lonnie Harkins. Food vendors will be conveniently in our area and we love the area set-up on the Museum grounds. The registration form is later in this newsletter.

**Calvert Artists' Guild Exhibitor Registration  
Patuxent River Appreciation Days  
Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons, MD  
October 6-7, 2012  
10am-5pm**

Entry deadline: Postmarked **OCTOBER 1**

Set-up Date and Time: OCTOBER 5, 8:30– 11am

Checks should be made payable to the Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc. in the amount of \$25.00

and mailed to:

Calvert Artists; Guild

PO Box 602

Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

The Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc., the Calvert County Government, the Calvert Marine Museum or any other organizer for this event is not responsible for any liability of your exhibit.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**AUGUST ANNUAL POT-LUCK MEETING  
& PROGRAM**

at the Asbury-Solomons Clubhouse  
Solomons, MD

**Sunday, August 19, 2012 at 2:00 pm**  
Bring a dish to share

Program: "Digitally Enhanced Photography" – Lonnie  
Harkins

**Fall Art Classes**

If you are holding Fall Art Classes, please notify Lonnie Harkins so that he has the information to send out via email and for the October "ColorSpots" newsletter and referrals. He can be reached at 410-326-7199; or at [baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net](mailto:baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net)

**Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc.**  
**CALENDAR of EVENTS 2012**

**www.calvertartistsguild.org**

**(Note: Reserve these dates and mark your calendars!)**

**August 1-31, 2012** – CAG Library Show, St. Mary's County, Lexington Park, MD, Hours: Mon-Thurs. 9-8, Fri.-Sat. 9-5, (Closed Sunday). Contact: Candy Cummings, 301-863-6693, prodigaldaughter@md.metrocast.net

**August 19, 2012, Sunday** – Annual Potluck meeting & program, Asbury-Solomons **Clubhouse**, 2pm to 5pm. Bring a potluck dish. Program: "Digital Photo Enhancement", Lonnie Harkins; Contact persons: Barbara Fetterhoff, 410-394-3365; fetterhoff.barbara@comcast.net; Lonnie Harkins, 410-326-7199, baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net;

**September 29, 2012, Saturday** – Paint-Out Day, Location: Running Hare Vineyard, 150 Adelina Road, Pr. Frederick, 10:00-2:00, Contact persons: Lonnie Harkins, 410-326-7199, baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net

**October 6-7, 2012, Saturday & Sunday** – Annual P.R.A.D. (Patuxent River Appreciation Days) Show, Solomons, MD., 10:00-5:00 daily, Contacts:Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net or Les & Dianne Dickey, 301-855-1919; bayside6@comcast.net;.

**November 3, 2012 – Saturday** – Workshop, "Wood-Carving" Instructor: Carolyn Huff, 9:00am-2:00pm, Calvert Pines Center, Pr. Frederick, MD.; Contact persons: Lonnie Harkins, 410-326-7199, baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net; or Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net

**December 8, 2012 – Saturday**, Annual Meeting & Program, "Pen & Ink Drawing"; Faith Gaillot; 10:00 a.m., Calvert Pines Center, Pr. Frederick, Md.; Contact persons: Lonnie Harkins, 410-326-7199, baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net; or Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net

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