



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

October 2007

## President's Note

Do you take in KNOWLEDGE? Do you attend meetings and programs and workshops? Do you think you know it ALL and don't have to attend events? Do you want to have shows to exhibit and sell your work? How many meetings, shows, paint-outs and workshops did you attend this year? Do you really want to "grow" and learn art? Then you need to constantly be learning, practicing, reading, and experiencing. Do you have art books, magazines, or videos? Folks that are not learning or trying new things will become stagnant or stuck in a rut. If you paint in oils, why not try an acrylic/collage workshop to expand your horizons? If you paint in watercolors, try experimenting with printmaking or pastels. The Calvert Artists' Guild offers 3 workshops a year with opportunities for you to learn new things and try out new ideas. It may get you started on a new theme or direction! We will have a printmaking workshop in January, why not give it a try for fun? I'd love to see you there. I may learn something to help me in my paintings! In the Baltimore Watercolor Society newsletter, Sharon Green emphasized the importance of "practice" and "warm ups" before painting. If you played the piano—you warmed up by practicing your scales; if you played tennis you took some strokes and practice serves before you began a game. Tiger Woods swings a club between competitions. Warming up is just as important for an artist as it is for a pianist, tennis player or golfer. If you are a painter—you should practice your brushwork before you begin. Know the strokes of a #8 round or 2" flat. Play with the colors, see what mixing them will do, begin each painting session with a warm up exercise on a scrap of paper. See what happens when water is added or the paper is wet, etc. Do anything you want on that scrap piece of paper and spend 10 minutes activating that creative side of the brain that goes to work when painting. Think of it as practice or play, but it is as important for artists as it is for athletes and musicians. Go play with your paints and paper!

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

Yours in art,

Gerry :-)

### Suggestions Wanted For 2008 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 2008 schedule.

*Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 a.m.*  
*Annual Social-Meeting & Program!*

On Saturday, **December 1, 2007** we'll hold the Calvert Artists' Guild Annual Meeting & Program, at **Calvert Pines Sr. Center, Prince Frederick, MD starting at 10:00am**. Bring finger foods. During the business meeting we will hold elections and discuss the events planned for 2008. Following the business meeting we will have a program on "Journaling" presented by Nancy Ellen Thompson. Nancy Ellen Thompson has been teaching Watercolor and Acrylic classes and workshops for over 20 years. She is an engaging lecturer and teacher. She teaches artists at all levels, beginner to master class. She loves introducing sketching and journaling as the most important tool that the artist can have in their box.

Nancy will be bringing her travel sketchbooks to the December meeting. She will also be demonstrating "The Art of the Quick Sketch". Nancy feels that the quick impression sketches as well as photography as reference material bring her paintings to life in the studio. She travels with her art and teaches international painting workshops. Nancy is a native of South Carolina, but presently lives with her husband in Southern Maryland. She has also lived in Suriname, South America, and has traveled to England, Greece, Canada, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, England, Germany, Ireland and France.

Come and enjoy this time with the artist.



Poppies for Elderhostel – Nancy Thompson

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS - 2008

**WANTED: CAG President!!**

I am sad to report that no one has stepped forward to volunteer to run for president in 2008 and continue this tradition for the Calvert Artists' Guild for one year.

ONLY 2 QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED: (1) breathing; (2) have a computer

I will assist the new President. The 2008 schedule has been pre-planned. We can work together! We have a wonderful Board that assures all runs smoothly.

You will only need to preside at 3 meetings and write 6 "President's Note" columns in the Newsletter.

The President should have access to a computer (for communication), and an interest in the success of the Calvert Artists' Guild. This position is not hard, it only requires that one be able to DELEGATE! You can appoint others to do all of the committees and positions. Many have already stepped "up to the plate" for newsletter, webmaster, membership roster, grants, "press releases" publicity, etc. Most work may be done from your home.

What are the advantages of performing the role of President? (1) You will become better acquainted with the galleries, gallery managers, show sites, art interest in the county. As an artist, this can be of tremendous value as you seek to exhibit your own work. (2) You will become better acquainted with the members of the CAG, forming new friendships and perhaps even discovering some painting/travel companions or art workshop instructors. (3) You may even plan events and programs of special interest to you.

The Guild was formed in 1978, celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2003, and has had a succession of 14 presidents over 28 years! (See page 14-15 of your 2007 directory/roster). In comparison, The Baltimore Watercolor Society (BWS) was formed in 1885, is 122 years old, with over 450 members.

So, if YOU would like to be able to exhibit in future shows, attend workshops and programs, and be a part of an art community, please consider this position of President. With a telephone and a few file folders this exciting job could be yours! **WANTED: CAG President!!** We WANT YOU!!! We NEED YOU!! Someone please respond positively to this plea!

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: Cindy Pond

Directory/Roster: Suzanne Shelden

Scholarship: TBD

If you wish to fill any position, please notify me.

Nominations will be accepted!

Elections will be held at the Dec. 1st meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Pr. Frederick at Calvert Pines Center.

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> - Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.

**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)

*Upcoming Events*

### **34th<sup>d</sup> Annual UNIQUE BOUTIQUE Fine Arts and Crafts Show, 2007**

Saturday, November 10, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, November 11, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Hollywood Firehouse, Hollywood, Maryland, St. Mary's County. Hospice Benefit Sale, Free parking, Free admission, Food available, Door prizes.

**Annual Meeting and Program - Saturday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>,**  
10:00 a.m., at Calvert Pines Center in Prince Frederick.  
Contact persons: Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516  
Joan\_humphreys@yahoo.com & Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net

#### *Notices and Announcements*

Volunteers Needed – Halloween in the Garden –  
Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gardeninfo@chesapeake.net) or [gardendirector@chesapeake.net](mailto:gardendirector@chesapeake.net)

Mary Blumberg's son, Joe Blumberg, is home and recuperating from liver transplant surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery. Our prayers are with the family.

Former member Elaine DiFrancisco's husband, Felix DiFrancisco's, died Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. A service was held Thursday, October 11, 3:30 p.m. in the Auditorium at Asbury-Solomons. Elaine's address is A-L103, 11750 Asbury Circle, Solomons 20688.

#### *The Don'ts of Donating Art*

Many organizations and charities approach artists for donations of work to be sold at auction. Some promise exposure in lieu of pay, but gallery owner, author and art guru Paul Dorrell says the benefits of donating art may fall short, damaging the art market as a whole. That's a big issue says Paul because when these auctions are held, they are known among collectors as venues at which you can get a bargain—pointing out that works are often sold at auctions anywhere from 20 to 80 percent off the retail price. Once the prices are established for an artist's work through these auctions, it is often difficult to get the prices back up. Dorrell recommends that the artists themselves set the minimum prices for the work to be sold at auction and says artists should receive from 20 to 50 percent of the sold price. Artists should feel comfortable helping out a few causes they feel strongly about. The problem is the message being sent to millions each year that want to avoid the artist all year long and go to the auction and try to buy work at a discount. It's one more injustice artists shouldn't have to deal with.

Paul Dorrell is the author of "Living the Artist's Life", as well as the founder of the Leopold Gallery in Kansas City, Mo. To find out more about his book or his gallery, visit <http://PaulDorrell.com> or [www.LeopoldGallery.com](http://www.LeopoldGallery.com)

#### *Welcome New Members*

Monica Richards and Lorraine Boyle are our latest members. Welcome! Please add these to your CAG 2007 directory/roster.

**Monica Richards**  
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Nenac9@Hotmail.com

**Lorraine Boyle**  
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Leonardtwn, MD 20650  
301-475-1896  
rain@md.metrocast.net

#### *Annual August Picnic Meeting*

Our Annual Picnic Meeting was held on August 19, 2007 at the Asbury/Solomons Clubhouse. The food provided by members was super and we all had a great time. Our guest speaker was Bob Tinari and his wonderful "armchair tour of Tuscany, Italy". Thanks again to the members that sponsored the clubhouse site for us and to everyone who brought something to share.

#### *Note from 2007 CAG Scholarship Winner*

Maria Fleming received an email from 2007 Scholarship Winner, Joe Wengloski. He is doing great in Philadelphia and studying art and design this semester. You can view his current art work on his website, <http://wengloski07.deviantart.com/>

#### *Newsletter Information*

The newsletter is published every other month. The next scheduled newsletter is due out around December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please submit items to the newsletter editor by December 10<sup>th</sup>. If anyone knows of any opportunities to show our art, please contact Erin Groom, [erinmcsorley@hotmail.com](mailto:erinmcsorley@hotmail.com), 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!

*Group Photo from ArtsFest on September 15-16<sup>th</sup> at Annmarie Garden, Solomons.....*



*Tammy Vitale, Gerry Wood, Joan Humphreys, Cindy Pond,  
Phyllis Doughty  
Ask Anita*

Please send in questions you would like answered in the *Ask Anita* column in the newsletter. If you have questions, please send them to [erinmcsorley@hotmail.com](mailto:erinmcsorley@hotmail.com) to be answered/included in upcoming newsletters for 2008.

Beading Classes - Bead Boutique is offering various beading classes. Classes can be found on the following website: [www.mdbeadboutique.com](http://www.mdbeadboutique.com)

*Teachers Needed - Annemarie Garden Art School*

Annemarie Garden is seeking faculty to teach a variety of classes, including but not limited to - drawing, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, art appreciate/history, mixed media, jewelry, glass, papermaking, etc. In other words, we want a broad and talented faculty! We need teachers for on-going classes, as well as special workshops. In particular, we are looking for teachers who enjoy working with kids.

If you or someone you know would be interested in teaching, please contact Stacey Hann-Ruff, Director of Annemarie Garden. (410) 326-4640 or email [gardendirector@chesapeake.net](mailto:gardendirector@chesapeake.net)

*Art Reads for Autumn...*

Death in a Prairie House : Frank Lloyd Wright and the Taliesin Murders by William R. Drennan

Beatrix Potter : A Life in Nature by Linda J. Lear

Sir Winston Churchill : His Life and His Paintings by David Coombs, Minnie S. Churchill, Mary Soames

Art & Fear : Observations on the Perils (and Rewards) of Artmaking by David Bayles, Ted Orland, Ted Orland

The Painted Face by Tamar Garb

Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America by Erik Larson

*Special Exhibit: Matisse Painter as Sculptor*

**The Baltimore Museum of Art is hosting a new exhibit starting October 28<sup>th</sup> – February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008.** Discover an unexpected side of Matisse's genius in the first major U.S. exhibition of the artist's sculpture in more than 40 years. The Baltimore Museum of Art presents a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see this major retrospective of one of the greatest artists of the 20th century. Don't miss the only East coast venue and the last stop on the highly successful national tour.

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

- Helen Keller

**Patuxent River Appreciation Days Art Show  
and Sale News**  
Sales \$1,981.85

Thanks to the following artists for their participation in the PRAD Art Show on Saturday-Sunday, October 6-7th: Amy Beaven, Mary Blumberg, Candice (Candy) Cummings, Dianne Dickey, Phyllis Doughty, Maria Fleming, Joan Humphreys, Cindy Pond, Monica Richards, Suzanne Shelden, Tammy Vitale, and Gerry Wood.

The show was successful because the artists who were there assisted and had a chance to meet and exchange ideas. Also thanks to spouses and helpers and to those that loaned tents, helped set-up, take-down, etc.

This show gave the Guild exposure to the public and we distributed our tri-fold brochure with the 2008 event schedule! We will look forward to 2008!

**Calvert Artists' Guild Tent at 2007 PRAD**



**Fall 2007 Classes**

Ceramics – 9:30am Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at Calvert Pines Senior Center, Prince Frederick.

Open Art Studio – 10am Fridays at Calvert Pines Senior Center, Prince Frederick.

Clay Class – 9:30am Mondays & Wednesdays at North Beach Senior Center

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

Potpourri of Painting – 9am Tuesdays at Southern Pines Senior Center, Lusby.

Ceramics – 9:30am Thursdays at Southern Pines Senior Center, Lusby.

Advanced Oil Painting – 10am Fridays at Southern Pines Senior Center, Lusby.





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