



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

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From the President's Sketchbook 

Fall is in the air...we are raking, mulching, trimming, tying back...but wait! Is that artists' work? Yes, gardening is creative and the outdoors this time of year is a complete palette of beauty. Being out in the fall colors is an inspiration for any artist. Are we taking advantage of the season? Have we actually walked along a shore or tree-line, through woods and along streams with a sketch book or camera? Many times looking out our kitchen window or the back door can make us catch our breath from the beauty of seasonal changes. Just a quick value drawing or camera shot will give us ideas for months to come.

So, you say "Not for me. I can't paint, sketch, or draw from what I see out there. Too busy, too many trees, just don't know how to handle all of it." The answer? Join a workshop, take a class, enjoy a paint-out. CAG offers all those events to help any artist grow and develop skills. If time allows, sit down, take a deep breath and just see what you can do. Try by yourself to single out a tree or shrub or rock or a boat at a dock; anything to get the juices going. The results will most surely surprise you!

Pastel artist, Harley Brown, has fascinating things to tell. He conned himself into painting every day by promising himself simple things if only he would approach the easel; "a candy bar, a TV show, a stroll in the park, any small treasure. The point is that I made a grey moment appear brighter with a dopey little reward...I knew I was tricking myself." Soon, he found it was easier to paint, no matter the time or day.

We may not have to go that far to get started, but we have to make the attempt. Artists need to create! Take advantage of what is out there, be it nature or CAG's scheduled opportunities.

How fortunate we are to live in such a beautiful, plentiful country. Art is boundless. ENJOY!

Your Prez,
Mary

Suggestions Wanted For 2009 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 2009 schedule.

Saturday, December 6th, 10:00 a.m.
Annual Social-Meeting & Program!
Silk Painting - by Betty Leppin

On Saturday, December 6, 2008 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 2009. Following the business meeting we will have a program on "Silk Painting" with Betty Leppin, Betty lives in Deale Maryland on the Chesapeake Bay with her husband Brian and son James. Betty has always been fascinated with textiles -- how they feel, drape, look, and burn! After getting a Bachelor's degree in textiles she worked in a laboratory evaluating textiles for performance properties. After working ten years in not-for-profit management, Betty returned to textiles in a creative way. She turned to silk painting to reduce job related stress and found the medium quite forgiving, inspiring and stress-free! Betty's work is inspired by nature. She has been silk painting for 5 years and is an active member of Silk Painters International. What first started as a hobby has turned into Betty's full-time passion. Betty has attended several national workshops learning traditional and non-traditional silk painting techniques from fellow artists. She makes hand painted silk scarves, pillows, sarongs, and quilts for family, friends and other special people. She also provides machine quilting services for fellow quilters at her Deale studio. Betty welcomes requests for commissioned work. She may be contacted at betty_leppin@comcast.net or 410-867-6611. Come and enjoy this time and demonstration with Betty.



NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS – 2009

Cindy Pond has stepped forward to volunteer to run for president in 2009 and continue this tradition for the Calvert Artists' Guild. We want the Guild to prosper and continue to offer art exposure in Calvert. Thank YOU! Cindy!

2009 Nominations:

President: Cindy Pond

Secretary: TBD

Treasurer: Joan Humphreys

Past & Current Presidents –August 2008 Meeting



Front Row: Ruth Marshall 1994-95,

Gerry Wood 1982-83, 2000-03, 2005-07

Back Row: Mary Blumberg 2008, Carolyn W. Aamot 1978-80

The following are volunteered positions:

Newsletter: Tammy Vitale

Web Master: Lara Rupinski

Membership/Art Grants: Gerry Wood

Publicity: Cindy Pond - TBD

Directory/Roster: Suzanne Shelden

Scholarship: TBD

Workshops: Gerry Wood & Board

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

Nominations will be accepted!

Elections will be held at the Dec. 6th meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Pr. Frederick at Calvert Pines Center.

Printer For Sale

FOR SALE: Epson Stylus Photo R1800 ink jet Printer 8 color with all accessories, prints up to 13x19 size and also roll printing. Barely used; \$800.00 new.....Asking price **\$375.00**. Lots of 13x19 photo and matte paper included. Call: Pat Troiani, 410-394-3467 or e-mail: lewpatasbury@comcast.net

News Note

Mary Ellen Mills won a Grand Champion award at the St. Mary's County Fair for her ceramic pair of Canadian Geese. Congrats Mary Ellen!

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)

Upcoming Events

35th^d Annual UNIQUE BOUTIQUE Fine Arts and Crafts Show, 2008

Saturday, November 8, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 9, 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. 6th,

10:00 a.m., at Calvert Pines Center in Prince Frederick.

Contact persons: Mary Blumberg, 410-394-0626, marybwatercolor@comcast.net; Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516, Joan_humphreys@yahoo.com; & Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net

Welcome New Members

Welcome new members! Please add these to your CAG 2008-09 directory/roster.

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Corrections:

Page 27: Change Dhyana Mackenzie's email address to: dhyanamac@aol.com

Page 28: Change Phyllis Reed's email address to: Woosha@comcast.net

Page 29: Change Mary Sokol's email address to: msok@hughes.net

Mimi Little - Acrylic Workshop Rescheduled - Jan 10, 2009

January 10, 2009 - Saturday, Acrylic Art Workshop;
Instructor: Mimi Little; 9:00-2:00, Calvert Pines Center,
Pr. Frederick, Md., Contact: Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663;
gbwood2@verizon.net

The registration form and information will be in the December 2008 "ColorSpots" newsletter.

I hope you all that were formerly registered can make it!

Annual August Picnic Meeting

Our Annual Picnic Meeting was held on August 17, 2008 at the Asbury/Solomons Clubhouse. We had a wonderful turnout of 35 people, our founder & first president was in attendance, as well as other past presidents. We all had a great time. Our guest speaker was Barbara Hance with her demo of (PMC) Precious Metal Clay jewelry. Thanks again to the members that sponsored the clubhouse site for us and to everyone who brought something to share. Below: photo from August Meeting.



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 1st. If anyone knows of any opportunities to show our art, or other items of interest, please contact Tammy Vitale, belletamaam@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 we'll put the announcement in the newsletter. Thanks!



2008 ArtsFest Booth with CAG members-Suzanne Sheldon, Cindy Pond, Gerry Wood, Harry Knott, Phyllis Doughty, Sue Seeger, Joan Humphreys, & Mary Sokol -- photo by Susan Buckley

Group Photo from ArtsFest on September 20-21 at Annmarié Garden, Solomons.....



Gerry Wood, Sue Seeger, Phyllis Doughty, Linda Rosenthal

*October Featured Artist
Dhyana Mackenzie*

Dhyana Mackenzie, new to the Calvert Artists Guild this year was actually also a member many years back: “Maybe about 15 years ago.” She rejoined because she “wanted to get involved with the Guild to get closer to the community and show my work with them.”

MacKenzie also wanted to avail herself of classes that are offered through the Guild, such as participating in Linda Griffin’s Watercolor ArtWorkshop in June. Linda “showed me an entirely new way of approaching watercolor without drawing ahead of time”, says MacKenzie. “I usually do quite a bit of drawing before I paint. It was very freeing and fun!”

In addition to her creating her own art (which can be seen at <http://www.mysticaldreamart.com>; her *Heart Goddess* is shown here), MacKenzie also teaches Japanese Anime Class on the Patuxent River Naval base. “This is mostly for kids,” she notes, “but adults are also welcomed. I know some of my students will go on to study for a career as Anime Gamers in Animation. “ She also teaches classes for beginning painters or all ages.

Not content with all that she is currently involved in, Mackenzie recently returned to college after 30 years to get her degree in graphic arts. “I love it!” she enthuses. “I just finished my first semester. I’ve really brushed up on my computer graphic art skills and I’m learning the new Adobe Creative Suite.” She continues: “It is very interesting to explore all the new graphics programs and discover ways to use them with my own artwork. I’m getting ready to work on an animation for a

short book I wrote. For those of you who don’t know, it takes 2400 drawings to create one minute of animation.”

Mackenzie draws her inspiration from dreams and from all things mythical or mystical. Currently she is focusing on painting clouds in all their glory. When asked if she had any advice to share with other artists, Mackenzie said: “...Perseverance. Be true to yourself. Let the spirituality of your art feed your soul, and have hope for the future. Believe in yourself and keep your dreams alive.”



- Patuxent River Appreciation Days (P.R.A.D.)
- Art Show & Sale
- Thanks to the following artists for their participation in the PRAD Art Show on Saturday-Sunday, October 11-12th: Amy Beaven, Mary Blumberg, Susan Buckley, Candice (Candy) Cummings, Dianne Dickey, Phyllis Doughty, Sylvia Hill, Joan Humphreys, Harry Knott, Cindy Pond, Megan Richard, Linda Rosenthal, Suzanne Shelden, Mary Sokol, Vicky Spore, Pat Troiani, Tammy Vitale, Carl Wood, 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 2009 event schedule! We will look forward to our next year 2009! Thanks again to all who made this show such a success.

Quote to Powder

“Remember your name./Do not lose hope – what you seek will be found./...Trust those that you have helped/ to help you in their turn./ Trust dreams./ Trust your heart, and trust your story./ When you come back, return the way you came./ Favours will be returned, debts will be repaid./ Do not forget your manners./ Do not look back.” From “Instructions,” by Neil Gaiman

Calvert Artists' Guild, Inc.
CALENDAR of EVENTS 2009
 (Note: Reserve these dates-Mark your calendars!)

January 10, 2009 - Saturday, Acrylic Art Workshop; Instructor: Mimi Little; 9:00-2:00, Calvert Pines Center, Pr. Frederick, Md., Contact: Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663; gbwood2@verizon.net

February 7, 2009-Saturday, Meeting & Program, Guest: TBA, Calvert Pines Center, Pr. Frederick, Md., 10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.; Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516, Joan_Humphreys@yahoo.com.

March 14-15, 2009 - Saturday and Sunday - Annmarie Garden Show, 10:00-4:00. Artists' Reception Saturday, 2pm to 4pm. Contact persons: Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663; gbwood2@verizon.net

April 18, 2009 - Saturday, CAG meeting and Scholarship judging program; 10:00 a.m., Calvert Pines Center, Pr. Frederick, Md., Contact: Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516; Joan_Humphreys@yahoo.com.

May 16-17, 2009, Saturday and Sunday - Annmarie Garden Awards Show, 10:00-4:00, Artists' Reception Saturday, 2pm to 4pm. Contact persons: Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663; gbwood2@verizon.net

June 6, 2009, Saturday - Paint-Out Day, , 10:00-2:00,

June 27, 2009, Saturday - ArtWorkshop, Instr: TBA, Calvert Pines Cr, Pr. Frederick, Md., 9:00am-2:00pm.; Contact: Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663; gbwood2@verizon.net

July 11, 2009, Saturday - Paint-Out Day, 10:00-2:00;
 Contact: Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663; gbwood2@verizon.net

July 25, 2009, Saturday - Solomons Outdoor/Gazebo Show. Noon-6:00 p.m., Solomons Boardwalk, Contact: Rex Miller, 410-326-2604; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663

August 8, 2009 - Saturday - Paint-Out Day, 10:00-2:00, Contact persons: Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663.

August 22, 2009, Sunday -Annual Potluck meeting, Asbury-Solomons Clubhouse, 2pm to 6pm. Bring a potluck dish. Program: TBD, Contact persons: Barbara Fetterhoff, 410-394-3365

September 12, 2009 - Saturday - Paint-Out Day, 10:00-2:00, Contact persons: Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516; Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663.

September 19-20, 2009 - Saturday-Sunday - ArtsFEST, Annmarie Garden, Solomons, Md., 10:00-5:00

October 10-11, 2009, 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.

November 7, 2009 - Saturday - Workshop, TBD, 9:00am-2:00pm, Calvert Pines Center, Pr.Frederick, Md.; Contact person: Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2

December 5, 2009 - 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

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