



The Newsletter of the Calvert Artists' Guild
P. O. Box 602
Prince Frederick, MD 20678
June 2008

From the President's Sketchbook 

May is beautiful anywhere you live. With flowers bursting and trees budding, our spirits soar, ready for the second half of the year. Art is everywhere!

Our Annual Awards Exhibition at Annmarie Garden Community Gallery was unsurpassed in attendance and enthusiasm. We soared high and higher!

Congratulations to all the winners. Our judge, Kay Sandler, gave her all and complimented us on artistic ability and display of the show itself. The merchandise awards were impressive and thanks have been written to all those companies who donated. It is not easy to mention everyone who worked so hard to make this Annual Exhibition a success. So I want to give special thanks to everyone who attended the show and to those who attended to all the little (and big) details in organizing and enhancing the show. At the end of the year we will have a parade of volunteers so they can be cheered. We can show our appreciation and love.

If May is beautiful, then April, coming before, sets the stage. Our members' meeting in April was chock full of beauty. Starting with Cindy Herndon and her "not your grandmother's" quilts, we were astonished with their complexity and pure beauty. Cindy graciously played down the difficulty in making these works of art, but we saw through that! Days and months were nothing in time to complete the scenes she displayed. If you weren't there you missed a perfect morning.

Also, at that meeting we chose a winner for our arts scholarship. So many from which to choose, and only one to take the prize. Jennifer Smetana's unique pottery was a hands-down winning choice. A senior at Huntingtown High School, Jennifer joined us with her entire family at the Awards Exhibition. Thanks to Carole Purcell for all her work in obtaining entries, making contacts with schools, and organizing all the students for our voting at the April meeting. No one can realize the time and effort it requires to have eleven students meet and bring art works and create a display and write notes to principals, etc. Thanks Carole!

One cannot say enough about the magnificent and delicious cakes Phyllis Doughty has made for our meetings and exhibitions. Color coordinated for the occasion, both chocolate and that other kind, they

enhance palette and delight the palate. Lovely! Check out the calendar for the rest of the year. There will be a workshop with Linda Griffin, a couple of fabulous paint-outs, a show and sale at the Solomons Gazebo, the annual pot-luck meeting at Asbury's beautiful lobby/lounge, more workshops, Artsfest at Annmarie Gardens, the annual PRAD show, one more fab paint-out and then the last meeting in December! Whew! Are we busy or what?

So, set your dates, get your art works ready, and join the crowd. CAG is going strong and is having more fun than ever! Our lives are never boring as long as we have our art.

Remember, "Plop an artist anywhere on earth and he/she'll come up with ART."

Your Prez, Mary

CONGRATULATIONS & KUDOS

May 3-4, 2008 Show, Annmarie Garden

BEST IN SHOW: "Raleigh Peach Rally" – Mary Blumberg

MOST POPULAR CHOICE AWARD: "Solomons Sunset" – Carl Wood

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:– Jennifer Smetana, Huntingtown HS

AWARD WINNERS:

Watercolors/Watermedia:

1 – "Raleigh Peach Rally" – Mary Blumberg

2 – "Workboat @ Dock II" – Gerry Wood

3 – "Rosy Future" – Pat Troiani

Honorable Mention: "Artichoke" – Mary Blumberg

Oils/Acrylics:

1 – "Red Towel" – Suzanne Shelden

2 – "Asian Women Fishing" – Joan Humphreys

3 – "Barn 765" – Suzanne Shelden

Honorable Mention: "Maternal Instinct" – Candy Cummings

Other 2-D/Mixed Media/Collage/Graphite/Pen & Ink/Pencil/Charcoal:

1 – "Gulls" – Amy Beaven

2 – "My Favorite Place" – Joan Humphreys

3 – "Roses and Lace" – Mary Blumberg

Honorable Mention: "Autumn School" – Amy Beaven

Photography/Digital Enhanced/Graphics:

1 – "At Water's Edge" – Rachel Hummel

2 – "Blue Heron" – Karl Seifert

3 – "Rose V" – Karl Seifert

Honorable Mention: "Eye" – Karl Seifert

3-D/Sculpture/Ceramics/Clay/Pottery/Glass:

1 – "Cyble" – Tammy Vitale

2 – "Pick Up Sticks" – Cindy Pond

3-D/Sculpture/Wood/Bronze/Other/Jewelry:

- 1 – “Blue Heron” – Mary Ida Rolape
- 2 – “Irid Necklace” – Cindy Pond
- 3 – “Round Box” – Amy Beaven

BIS – “Raleigh Peach Rally” – Mary Blumberg



JUDGES COMMENTS/CRITIQUE

May Awards Show - Kay Sandler, Columbia, MD

I was delighted with the variety of media and levels of expertise represented in this show. This is obviously a lively and motivated group of artists, working in many different media, going in many different creative directions.

I was especially impressed to see artists such as "Amy" who showed off her exceptional drawing abilities with the small, but beautifully rendered charcoal and graphite nature drawings and then turn the corner and see her amazing works in wood.

The same was true with other artists who not only had entries in Acrylic, but also had handmade purses for sale in the show.

There were many fine watercolors on exhibit. The entries on exhibit show that these artists have mastered watercolor techniques. What sets a watercolor or any piece of art aside as a Best in Show is going beyond good technique. I was excited to see the creative experimentation with using wax over watercolor. Taking that creative leap, doing the unexpected in a way that catches the judge's eye-- that makes a winner.

I enjoyed the unexpected composition of the #1 oil painting (I think it was called “red towel”) and I found the creative composition of the #1 photograph very pleasing. My suggestions to this group:

- 1) Paint LARGER; or at least do a few large ones to enter in shows;
- 2) Framing was pretty good overall, however some people need to be reminded about using plain frames in shows.

Thank you for inviting me to judge this show.

Kay

CALL FOR ARTISTS
SOLOMONS GAZEBO/PAVILION
BOARDWALK, JULY 19, 2008

The Calvert Artists' Guild will hold its EIGHTH ANNUAL art exhibit at the Solomons Gazebo/Boardwalk on **Saturday, July 19, 2008.**

Set-up: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
Show Time: 12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m.
Fees: \$25.00 payable to the Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc. (To cover cost of newspaper publicity ad)
\$35.00 per non-guild member

Point of Contacts: Rex Miller - 410-326-2604
Gerry Wood - 301-863-9663

Registration Date: Due to limited space, only 15 registrations will be accepted in date order with the earliest postmark taken first. No registrations accepted later than **July 12, 2008.**

Each exhibitor (or their representative) must be present for the entire show to monitor their artworks and sales. This is an outdoor show UNDER COVERED PAVILION OR ON SIDEWALK (NOT COVERED) and security will not be available. Each participant will furnish their own screens and hang his/her artworks and maintain sales. Space allocations are based on each exhibitor using 2 screens (both sides), bin rack & note cards. The Calvert Artists' Guild will not be responsible for sales or receipts. It is suggested that in the event of inclement weather, participants bring waterproof coverings for their artwork as well as an umbrella or other personal rain protection. Exhibitors should be cognizant of wind effects on their display. The 2-dimensional works will be on screens and 3-dimensional works may be on tables/pedestals on the sidewalk area. (Registration Form on Page 3)

**CALVERT ARTISTS'
GUILD HAS A
WEB SITE!**

Click on www.calvertartistsguild.org and mark it as one of your ***Favorites* AND our webmaster!! Lara Rupinski**

Turn in your digital artwork and website link to Lara Rupinski, webmaster, so she can upload to the Web Site. Email: LARA.Rupinski@comcast.net

CAG EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION
SOLOMONS GAZEBO/BOARDWALK
SHOW
SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008

Again, thanks to all the helpers that made the show a success. Twenty-six artists including the scholarship winner participated in this show displaying a wonderfully diversified and vivid presentation. The judge was challenged to pick winners from such fine competition. Many awards were given in 6 categories as well as Best In Show and Most Popular Choice. The popular choice ballot was offered to the people visiting the show to allow each visitor to vote for their favorite artwork. This voting was established to encourage the public to really look at each work. Carl Wood's painting "Solomons' Sunrise" was voted as the most popular artwork. The other winners are listed in the separate section. All the exhibitors enjoyed talking with each other and seeing who won awards and supporting one another. Congratulations to all winners and participants. Thanks to all. We had a great show and plan to make every May Show an awards show! Start planning your painting now!

Scholarship Winner

The Guild for many years has sponsored a scholarship for a High School Senior. Thanks to Carole Purcell, Scholarship Chairperson, for her hard work in mailing letters, getting applications, and collecting the artwork. Due to her efforts, we are pleased to announce that this year's scholarship of \$500.00 was awarded to Jennifer Smetana, a graduate of Huntingtown High School in Calvert County. Jennifer's work of clay/pottery of "Elephant Teapot", "Swirl Design Bowl", "and others were chosen the best of all of the applicants. Her work shows a tremendous amount of talent and we wish her well in her Architect Career. Congratulations and good luck to Jennifer! And thanks again, Carole!

*Scholarship Winner -
Jennifer Smetana & Parents*

Welcome New Members

New 2008 Members Since previous newsletter:

**Ben Adams
Kathleen McGuire
Balbina Meyer
Karl Seifert
Jennifer Smetana
N. Stewart**

Thanks for joining us!!!

New Directory

Your new, 2008, Directory/ Roster will be out soon. If you or someone you know has changed their phone number, address, or email, please let Gerry Wood know, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net or Suzanne Shelden, 301-737-2365; sheldenstudios@comcast.net

*A Wonderful May
Award Winning Show
May 3-4, 2008*



AUGUST ANNUAL POT-LUCK PICNIC MEETING
at the Asbury-Solomons Clubhouse
11740 Asbury Circle, Solomons, MD
Sunday, August 17, 2008 at 2:00 pm
Bring a dish to share
Program: "Precious Metal Clay" Barbara Hance
Our founder & 1st President will be in attendance,
visiting from West Virginia



Carl Wood and His Most Popular Choice Winner,
March 2008 Show



Mary Ida Rolape's Blue Heron Sculpture

P.R.A.D Show

*Patuxent River Appreciation Days
October 11-12, 2008*

This is advance notice for the annual PRAD show to be held in the field south of the Solomons' bridge, October 11-12, 2008. In conjunction with the PRAD show the Calvert Artists' Guild will host their show in multiple 10 x 10 tents. **THESE WILL REPLACE A LARGE TENT AGAIN THIS YEAR.** If you wish to only show/sell up to 5 artworks + bin pieces & note cards, you may enter the Guild Show. If you wish to rent separate booth space for multiple items, crafts, etc. then you will need to apply for a PRAD Booth Space with the PRAD General Letter and Application. Contact Les & Dianne Dickey, 301-855-1919, bayside6@comcast.net, for copies of the PRAD application and information, contact Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net. for the Guild application. **The Guild show application will be available in the August ColorSpots newsletter.** CAG members that are willing to loan their 10 x 10 tent for the show please notify Dianne Dickey or Gerry Wood. Also CAG volunteers are needed for publicity, set-up, take-down, registration, gallery sitting, and jurying for the best Arts/Crafts booth at PRAD.

Artists who need ongoing reassurance that they're on the right track routinely seek out challenges that offer them clear goals and measurable feedback – which is to say, technical challenges. The underlying problem with this is not that the pursuit of technical excellence is wrong, exactly, but simply that making it the primary goal puts the cart before the horse. We do not long remember those artists who followed the rules more diligently than anyone else. We remember those who made the art from which the “rules” inevitably follow. David Bayles & Ted Orland, *Art & fear: Observations on the Perils (and Rewards) of Artmaking*

NEWS EXTRA – JUST RECEIVED!

We are writing to let you know of a free resource that could be valuable to your members, in hopes that you will share the information with them. When searching for jurored gallery shows to enter, artists are often frustrated by a process that usually includes spending a great deal of time pouring over listings to locate a show with an interesting theme, only to find that more than half of them end by explaining that they do not accept your preferred media. A new website - www.ArtPerk.com - solves this problem for artists. At www.ArtPerk.com, artists can search for art opportunities, such as Jurored Shows, Online Jurored Shows, Calls For Work, etc. by the type of media allowed. Now every artist can find shows to enter right away, rather than wading through disappointing listings and wasting their time. Also, unlike many other sites, it is free to list, free to search, and artists can receive email reminders of upcoming deadlines for entry. ArtPerk has no subscription fees - we are ALWAYS FREE for artists! We hope that you will let your members know of this new

site by placing an announcement in your newsletter, on your website, and by allowing us to send you some postcards to give to members at your next club meeting. We look forward to helping your club members Perk Up their Art Aspirations! Thank you. The ArtPerk Team

Plein Aire Paint-Outs (4)

By members request we have arranged for plein aire paint-outs to be held at different locations over the summer months. Bring your paints, easel, water & lunch, and join other artists for a fun day outside painting or just bring your camera & take photos to paint from!

June 7, 2008 – Saturday – Plein Air Paintout – Flag Ponds Park, St. Leonard, MD – paint and photograph the irises (flags!), Suggestion to car pool as there is a \$4.00 fee per CAR. (Calvert Residents), \$6.00 fee Non-Calvert Residents.

July 12, 2008 – Saturday – Plein Air Paintout – Spring Cove Marina, Lore Road, Solomons, MD, 10:00-2:00. There are boats, piers, walkways, beach, and trees & picnic area. Admission is Free.

August 2, 2008 – Saturday – Plein Air Paintout – Warrior's Rest Sanctuary, (The American Chestnut Land Trust area), Port Republic, MD, 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m., You may paint the beach, cliffs, landscape, etc. Directions: From Rt. 4 go onto Parkers Creek Road. Turn right on Scientists' Cliffs Road. Go to the end of this road. You will come to Warrior's Rest Sanctuary-go through the gate with the white columns on either side—drive past the house, down the hill to a boat launch site. There is a rest room (portable toilet) on the property.

September 27, 2008 - Saturday – Plein Air Paintout – Waterfront Residence of Cindy Pond, 235 Langley Lane, Solomons, MD, 10:00-2:00, Contact: Cindy Pond, 410-326-2367; CLPond@verizon.net

Note: For all of these paintouts, please observe that artists appreciate the beauty of nature and our natural resources and attempt to portray that beauty in our paintings, and enjoy beautiful places to paint on location. No one will damage the plants or wildlife and will protect your area. We will "take only photographs and leave only footprints". We have been given permission through application, to trespass these private areas because we are responsible adults and will respect the properties! Please hold up our reputation! Thank you.

You don't have to learn your destiny - you already know it; you just have to unlearn the thoughts that blind you to what you know... The point of endeavor is not sustaining the apex of achievement. The point is falling from that apex and finding our way back over and over. We are here to learn something, and that something is trust. Martha Beck, Steering by Starlight

CALVERT ARTISTS' GUILD, INC. **POTLUCK MEETING & PROGRAM**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2008; 2:00 p.m.

The Calvert Artists Guild, Inc. will hold its August PotLuck Meeting & Program, Sunday, August 17th, at 2:00 p.m., at Asbury/Solomons Clubhouse. To help us celebrate our 30th Anniversary, Founder & First President, Carolyn Crone-Aamot, will be visiting from Hundred, West Va. Barbara Hance, artist member of ArtWorks @7th Gallery will present the program on Precious Metal Clay (PMC) Jewelry. The meeting will include a potluck meal & Anniversary cake. Please bring a **potluck** dish. Come and enjoy the company of other artist members and friends. Guests are welcome. For further information: please contact: Mary Blumberg, 410-394-0626, marybwatercolor@comcast.net; or Gerry Wood; at gbwood2@verizon.net; 301-863-9663; or Barbara Fetterhoff, 410-394-3365 at fetterhoff@ameritel.net.

Directions to Asbury/Solomons Clubhouse:

Take Route 2/4 to Solomons to Patuxent Parkway into Asbury-Solomons Retirement complex, before you come to the tall 5 story building on Asbury Circle, turn left at the tennis courts & take the road that goes around behind the building (facing the water) until you come to 11740 number address on the doorway. Parking is in the far rows of the parking area.

11740 Asbury Circle, Solomons, MD; Ph: 410-326-2604

Featured Artist- Tricia Darrow

Tricia Darrow joined the Calvert Artists Guild 3 years ago. Tricia says, "I saw a great opportunity to support the arts and also to be able to showcase my jewelry in venues provided by the Guild. I find the Guild an all-around wonderful source of information and opportunities for artists and for art lovers.

Tricia started metal-smithing in 1980 at her Connecticut high school. "I fell in love with it," notes Tricia. "I lived and breathed it." Her parents set her up with all the tools she needed to continue metal-smithing at home after she graduated. But after graduation came a full-time job at her family's indoor archer range and retail shop. Her love for sending an arrow home to its mark overcame metal-smithing and for 21 years she managed a successful, full service, specialty shop, traveled the country several times each month competing, and taught children to become national champions!

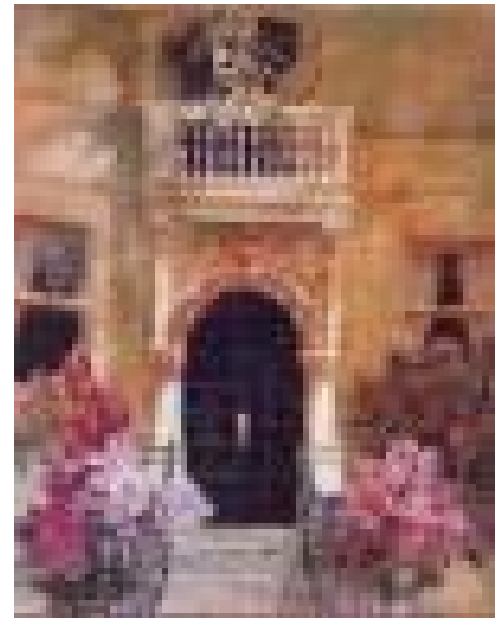
In 2003 Tricia married her husband who she had known in high school, and joined him at his current home in Calvert to make a new life.

With no job to go to and no small children at home, Tricia submerged herself in making and selling jewelry. "Since I missed teaching, I went to Parks and Rec with a jewelry program and quickly grew to 6 classes and more than 40 students a week," smiles Tricia.

In December 2006, Tricia opened the Bead Boutique in Prince Frederick at 28 Solomons Island Rd S (in the Green Turtle Shopping Center), offering about 9 classes each week in basic beading, wire wrapping, seed bead weaving, precious metal clay, advanced wire work and metal fusing. Walk-ins welcome. The Bead Boutique is open Mon-Sat 10 am – 6pm. Closed Sunday. 410-535-6337. email: mdbeadboutique@comcast.net. Website: www.mdbeadboutique.com

*Linda Griffin
Watercolor Workshop
Saturday, June 21, 2008*

Join artists in the art room at Calvert Pines Senior Center in Prince Frederick for a watercolor workshop with popular instructor Linda Griffin. The workshop will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2008 from 9:00am – 2:00pm. (A break will be included for lunch at the Center--Lunch is \$2.50). Fee: Calvert Artists' Guild members' \$40.00 \$45.00 non-guild members. Just for the fun of it, check out Linda's website and see what she can do at www.lindagriffin.com. If you want to get more info, email her at: Linda@lindagriffin.com
Contact persons: Gerry Wood, phone 301-863-9663, or gbwood2@verizon.net. Mark your calendars now! (See registration form below!)



Linda Griffin's Beacon Hill Doorway

**Registration form for Watercolor Workshop, Saturday, June 21st, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with Linda Griffin**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

\$40.00 enclosed _____ (CAG Member)

\$45.00 enclosed _____ (Non-Member)

**Make check payable to: Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc.
and mail with this form to:
CAG
P.O. Box 602
Prince Frederick, MD 20678**

TILE PRINTS

Dan Skojec of "Prints on Tile" is a wholesale provider of fine art ceramic tile prints to artists who are interested in reselling them or simply giving them as gifts. He notes that watercolors look amazing on the tiles, and they have been generating a lot of extra income and exposure for many of the artists with whom he works. If you are interested in learning more, contact Dan at 508-896-7795. You can visit his website at: www.printsontile.com

Joan Humphreys Receiving Award at May Show
Presented by Mary Blumberg



Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc.
CALENDAR of EVENTS 2008
30th Anniversary Year!

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June 21, 2008, Saturday - Watercolor ArtWorkshop, Instr: Linda Griffin, Calvert Pines Cr, Pr. Frederick, Md, 9:00am-2:00pm; Contact: Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663; gbwood2@verizon.net

July 12, 2008, Saturday - Paint-Out Day, Spring Cove Marina, Lore Road, Solomons; 10:00-2:00; Contacts: Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663

July 19, 2008, Saturday - Solomons Outdoor/Gazebo Show. Noon-6:00 p.m., Solomons Boardwalk, Contact: Rex Miller, 410-326-2604; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663

August 2, 2008 - Saturday - Paint-Out Day, Warriors Rest Sanctuary, Scientists Cliffs, St. Leonard, 10:00-2:00, Contacts: Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663.

August 17, 2008, Sunday - Annual Potluck meeting, Asbury-Solomons Clubhouse, 2pm to 6pm. Bring a potluck dish. Program: Barbara Hance, "Precious Metal Clay (PMC) Jewelry", Contact persons: Barbara Fetterhoff, 410-394-3365; Mary Blumberg, 410-394-0626

September 6, 2008 - Saturday - Acrylic Workshop, Instructor: Mimi Little, 9:00am-2:00pm, Calvert Pines Center, Pr. Frederick, Md; Contact person: Mary Blumberg, 410-394-0626, marybwatercolor@comcast.net; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net

September 20-21, 2008 - Saturday-Sunday - ArtsFEST, Annmarie Garden, Solomons, Md., 10:00-5:00

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October 11-12, 2008, Saturday & Sunday - Annual P.R.A.D. (Patuxent River Appreciation Days) Show, Solomons, MD, 10:00-5:00 daily, Contacts: Les & Dianne Dickey, 301-855-1919; bayside6@comcast.net or Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net.

December 6, 2008 - Saturday, Annual Meeting & Program, 10:00 a.m., Calvert Pines Center, Pr. Frederick, Md; Program: TBD; Contact persons: Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516, joan_humphreys@yahoo.com; Mary Blumberg, 410-394-0626



Happy 30th Anniversary, CAG!

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A great nation
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