



The St. Michaels Art League Newsletter

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President's Message

Finally, spring is around the corner, as is our enthusiasm for art. Willie Crockett was pure delight at our February meeting and we THANK the Talbot County Art Council for their generous help with our speaker series. Several programs and workshops are scheduled to excite and challenge each of us. Our Banner Program is well underway and we anticipate the results. Remember that our WineFest Art Show is scheduled for April and open to all members. Keep an eye out for the new art offerings on the web site.

I thank everyone for their enthusiastic support. This is what makes our organization educational and FUN. All comments and ideas - positive and negative - are welcome. They help "your" organization.

Until we meet again, keep well.

Patsy Dautle

Member News

Please remember that dues need to be paid now! Mail your check to SMAL, PO Box 1215, St. Michaels, MD 21663 or bring it to the next meeting! Dues have not changed: \$35 for individual membership or \$50 per couple who reside in the same house.

Willie Crockett Packed the House!



Willie Crockett, our February presenter, was raised on Tangier Island and basically grew up on a boat. A very entertaining speaker, Willie added that "painting takes more guts than it does intelligence", which received a loud guffaw from the packed room.

After Willie did his original drawing, Willie wet the underside of his paper and put it on his "slick board", Then he wet the

side he will paint on and then drained it some, making sure there were no bubbles formed between his board and the paper. Then he put a light wash of a couple of colors all over his paper, as he likes to kill all of the white. He shared some basic thoughts with us when painting a boat. Boats are basically wedge shaped, but they are wider in the middle. All the lines must be kept parallel. Willie feels that drawing is key to painting and that you shouldn't get any closer than an arm's length away from your work as you paint. When you decide on your light source, make sure your shadows are right. Another of Willie's tips regarding painting your skies is to have a large area of light and a small area of dark or vice versa. He was just "miles of wonderful!"

Look for an upcoming workshop with Willie in the future. We all want to learn how to be "boatified"!

The 2011 St. Michaels Art League Banners Have Been Chosen!

The 2011 St. Michael Art League banners that will adorn Talbot Street this year have been selected! Judges Bob Manning and Diane DuBois Mullaly spent the better part of the morning deliberating on the fine points of this very impressive group of artwork submitted for consideration this year. Bob and Diane selected 20 paintings that they felt best captured the "vibe" of St. Michaels. Subject matter was varied, and ranged from the unique architecture of the town, local scenes of various water locales and the wildlife that inhabits it, and some very bold graphics. We were extremely pleased with the number and quality of the entries, and both judges commented on how impressed they were with the submitted work in this, SMAL's first juried event.

Congratulations to the following artists, whose work will be displayed on Talbot Street beginning this April: Anne Allbeury-Hock, Will Cook, Susan Crawford, Diana Dardis, Patsy Dautle, Lee D'Zmura, George Hamilton, Lynne Horvath, Martha Hudson, Jo Merrill, Sharon Mills, Dave Murphy, Virginia Perram, Sharon Price, Janet Prieger, Kevin Snelling, Martha Smythe, Valerie Sunderland, Jean Thomson, and Jim Voell.

Don't forget that six of these artists will also be given the honor of having their art selected to be made into a poster that will be sold in various St. Michaels stores during 2011. But that part is still a secret!

These six paintings will be announced at the upcoming reception on Thursday, March 3rd, beginning at 5:30pm in the St. Michaels Library. The reception is open to everyone and is free. Refreshments will be served, and we hope that you can all attend.

We want give a big thank you to each and every artist who took the time to create a painting for this year's banner competition.

The 2011 St. Michaels Banner Committee

2011 WineFest Art Show and Sale

This spring sale will be held on Friday, April 29th from noon to 6pm and Saturday, April 30th, 11am to 5pm. It will be at the St. Luke's Church during the WineFest celebration in St. Michaels. This WineFest event brings many visitors to the town, so it will be an excellent opportunity to sell your original Banner, as well as other original paintings, photography, etc. Prints and giclees will be sold in bins. Deadline for participation must be postmarked March 26th. For more information go to our website or contact Virginia Perram, Chair Person, at cedarcottage@hughes.net or 410-745-6496.

Publicity Chair Person Found!

Lynne Horvath was all grins as she introduced us to Patricia Lang, who will be transitioning into the position of Publicity Chair Person for SMAL. As many of you know, getting information in the local papers can often be a challenge, so let's all get the word out to Patricia well in advance by emailing your SMAL related event to patlang@boardwalkfries.com. Many thanks to Lynne for all of her years of service to SMAL. Bravo!

Easton's Promise 2-D Juried Show

Easton's Promise Art Gallery's 2011 2-D Juried Art Show jury selection has been made. Please plan to attend the opening reception from 5 - 9 pm Friday, March 4th. Prizes will be awarded at 6:30 pm. The Grand Prize winner will attend the monthly Salon Saturday from 2 - 4 p.m. March 19.

All selected entries will remain on display until Sunday, March 27. A list of all SMAL members who were juried in will be published in the April newsletter. Congratulations to all of you!

"Lens & Palette" at Tilghman

Island Inn

Barbara and her daughter, Laurel MacInnes, are this month's featured artists at Tilghman Island Inn. "Lens & Palette" can be seen from March 3rd through April 5th. On Sunday March 6th, the Inn will host a "Meet the Artists Reception" from 3 - 5 pm in the Isobel Room.

Sharing a lifelong interest in creatively interpreting their surroundings, mother and daughter are delighted to have a show in concert. Laurel's photographs include Sicilian street scenes, Mexican beaches, a flightless Great-Horned Owl, a thrilling face to face encounter with wolves, and sparring white tailed deer in her Connecticut back yard.

Barbara's ongoing challenge is to reflect the breath-taking light and ambience of the Eastern Shore in the elusive medium of watercolor. Currently studying with David Grafton, a recognized landscape artist, she has also studied with Joe Mayer, Martha Hudson, Katie Cassidy and Don Andrews. In addition to being a SMAL Member, Barbara also belongs to the Plein Air Painters of the Eastern Shore; Talbot County Visual Arts Center; Academy Art Museum. For information call 410-886-2141.

Committee News

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE – Many thanks to Rita Connelly, Bonna Nelson and Sarah Stolte for the treats at the February meeting!

THURSDAY PAINT TOGETHERS – Draw and paint on Thursday afternoons from 1- 4pm. Contact Alice-Marie Gravely for more info. email amgart@aol.com or call, 410-745-8117 and get your name on her list.

ST. MICHAELS ROTATING EXHIBITS – Paintings are hung on the 1st of the month and taken down on the last day of the month; but coordinate with the artist preceding and following you. Call Marge Boyer, 410-745-2299, to sign up 2011. Mark your calendar so you don't forget your chance to exhibit!

Art in Dr Patterson's office – 4 or 5 paintings

March: Marty Smythe

April: Jim Voell

May: Sharon Mills

Art in the Banks--Talbot (1) & Bank of America (2)

March: Barbara Hough

April: Jane Bollman

May: Marty Smythe

Tidewater Physical Therapy – 3 or 4 paintings between 16"X20" to 28"X20". Your card with price is displayed on the front. This is an active patient care office and we need to respect patient confidentiality so please be there 12 - 1 PM. Barbara MacInnes 410-745-6973, bwmaci@atlanticbb.net.

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April: Barbara MacInnes

May: Marge Boyer

Member Notes/Community News

***Lee D'Zmura's botanical painting "Muth Colored Gill Polypore" was among 21 pieces chosen from over 200 entries for the Adkins Arboretum's 12th annual art competition "Discovering the Native Landscapes of Maryland's Eastern Shore". The exhibit is on display through April 1st. Visit www.adkinsarboretum.org for more information.

***The Dorchester Center for the Arts just had their Member Art Show in February and they awarded 2 of our club members: **Sarah Stolte**, Honorable Mention for her oil painting "Bend in the Road" and **Charlotte Fleischman** received an Honorable Mention for her pastel portrait "Wash Day Break". Congratulations!

*** Don't forget the Call to Artists for "Local Color". Entries are due April 25th; see www.workingartistsform.com or www.pleinair-easton.com for the Prospectus, etc.

*** 24"x30" bubble wrap bags available @\$2.25.

Call Sharon Mills, 410-943-3333, or email smartleagueneews@comcast.net. Patsy Dautle has foam bags available for \$1.50; you may contact her at 410-745-6822 or by email, patsy@dautle.com.

*** **We won't know unless you tell us...** so if you have received an award or you have news that might interest your fellow SMAL members, please drop a line to smartleagueneews@comcast.net! This is YOUR newsletter!

ST. MICHAELS ART LEAGUE 2011 WORKSHOP & CLASS SCHEDULE

The Workshop Committee is continually working on bringing new and exciting workshops and classes to you. These are what we have scheduled and approved to date. If you are interested in volunteering for this fun committee, please contact Judy Bittorf, 410-745-9004 or via email jabittorf@bluecrab.org.

Note: Workshop registration deadlines are approximately 2 weeks before a workshop. If we don't have enough participants at that time, we will have to cancel the workshop, therefore, please don't wait too long to sign up for the workshops you are interested in!

Lee D'Zmura, "Painting a White Flower in Watercolor"

March 10th & 11th, 9:30am-3:30pm, Christ Church Parish Hall, St. Michaels

This two-day workshop is designed to enhance understanding of painting white objects in watercolor. Using either a calla lily or a Casa Blanca Lily, students will focus on capturing the underlying colors in white subjects. Emphasis will be placed on watercolor application and preliminary sketches. Students must have basic skills in painting in watercolor. Class size is limited to 10. Members \$100/Non-members \$135. Mail your form from the website, with your check, to Valerie Sunderland, P.O. Box 42, Wittman, MD 21676, 410-745-3095, valeriesunderland@gmail.com.

Bobbie Seger, "Intermediate Oil and Acrylic Painting",

April 6, 13, 20, 27, 9am – 1 pm, Christ Church Hall, St. Michaels

Roberta "Bobbie" Seger, well-known local artist, teacher, member of the Traveling Brushes and the Academy Art Museum will conduct this workshop for intermediate and advanced students, but don't be intimidated. You will be fine as long as you have painted a few paintings and understand the basics! Some of the topics will be: understanding and creating good compositions; understanding the importance of values; using a broad approach to cover the canvas; using a variety of brushes & strokes & a palette knife; and critiquing your own work to know when to stop! We must have a minimum of 12 students. \$225 Members/\$260 Non-members. Please send your form & check to Judy Bittorf, PO Box 537, St. Michaels, MD 21663, 410-745-9004.

James Toogood, "Realistic Watercolors Made Simple"

May 23, 24, & 25, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Christ Church Hall, St. Michaels

Learn a variety of techniques for everything from skies, water, buildings and landscapes. Explore design and composition and achieve a feeling of light and create the illusion of space and depth. Artist, author and teacher, James Toogood paints the people, places and things that make up contemporary life. He teaches at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, the National Academy of Design in New York City and the Perkins Center for the Arts in Moorestown, NJ. His work is represented in public and private collections throughout North America and abroad. For more information, Google "James Toogood Artist". April 11th is the deadline for registration and the cost for Members is \$270/\$305 Non-members. Please send your form and check to Patsy Dautle, 22434 Indian Point Road, Bozman, MD 21612, 410-745-6822, patsy@dautle.com.

Travel and Nature Journaling with Lee D'Zmura: June 1 and June 8

By request, this two-day workshop will again be offered in June. Workshop participants will be introduced to various techniques to allow you to quickly and spiritedly record experiences and places as they are happening. Emphasis will be placed on initial sketches, text and color rendering using a variety of media. Details and registration form forthcoming.

Ray Ewing, "Capturing Light with Pastel"

Sept. 22, 23 & 24 9am – 4pm, St. Luke's United Meth. Church, St. Michaels

What I see lacking in other artists work at shows and workshops, is what I try to teach when I give a workshop. I don't want to teach what everyone else is teaching just to give out information and skipping what YOU need to make YOUR painting a better painting." Member Fee \$225/Nonmember Fee \$260. Questions? Call Judy Bittorf 410-745-9004. Send registration to Arlene Zachman, PO Box 93, Neavitt, MD 21652.

Download the appropriate Registration Form from www.stmichaelsartleague.org. If you do not have computer access, you can pick up the form at the next general meeting or contact the appropriate registrar. You should receive an email acknowledgement with directions and a supply list. If you don't receive this or have questions, give them a call! Thank you for registering!

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Membership is \$35 per year, and includes the opportunity to join one of the committees listed above. Please contact any of the above members who will gladly answer questions you may have.

Email Susan Crawford, Treasurer, bookbank@verizon.net.

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Copy to be included in the April SMAL Newsletter is due March 22nd to smartleagueneeds@comcast.net.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 9:30am, at the Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church in St. Michaels, MD, unless otherwise noted. If there is to be a demonstration or a lecture, it will begin at 10am. Creators of two and three-dimensional art are welcome! Presentations and locations are subject to change. Our monthly programs are partially funded by a grant from the Talbot County Arts Council. Meetings are free!



One of Willie Crockett's finished watercolors; Willie Crockett at the February meeting; clip art of daffodils just to remind us "Spring is almost here!"

Upcoming Meetings -- Save the Dates!

Mar. 21 Monday	9:30am	Jim Rehak, Caricature and Entertainment Artist from Delaware, will do 6 caricatures for us. For more information see www.aboutfacesentertainers . Christ Church, Parish Hall.
April 18 Monday	9:30am	Francis Sweet creates the Nature of Animals in Scratchboard and Oil. He has received numerous Awards of Excellence in wildlife art around the globe. He is known as the best in the world in this medium! www.francissweet.com . Christ Church, Parish Hall.
May 16 Monday	9:30am	Sara Linda Poly – known for her sweeping skies and landscapes inspired by the many locations which her love of plein air painting has taken her. Christ Church, Parish Hall.