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Newsletter of the Calvert Artists' Guild



CALVERT ARTISTS' GUILD
P. O. Box 602
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The newsletter is published quarterly. The next scheduled newsletter is due out around March 2017. Please submit items to the newsletter compiler by February 15th. If you are participating in a show, have won an award, or have any other information to share, please send it to gbwood2@verizon.net and we'll include it in the newsletter.



The Calvert Artists' Guild is affiliated with the Arts Council of Calvert County (ACCC)



Prez Note

Another year has gone by and I would like to take the time to thank everyone again for being members of the Guild. Special thanks goes to everyone that helps with our shows. That includes those that help with set up and take down of the shows, as well as the artists that sign up for the shows and help to make them a success. I would also like to thank my fellow Board Members for their help in keeping the Guild running. Thanks also needs to go to the artists that volunteer as instructors for our workshops and demo's. These activities help artists by allowing them to try new and exciting mediums without the expense of new tools, and supplies. As the year comes to a close I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Solstice, Happy Hogswatch or whatever Winter Holiday you choose to observe as well as a Happy New Year. May your coming year be filled with happiness, health, and overflowing creativity!! Bah Humbug!!!!

—Lonnie Harkins

Fun at the Rag Rug Workshop



The Rag Rug Workshop was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the instructor, Beverly Wyckoff Jackson.



Rag rug by Joan Humphreys

CAG ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calvert Artists' Guild Meeting

Saturday, December 10th, 10:00 a.m.
at Asbury-Solomons Clubhouse,
Solomons, MD

Don't forget the Annual December Meeting coming up on Saturday, December 10th at Asbury-Solomons. The meeting will be held in the Asbury/Solomons Clubhouse, 11740 Asbury Circle, Solomons, MD 20688, from 10am to 12pm. Drop off your snack/goodies and passengers at the Clubhouse 11740 entrance and driver proceed to the Visitor Parking spaces. (Do NOT park in resident designated spaces)

We will discuss the 2017 Calendar of Events and hold election of officers for 2017. Following the business meeting, the program will be a Book presentation and reading by Kevin & Christine Higgins.

It is important that you attend the Annual Meeting in order for the new business to be conducted.

Per the CAG bylaws, Article VII- Nominations, Elections, Voting and Vacancies, pg. 12 in the 2016-17 Directory/Roster, "the Election shall be held at the Annual Business Meeting in the fall. A majority of those present shall be required in order to elect."

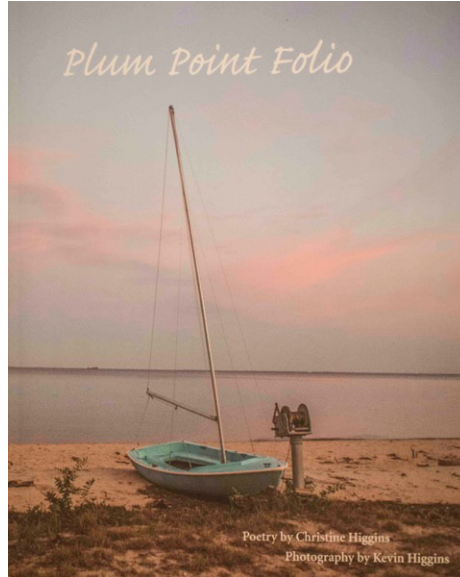
TREASURER'S REPORT - BALANCES

Check book balance: \$2,359.52;
Savings: \$5,262.6

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Ray Bogle, Nia Olabesi, Elaine Strong

BOOK PRESENTATION AND READING



Book presentation and Reading by Kevin & Christine Higgins. Saturday, 10:00 a.m., Asbury Solomons Clubhouse, Solomons, MD

We are pleased that Christine and Kevin Higgins will present a poetry reading and presentation of their book *Plum Point Folio*, recording a special place on the Chesapeake. Created with an eye towards bay conservation, Kevin took the photographs and Christine wrote the poetry. You will enjoy this program of artist authors! Be sure to attend the December 10th meeting and program.



Photo by Kevin Higgins

2017 OFFICER NOMINEES: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 OFFICERS

It will soon be election time for the 2017 officers. We are asking for volunteers to run for office. The office of President, and Secretary will be open for election. Gerry Wood remains as the Treasurer. Please step forward if you would be willing to hold one of these offices. The CAG depends on programs, workshops, shows, and meetings coordinated by the whole Board --President, Secretary, and Treasurer, as well as committee persons. We need you, please volunteer. Thanks in advance for your kind consideration.

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Mail to:

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Many thanks!

2017 Calendar of Events

Mark Your Calendar !

JANUARY 14, 2017 ,SATURDAY

Art Workshop, "Acrylics" Instructor: Pam Callen, 10:00-3:00, **Mt. Hope Comm. Ctr.** Sunderland, Md., Contact persons; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net

FEBRUARY 18, 2017 – SATURDAY

CAG meeting and program, TBD presentation; 10:00 a.m., **Asbury-Solomons Auditorium**, Solomons, Md., Contact :Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net

MARCH 25-26, 2017 – SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Spring Art Show, **So. Md. Sailing Assn.**, Solomons, Md., 10:00-5:00. Contact persons: Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net, Lonnie Harkins, 410-326-7199, baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net;

APRIL 22, 2017 – SATURDAY

Meeting & Program: **Asbury-Solomons Clubhouse**, Solomons, Md., Program: "TBD"; 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.; Contact persons; Lonnie Harkins, 410-326-7199, baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net

MAY 20-21, 2017, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Awards Art Show, **So. Md. Sailing Assn.**, Solomons, Md., 10:00-5:00, Contact persons: Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net, Lonnie Harkins, 410-326-7199, baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net;

JUNE 24, 2017, SATURDAY

Workshop "Scratchboard", Instructor: Carmelo Ciancio, **Mt. Hope Comm. Ctr.**, Sunderland, Md., 10:00am-3:00 pm; Contact: Lonnie Harkins, 410-326-7199, baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net

JULY 22-23, 2017, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Art Show: **So. Md. Sailing Assn.**, Solomons, Md., 10:00-6:00 p.m., Contact: Lonnie Harkins, 410-326-7199, baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net

AUGUST 13, 2017, SUNDAY

Annual Potluck meeting & program, **Asbury-Solomons Clubhouse**, Solomons, Md., 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Bring a potluck dish. Program Presentation: "TBD"; Contact persons: Lonnie Harkins, 410-326-7199, baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net;

SEPTEMBER 16, 2017, SATURDAY

Paint-Out", Location:TBD. 10:0-2:00, Contact persons: Lonnie Harkins, 410-326-7199, baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net

OCTOBER 7-8, 2017, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Annual P.R.A.D. (Patuxent River Appreciation Days) Show, Calvert Marine Museum, Solomons, Md., 10:00-5:00 daily, Contact: Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net

NOVEMBER 18, 2017 – SATURDAY

Workshop – TBD:, **Mt. Hope Comm. Ctr.**, Sunderland, Md., 10:00am-3:00pm; Contact persons: Lonnie Harkins, 410-326-7199, baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net; or Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net

DECEMBER 9, 2017 – SATURDAY

Annual Meeting & Program, **Asbury-Solomons Clubhouse**; Solomons, Md., 10:00 a.m., Program: "TBD; Contact persons; Lonnie Harkins, 410-326-7199, baronvonsmoogle@netscape.net; or Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net

Acrylics Workshop

Mt. Hope Community Center, 104 Pushaw Station Rd.,
Sunderland, Md. 20689

Instructor: Pamela Callen

Saturday, January 14th, 2017

10:00a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



After a foreign service career, having lived overseas in different developing countries for over 20 years, I am enjoying the beauty of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, as well as the surrounding rural areas with their simple structures and wildlife. These are the places to which I returned when I could to rest for a few weeks between overseas

assignments. Having been born in Washington, DC, I spent many pleasant hours on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay beaches and the Atlantic Ocean beaches up and down the coast and in the Caribbean. I now produce paintings, generally, in acrylics and oils.

In order to take more time to look at the things I paint to really see and appreciate them, I took up painting late in life—roughly 20 year ago. Slowing down to gaze more completely at the subjects in order to paint them develops a bond with the subject, the colors, and the lights. I am inspired by surroundings here in Southern Maryland, by my travels, and by the scenes, objects and people encountered during travel overseas and in the United States. I am particularly drawn to water, as I'm sure many people are, with its restful and restorative qualities. My work is often very impressionistic style with colors I see, (whether they are actually there or not). I have had some abstracts or semi-abstracts also emerge onto my canvas, based on



Painting by Pam Callen

particular emotions either arising from life's experiences or strong memories.

Recently having a chance to travel more extensively here in the United States, I have found so much new material in various places to which I have had and continue to have the privilege of traveling. One of my rules is that I never paint any place I haven't been, because of the emotional attachment that I believe shows up on the canvas. Even when you're painting a simple object, like an egg, to sit in front of it and appreciate its color, its shape, its beauty, profoundly affects the painting process and the result achieved.

My other passion is teaching art. I love having people who profess that they absolutely have no talent or can't draw a straight line come into a class with me and see that they are, in fact, artists. I have observed that most of us are not encouraged to develop our art, because it is "not practical." And so, as the years pass, we convince ourselves we are incapable of producing art. So, let's all take whatever time we can spare to pick up that brush, mold that clay, turn that wood, or work with leather, metal, fabric, whatever attracts us most.

Registration Form Acrylics Workshop Saturday, January 14th, 2017

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

\$35.00 enclosed _____ (CAG Member)

\$45.00 enclosed _____ (Non-Member)

Our New CAG Trailer!



The Calvert Artists' Guild purchased a cargo trailer in March 2016!!~~~
The CAG got a trailer for our equipment, tents, screens, etc. for storage and hauling for our shows. If you have noticed this year it was seen at the So. Md. Association shows as well as PRAD. The

trailer sure helped Guild members in unloading and loading our screens, tents, and equipment. Thanks to Lonnie for trailering with his truck.

Support CAG Workshops

The purpose of the Calvert Artists' Guild is to further and develop interest in all mediums of art and to promote the appreciation of art. In this endeavor we offer (3) three workshops a year in various mediums. We want you to join and support these workshops for several reasons.

- We need to know your interests and what media you would like in a workshop
- Whether you think you are interested in a workshop topic or not, you may find that you liked it after all.
- Attending a workshop allows you to try out a medium before investing in supplies/materials to see if you would like to invest.
- Attending a workshop may give you ideas and inspiration for a project in your current medium that you can apply
- Attending a workshop may give you a better appreciation of the medium knowing the difficulty and effort put into it
- Attending workshops helps to know the CAG members and make art related friendships
- Your support helps to contract and pay the stipend to instructors
- Try it, you may like it!

Please put these workshops dates on your calendar and make plans now to attend!
January 14, 2017, June 24, 2017, November 18, 2017



Come See the Show!
at the CalvArt Gallery in Prince Frederick

NEW IDEAS AND INSPIRATION AT THE CALVART GALLERY IN PRINCE FREDERICK

WINTER



Scenes of Calvert Country
and other locally inspired works
by **Suzanne Shelden**
and friends

reception:
January 14th, 2-6pm

Show runs from January 11 to February 5

calvART Gallery 410-535-9252
Hours: Wednesday thru Sunday 11am to 5pm
Prince Frederick Shopping Center: Rt. 4 and Rt.231
PO Box 2569 Prince Frederick, MD 20678
www.calvartgallery.org
a program of the Arts Council of Calvert County

For more info please visit www.calvartgallery.org
visit us on facebook

PAINT OUT! Several CAG Members Participated

FIRST FRIDAY ON THE LEONARDTOWN SQUARE

September 2, 2016, 22660 Washington Street, Leonardtown Maryland, 20650

by Carol Wade

Nicole Stewart, Suzanne Shelden and I participated in the plein air paint out.

Though I am not very experienced with plein air, I decided to stretch myself and give it a try. Spectators were very kind and kept their conversations short in respect for my difficult endeavor.

At one point, I was approached by *The Recorder Newspaper*, interviewed and photographed. Next thing I know, I'm in the paper!

I was sitting in the square painting the "Duke" Building and noticed that Suzanne Shelden is off in the distance, painting the same building.

Later on, I was showing a friend some of my paintings on my smart phone and she said, "Stop! I want that painting!". It turns out, she had childhood memories of that building. She bought it!

I heard through the grapevine that Suzanne sold hers on the spot! It just goes to show that it pays to "stretch yourself" sometimes!



Nicole Stewart, "On The Square", oil



Carol Wade, "Dukes", acrylic

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If I could say it in
words there would be
no reason to paint.

”
– Edward Hopper

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CALVERT ARTISTS' GUILD, INC. 2017 DUES STATEMENT

Please return this portion of the form with your dues check by January 31, 2017.
After Jan. 31st there is a \$5.00 late fee!

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

PHONE

EMAIL/WEBSITE

- _____ I am an artist/artisan interested in (specify medium)
_____ I am interested in the arts in general
_____ I am interested in helping with Guild activities (areas of interest)

Please check your membership category

Individual: \$30 _____ Family \$40 _____ Youth (>18) \$15.00 _____

Make Checks Payable to: Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc.
Mail to: P.O. Box 602, Prince Frederick, MD 20678

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KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

Date Paid: _____

Membership 2017
Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc.
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Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Check # _____

This is your receipt for your records and membership card to keep.
Please detach at dotted line.

CAG Artists

What have You Been Working On?

by Carol Wade

We see each other at meetings, but how much do we know about our CAG colleagues artwork? I think it serves a purpose to show what we all are working on in order to learn from each other. So, I asked via e-mail that everyone send me a photo of what they are working on now or have finished lately.

Here are a few images of some of our members recent work. Please send me a photo of your latest work, along with some information on your process, and the title. I will include it in the next issue.

Send it to carolwadeart@gmail.com



Michele A. Steiger

This is a chair is part of the bedroom furniture my daughter received from her great grandmother. The seat was covered in bright yellow vinyl. I thought it would be fun to change the seat. My daughter really loves llamas. I have several llama photos I have taken over the last few years and decided the chair was perfect for a fun project. So, I did a pen and ink drawing on canvas and recovered the chair. It makes the chair that much more special.

Pat Troiani

"Seeing Double", Watercolor





Mary Blumberg

Backyard Orchids is a Phalaenopsis growing in the orchid house made by my husband. It won Best in Watercolor at the National Orchid Society show in Washington, DC.



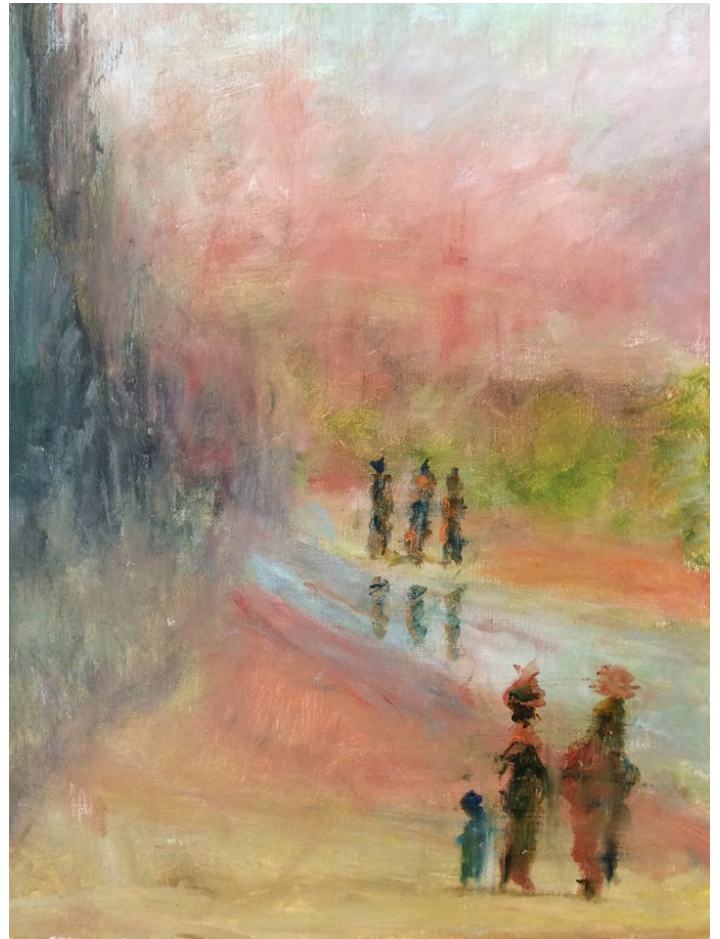
Lonnie Harkins

Blue Stoneware Bowls



Gerry Wood

Florida Beach House, watercolor



Pam Callen

This was my recently painted semi-abstract in oil, "Les Meres du Niger." I am told the buyer will be putting it on a wall at the Charter School. It was a product of my heart, so I am very pleased to know it is appreciated.



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A Calvert Christmas, by Suzanne Shelden, Acrylic on Canvas, 16" x 56"



Statement written by Hank Curtis and Bob Weems

There is an old, majestic holly tree, standing at the intersections of routes 765 and 2-4 and Broomes Island Road, that is a prominent landmark to those who travel southern Calvert County principal corridor. The tree belongs to Bob Weems who also owns the adjacent barn, and gas station and convenience store behind. From 1990 until 2004, Mr. Weems transformed it into a Christmas tree, illuminating the holly with thousands of lights, so numerous and bright that pilots flying overhead could readily see it from their

cruising altitudes. It was a major annual project to test the strings of lights, adding new ones when necessary and replacing bulbs, that required the efforts of many volunteers including a cherry-picker operator and an electrician among others.

Mr. Weems wife died in 2004, as did two of the volunteers who helped with the lights. Since then, the holly has been dark. Mr. Weems had continued the traditional tree lighting primarily because it pleased his wife. After she passed, his heart was no longer in it.

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