



The Newsletter of the Calvert Artists' Guild
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April 2009 President's Note

Happy Spring! We passed the vernal equinox yesterday and I hope this means more warm weather. It was warm and cozy last weekend at our first show and sale of the year at Annmarie Garden. What a success - we had 27 member artists exhibiting, with \$824 in sales. I heard compliments from several visitors on the exceptionally high quality of our work. My thanks to all who participated, and for the wonderful job working together to set up and take down the show.

In preparation for our next show on May 16-17, one question we may ask ourselves is "What art subject will people most be drawn to?" I read an interesting book review in the Washington Post that might help us with this question. I will include a small portion of the review here; to read the full review, please enter "Washington Post" and "Our Inner Artist" in your web browser. "Denis Dutton, a New Zealand philosopher, observes in his provocative new book, *The Art Instinct*, that people the world over are weirdly driven to create beautiful things. These aesthetic objects are utterly useless and yet we enshrine them in climate-controlled museums and pay millions of dollars for a silkscreen of soup can. What began with a few horses on the walls of a French cave has blossomed into a human obsession. The premise of Dutton's work is that this instinct for art isn't an accident. Instead, he argues that our desire for beauty is firmly grounded in evolution, a side effect of the struggle to survive and reproduce. In this sense, a cubist painting by Picasso is no more mysterious than the allure of a Playboy centerfold: Both are works of culture that attempt to satiate a biological drive. Dutton frames his argument as a scientific response to the idea that art is a "social construction," driven by the fads of society. He begins the book by describing a series of paintings by the Russian artists Vitaly Komar and Alexander Melamid, who in the early 1990s surveyed people in 10 countries on their preferences regarding color, subject matter and painterly style. These poll results were then distilled into a series of realist landscapes. The American painting, for instance, featured a foreground of sun-dappled grass, a lake, a few adorable children and the figure of George Washington. It's an absurd pastiche, the visual equivalent of combining all of America's favorite foods in the same dish. While Dutton appreciates the irony of Komar and Melamid, he's more intrigued by the striking similarity of their paintings. Although the 10 national landscapes differed in their details -- the Russians wanted a brown bear, while the Kenyans preferred a hippo -- the basic layout was identical. In each case, people craved a painting that featured a large body of blue water, some open grass, a

human figure and a few animals. Why the cross-cultural similarity? According to Dutton, the survey results reveal our hard-wired preferences, which developed when we were Pleistocene hunter-gatherers roaming the African savannah. The landscapes we find most beautiful are simply those from which we evolved. If we like paintings with a foreground of short grasses, it's because that habitat contains more protein per square mile than any other, which is a crucial perk for a meat-eating primate."

What do you think of these survey results? Will our community be drawn to a scene like this? Who is willing to incorporate these ideas into an art piece for our next show? Best wishes for continual inspiration,

Cindy



Out and About ARTventures & Trips

Annual Bus Trips To New York City

Wednesday, April 22, 2009 – BWS Trip to NY to view the American Watercolor Society (AWS) Show; sponsored by **Baltimore Watercolor Society**. Bus will have 2 pick-up places. Leaves @ 7:00 a.m. from the Security Park & Ride at the end of I-70 at exit 94 and at 7:30 a.m. at the Timonium Park & Ride, Deerco Road between Timonium and Padonia Roads. The bus will go directly to the AWS exhibit which opens at 1pm. The bus will leave NY at 6:30 p.m. for the return trip to the Baltimore pick-up sites. (Check payable to BWS) No refunds after April 10 unless space filled. Send \$40.00 fee to: **Baltimore Watercolor Society**, Jeannette Birger, 6935 Ridge Road, Marriottsville, MD 21104; contact Jeannette for more info. 410-549-2466.

Saturday, April 4, 2009 - The Annapolis Watercolor Club annual bus trip to view the 141st Annual International American Watercolor Society Exhibit, a spectacular show at the Salmagundi Club, and the opportunity to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City has been scheduled for Saturday, April 4th. The cost is \$40 per seat for members & \$45 per seat for non-members. Details: 7:00 A.M. leave Severna Park "Park and Ride" at Route 2 and Jones Station Road. The bus will go directly to the AWS, which opens at 1pm exhibit (with one Rest Stop) and at 2:30 takes passengers to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The bus will leave at 6:30 p.m. for the return trip to the pick-up sites expected arrival at 10:30 p.m. Send check made payable to **Annapolis Watercolor Club** to: Julie Dunard 1216 Kimberly Lane, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. Mail check to save your seat before March 26th. For more information contact Julie Dunard at 410-761-3940 or Joan Thompson at 410-647-0175.

Calvert Artists' Guild May Multi-media Awards Show Sat-Sun, May 16-17, 2009

Calling all artists to mark your calendars for Saturday and Sunday, **May 16 and 17, 2009, 10-4**, for the annual **May "CAG Multi-Media Awards Show"** at Annmarie Garden. We will again feature ribbons and monetary awards to be presented at the Reception on May 16th. The judge for awards is Larry Chappellear, Art Professor @ College of So. Md. **Rules:** Artwork must be original and have been completed within last two years. Artwork must not have won an award in a previous CAG Show. Artists in all mediums are encouraged to join in this special show. We would like to see fiber work, jewelry, sculpture, glass, batik, weaving, ceramics, as well as paintings. A reception will be held on Saturday, May 16th from 2pm to 4pm to present the awards and the scholarship winner. Exhibiting artists are asked to sign up to sit the gallery for a two-hour shift on Saturday or Sunday. **Registrations are to be postmarked by May 8th, no registrations will be accepted after May 11th.** Artwork should be dropped off at Annmarie Garden Gallery on Friday, May 15, 2009, from 10am to 1pm. Volunteers are needed to help hang the show. The entry fee for the May 16-17, 2009 Awards show is \$25.00 for members and \$35.00 for non-members. The entry fee covers administrative fees, advertising and program costs, and any merchant account fees associated with credit card sales. **IMPORTANT CHANGE:** Annmarie Garden has increased the sales commission this year to 25%, which is a 10% increase over previous years. In the recent past, the Guild has actually assumed the commission cost and has not charged the artists even though the show applications state that the commission would be deducted from the artists' proceeds. However, with this increase and the potential risk to the Guild of large commission payments if sales are high, the Guild will no longer be able to subsidize this cost. Therefore, starting with the May 2009 show, artists will be responsible for the 25% commission due Annmarie Garden which will be deducted from sales proceeds payments. We have been extremely fortunate that the Guild elected to cover the cost of commissions to this point. While the board of directors was hopeful that the Guild could continue to assume this responsibility it is the job of the directors to protect the assets of the Guild and to make sure it is fiscally able to continue for years to come. We are informing the artists in advance so that artists can make the decision whether to raise prices for the May show to cover the cost of the commission. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions please contact Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516; email: Joan_Humphreys@yahoo.com; Cindy Pond, 410-326-2367, CLPond@verizon.net; or Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net. The Entry form media categories will determine ribbon/award placements. This is always a fun and successful annual show.

(See registration form on separate page enclosed)



Betty Leppin – Painted Silk Scarves

Betty Leppin Silk Painting Workshop Saturday, June 27, 2009

Join artists in the art room at Calvert Pines Senior Center in Prince Frederick for a silk painting workshop with popular instructor Betty Leppin. Betty gave our December 2008 CAG program/demonstration. The workshop will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2009 from 9:00am – 2:00pm. Workshop Fee: CAG members' \$35.00, \$45.00 non-guild members. All supplies will be furnished by Betty with a Supply/Materials Fee of \$25.00 Betty Leppin is coming from Deale, MD to give our June workshop! It will be an all day demo from 9-2 with hands on for all participants. If you saw the December program, you won't want to miss this fun workshop! All supplies will be furnished by Betty @ \$25.00 fee. Contact persons: Gerry Wood, phone 301-863-9663, gbwood2@verizon.net. Mark your calendars now! (See registration form below!)

Registration form for Silk Painting Workshop, Saturday, June 27, 2009 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. with Betty Leppin

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

\$35.00 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**

Fee for your supplies to be paid separately to instructor at the workshop. (\$25.00)

CAG Webmaster

Our CAG webmaster, Amy Beaven, has done a terrific job of updating our CAG website! The Artist Members page, which features artwork, and membership listing, artist website links, as well as our newsletters are uploaded to the website. Please forward your recent photos of paintings and website links to Amy; abeaven@umd.edu. THANK YOU AMY!

May Show Judge Larry Chappelear

Larry Chappelear– “Autumn Forest Study”
30” x 24”, mixed media



View his web site: www.LarryChappelear.com

DUES ARE PAST DUE!

This is the final newsletter before the Roster is published in June. If your dues are NOT RECEIVED by May 1st, you may not be in the **2009 ROSTER!** If your name has an asterisk beside it on the mailing label, please submit your dues along with the form included in previous newsletters and emails. Thank you!

Welcome New CAG Members

Please add the following to your 2008/09 roster:

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Nancy S. Shippen 404-783-0210
960 Rock Hills Ct., St. Leonard, MD 20685
nancyshippen@yahoo.com; www.nshippenart.com

WELCOME TO ALL!

Workshops and Classes

Printmaking Classes/Workshops – Rosa Valladares, Offered anytime during the year at her home in Lusby. Please call for information: 410-326-8220, or email Totivall@comcast.net; vikyva2003@yahoo.com She has a Printing Press!!

How to make a Ceramic Torso – Tammy Vitale. Offered to 2-5 students at her Lusby studio. 410-326-9473 or TammyVSculptor@hotmail.com to discuss scheduling (multiple days required).

Scholarship Award

The Calvert Artists' Guild is sponsoring a \$500 scholarship for a deserving Calvert County high school senior student who wishes to pursue further art training. Carole Purcell is the Scholarship Chairman. She sent out application forms the end of January, to the Calvert County high school art teachers, Calverton, and Home Schooled. **The Calvert Artists' Guild members will choose the winner at the April 18th meeting.** Be present at the meeting to pick your choice for the winner. The award will be presented to the student at the May 14th Art Show Reception. For information contact: Carole Purcell, 410-326-6669, carolepurcell@hughes.net

Larry Chappelear's "Red-Right Returning"



Larry Chappelear, MFA, will be our judge at the May Awards Show. He is presently Professor of Art, College of So. Md. in LaPlata. He lives in Mechanicsville, Md. His resume lists multiple One-Man Exhibitions in Maryland, Washington, DC; Virginia, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. His paintings are also displayed in the U.S. State Dept, American Embassy, Kingston, Jamiaca, Batuz Foundation, Nossen Germany, MCI Corp., Washington, D.C., U.S. State Dept. American Embassy, Lisbon, Portugal, as well as George Washington University and Shippensburg State College. He explained that his paintings are made from wood – panels, barn wood, veneers, etc. Be sure and look at his work on line at his web site: www.larrychappelear.com We look forward to meeting Larry at the May Show.

Scholarship Judging April 18, 2009-SATURDAY CALVERT PINES SR. CENTER, Pr. Frederick, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting and Scholarship Judging Program

Join members in the reserved art room at Calvert Pines Senior Center in Pr. Frederick for a meeting and Scholarship Judging Program on Saturday, April 18th, at 10:00a.m. **Calvert Pines Sr. Center**, located at 450 West Dares Beach Road, Pr. Frederick, has ample parking and easy access. For directions contact, Sandy Marquess, 410-535-4606, 301-855-1170. We will jury and choose the Scholarship winner and discuss the May show and Awards Reception. For additional information contact: Carole Purcell, 410-326-6669, carolepurcell@hughes.net; Cindy Pond, 410-326-2367; email CLPond@verizon.net or contact for directions, Sandy Marquess, 410-535-4606. Bring goodies to go with coffee. Coffee will be furnished.

February 7, 2009-SATURDAY Report

The February meeting and "Watercolor on Yupo" Program by Pat Troiani was very informative and entertaining. We enjoyed the excellent presentation presented by Pat, of Solomons. She showed her techniques and shared tips on use of liquid vs tube paints, brushes, fixative, acrylic mediums, etc.



Pat Troiani – Yupo demonstration

*Don't hate the obstacles - without them, the story never moves forward.
Patti Digh, "Life is a Verb"*

News Announcements Member News

Susan Buckley had the good fortune to be juried into three gallery shows in Naples, FL this winter. "Ebb and Flow" received an award for Innovation/Experimentation and was hung for six weeks in the von Liebig Art Gallery. Congrats Susan!

Carl Wood won the "Most Popular Choice" award at the March Annmarie Garden Show. See the photo on pg.

CAG Display at Pr. Frederick Library

April 18, 2009 – Saturday, CAG display @ Leisure Expo; 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Pr. Frederick Library, Pr. Frederick, Md., The Artists' Guild will promote itself as a leisure opportunity. We will place newsletters and materials on a table, display paintings on easels, and possibly a continuous slide show. We are hoping to interest new members. If you would like to help contact: Cindy Pond, 410-326-2367, CLPond@verizon.net; Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516; Joan_Humphreys@yahoo.com.

Wild Things Gala

Ann's Circle, the friend's organization associated with Annmarie Garden, will be hosting the Wild Things Gala on May 31st. The event will be in celebration of Annmarie Garden and the Wild Things Exhibit. The Gala is also a fundraising event in support of the many wonderful programs for children and adults held at AMG throughout the year. There will be a silent auction during the Gala. As supporters of the Arts in Southern Maryland, CAG will be donating a basket of artist made items. Suggested items are as follows: greeting cards, jewelry, small-carved items, miniature paintings, etc. In other words, small items that will be beautifully arranged in a gift basket. You are welcome to include your business card as well. Information on CAG membership will also be included. If you are interested in donating an item to this most important cause, please contact Megan Richard at (410) 586-9163 or mrichard@chesapeake.net. Items can be dropped off at our April meeting, May show, or at Annmarie Garden (please see Melissa Daman).

The human heart is never still. There is a divine restlessness in each of us which creates a continual state of longing. You are never quite at one with yourself, and the self is never fixed. There are always new thoughts and experiences emerging in your life; some moments delight and surprise you, others bring you onto shaky ground. On the outside your body looks the same...Yet behind this outer façade, another life is going on in you. The mind and heart are wanderers who are always tempted by new horizons...your inner life is nomadic. John O'Donohue, "Éternal Echoes"

MEET THE ARTIST!

Featuring: Debbie McClure

Deb McClure has been a member of the Calvert Artists' Guild on and off for many years, rejoining the Guild most recently in 2007. She notes that she very much enjoys the workshops offered by the Guild and plans to take advantage of as many of them as possible.

"In Kindergarten, I was allowed to paint at an easel--that's when I knew I had found my calling!" states McClure when asked how long she's been an artist. Later she focused on working in watercolor, starting in 1978. That year she won a juried watercolor show in Texas. She says that she "loved it, practiced and sold watercolors steadily until 1995, when I began doing collage work with watercolors and rice papers of all sorts." Collage remains one of her favorite working mediums. McClure has a degree in Fine Arts from the University of Maryland and has sold many paintings through decorators, but "I keep my favorites!"

"In the late 90s," she continues, "I started doing faux finishes on office and residential walls, using primarily latex wall paint, with a local company called Panache." When the business owner moved away in 2003, McClure started her own faux finishing business called *Patina Productions*. Working with a partner, McClure paints furniture, does murals and continues faux work. She has accepted and continues to take commissions to do murals and faux work of all sorts.

In addition to her professional artwork, McClure also paints in acrylics on canvas, and more recently has done some work in oil on canvas.

When looking for inspiration, McClure draws from fabric, photos, colors, feelings, and the work of other artists. Closer to home, she admires her sons' graffiti canvases and walls. "I have three grown sons; they all love graffiti and are artists themselves," she says.

McClure says that her favorite books on making art are *The Artist's Way* and *The Veig of Gold* by Julia Cameron as well as anything by or about Sargent who is her favorite watercolor artist. She also enjoys *The Guerilla Art Kit* by Keri Smith.

Currently McClure shows her work at ArtWorks@7th in North Beach.

Thank you, Debbie.



Debbie's painted drop-leaf table

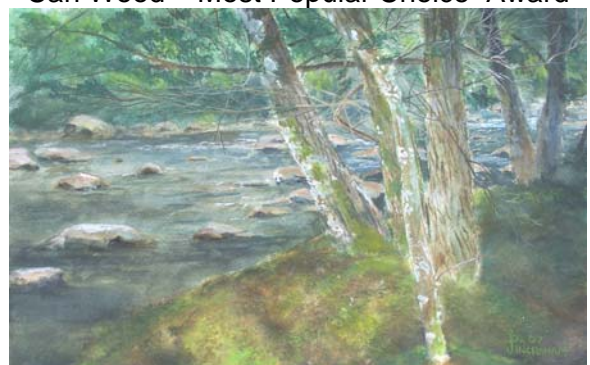
Photos from March Show



View of March 2009 Show set-up



Carl Wood – Most Popular Choice Award



Josh Ingraham – "Smokey Afternoon"

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CALENDAR of EVENTS 2009
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(Note: Reserve these dates-Mark your calendars!)

April 18, 2009 - Saturday, CAG meeting and Scholarship judging program; 10:00 a.m., Calvert Pines Center, Pr. Frederick, Md., Contact: Carole Purcell, 410-326-6669; Cindy Pond, 410-326-2367, CLPond@verizon.net; Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516; Joan_Humphreys@yahoo.com.

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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; Cindy Pond, 410-326-2367, CLPond@verizon.net

June 6, 2009, Saturday - Paint-Out Day, Location: Fridays Creek Winery, 3485 Chaneyville Road, Owings (see pg. 74 in So. Md. Trails book), 10:00-2:00, Contact person: Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663; gbwood2@verizon.net, directions: Frank or Rich Cleary; 410-286-9463

June 27, 2009, Saturday - Silk Painting Workshop, Instructor: Betty Leppin, Calvert Pines Center, Pr. Frederick, Md., 9:00am-2:00pm; Contact: Gerry Wood, 301-863-9663; gbwood2@verizon.net; Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516; Joan_Humphreys@yahoo.com.

July 25, 2009, Saturday - Solomons Outdoor/Gazebo Show. Noon-6:00 p.m., Solomons Boardwalk, Contact: Rex Miller, 410-326-2604; donna.s.miller@verizon.net; Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516; Joan_Humphreys@yahoo.com.

August 23, 2009, Sunday - Annual Potluck meeting, Asbury-Solomons Clubhouse, 2pm to 6pm. Bring a potluck dish. Program: "In Memory: Andrew Wyeth", Contact persons: Barbara Fetterhoff, 410-394-3365; Cindy Pond, 410-326-2367, CLPond@verizon.net

September 12, 2009 - Saturday - Paint-Out Day, Location TBD; 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 1-30, 2009, - Lexington Park Library Show, 10:00-4:00, Artists' Reception Wednesday, 5pm to 8pm. Contact persons: Candy Cummings, 301-863-6693; prodigaldaughter@md.metrocast.net; Cindy Pond, 410-326-2367, CLPond@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@verizon.net

December 5, 2009 - Saturday, Annual Meeting & Program, 10:00 a.m., Calvert Pines Center, Pr. Frederick, Md.; Program: TBD; Contact persons: Cindy Pond, 410-326-2367, CLPond@verizon.net; Joan Humphreys, 410-586-3516, Joan_Humphreys@yahoo.com.

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AnnMarie Garden

May Show Application – attached separate file.