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President's Message / June 2025

Fellow C&L Members,

My thoughts on the Heritage Event at Sotterley May 17-18:

The first venue since the Covid-19 shut down was a success. There were many people in attendance and I believe everyone came in and saw the C&L gallery. However, sales were non-existent as folk were ready to look but not buy. A sense of carnival was in the air and folks were eager to see everything. So, I sensed that folks were eager to see what Sotterley had to offer in their first event since Covid.

One note on Sotterley, I observed that the admonitions about strict parking rules was really not too difficult or severe. I think all my concerns were pretty much unfounded, but one never knows when dealing of first time activities like the Heritage event.

Our artists were well received and the comments were positive. The lesson to be gained in our efforts was that we got great exposure and folks learned that Color and Light Society is a strong art presence in the county. All things considered the event was for C&L. Sadly, we had no art sales...very disappointing. Barb's ceramic sales were busy each day.

I would like to thank Linda Sanborn, Barb and Larry Hak, Elizabeth Bygler, Pam Callen, There Ford, Hana Horstkamp, Linda Talton, and Jeannine Finnacom for their various roles in making our debut a successful one. Their efforts made for success in setup and procedures. (If I have overlooked someone...I will publicly take ten lashes for my folly.)

I hope we are invited back for next year. I have been asked by one of the Sotterley officials for my perceptions /review of the entire event. I will share those thoughts with Beth Joseph. I see possible minor changes, but overall programs were well organized and on schedule both days.

Now, on to business:

We will have two guest speakers at the June 4, '25 - 10:30 meeting at the Ale House. Please, please, be on time as we wills start our program with what St. Mary's Arts Council and Calvert County's Arts Council are doing this year. The representatives will not be talking long as we have a couple of items on our meeting agenda, i.e.

- ·Linda Talton Budget approval 25-26
- ·Brandy Blackstone report on signage acquisition

Dick Preston C&L President

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Photo Gallery

SCENES FROM SOTTERLEY

Thank you to Linda Talton for capturing and sharing these wonderful photos of the Heritage Festival at Sotterley in May!

Our participating members showcased their art, provided engaging demos, and connected with the community, making the event a lively and enriching experience for all.



"I paint not the things I see but the feelings they evoke in me"

-ODILON REDON

C&L MEMBER ART

These images capture the rich creativity of our member artists, featuring beautifully textured pottery, serene watercolor landscapes, and intricate wood carvings. Each piece reflects the unique style and dedication of our artistic community.

If you'd like to see your own work featured in future editions of Brushstrokes, please share your photos and details with us (send them to brandyblackstoneart@gmail.com!





Theresa Ford Watercolor



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Shows & Events

CURRENT LEONARDTOWN ART SHOWS

Color & Light has a number of exciting shows coming up in Leonardtown (shown below). While the Leonardtown Library and Port of Leonardtown shows are full, we are still accepting artists to participate in the St. Mary's County Arts Council Show in November. If interested in participating, please contact Barbara Hak at: barbhak@gmail.com.

We encourage all C&L artists, whether participating or not, to spread the word—bring your friends and family to support the show and celebrate creativity in our community.

- Leonardtown Library June and July 2025 This show is now full
- Port of Leonardtown August 2025 This show is now full. Show information will be sent out early June.
- St. Mary's Arts Council November 2025 Still accepting participants for the show

MATTAWOMAN CREEK ART CENTER SCHEDULE

Mattawoman Creek Art Center Entry is free to the public. Park gate fee is waived for Art Center visitors. 2025 SHOW SCHEDULE Charles County Public High School Show Jan. 17 - Feb. 9 • Award Ceremony Feb. 2 Winter All-Media Open Show Feb. 21 - Mar. 15 • Reception Feb. 23 Nancy Owens/Kathy Noel • "Brush and Lens" Mar. 21 - Apr. 19 . Reception Mar. 23 Julia Glatfelter • "Paradise" Apr. 25 - May 24 • Reception April 26 (Saturday) 31st Annual Juried Show • "Go Fish!" Jun. 6 - Jul. 5 • Reception Jun. 8 Pamela Callen • "A Retrospective" with Jay Anderson • "Pirates, Prisoners & Plow Boys" Jul. 11 - Aug. 9 . Reception Jul. 13 - Main Gallery -End of Summer All-Media Open Show Back Gallery -**Plein Air Show** Aug. 22 - Sept. 20 . Reception Aug. 24

"Creativity is piercing the mundane to find the marvellous"

-BILL MOYERS



MATTAWOMAN CREEK ART CENTER



Special Invitation

THE FENWICK INN ART EXHIBIT AND SALE EVENT

Dick asked me to share an exciting opportunity for our Color & Light (C&L) members: The Fenwick Inn, a beautiful downtown Leonardtown venue, is hosting an art show on June 13-14.

The show was originally planned to sell the Inn's art collection, but after seeing our group's past displays, she invited us to join in—either with individual tables or a full-scale booth. While it's a quick turnaround, she's very open to working with us in any capacity we can manage. Dick thought that some members might have pieces ready to go and could jump in on short notice.

Event Details:

- The Fenwick Inn, 41685 Fenwick Street, Leonardtown
- 7 June 13th (1-6p.m.) & June 14th (10a.m.-2p.m.)
- Setup: June 12th (8a.m.-1p.m.); Teardown: after the show
- \$ \$45/table or \$150/booth (no commissions!)
- © C&L/Artists must supply tables, chairs, displays, and handle sales.

✓Demos encouraged!

Even better: The owner wants to collaborate with C&L for September's First Friday, a huge Town celebration!

Please contact Brandy Blackstone at brandyblackstoneart@gmail.com as soon as possible if you're interested.

This is a fantastic opportunity for C&L!

"What's interesting about collaborations is the possibility for one plus one to equal three."

-REI KAWAKUBO



THE FENWICK INN

C&L Events Calendar



APRIL 24 Drop-off at Sotterley, 10 a.m.

APRIL 25-JUN 4 Sotterley Art Show

MAY Sotterley Heritage Festival - Vanishing Landscapes

MAY 7 Great Works- Marianna and Elizabeth

MAY 17-18 Sotterley Festival

JUN 4 Arts Council, after-meeting art pickup at Sotterley

JUL 2 Sawdust Showtools - Dick

AUG 6 All Member Art Show

AUG Port of Leonardtown Winery

SEP 3 Artsfest planning and short meeting

SEP 20-21 Ann Marie Artsfest

OCT 1 Watercolor - Theresa and Brandy

OCT Visionary in Baltimore - Linda

NOV 5 Round Robin Art - Collage

NOV Color & Light Annual Show with the SMC Arts Council

DEC 3 Council (SMCAC)

DEC Port of Leonardtown Winery

The C&L Events Calendar has been provided by Theresa Ford. Please contact Theresa at theresa.ford@gmail.com if you have any questions.

"If I could say
it in words
there would be
no reason to
paint."

-EDWARD HOPPER

Artist Opportunities

PUBLIC ARTIST ROSTER

The Maryland State Arts Council is accepting applications for inclusion in the Maryland Public Art Roster, covering the period from October 2025 through September 2028. To be included in this new cycle, you must (re)apply, even if you have participated in previous cycles. Deadline: June 30, 2025

MSAC.SUBMITTABLE.COM/SUBMIT

CALL FOR MURAL ARTISTS

The St. Mary's County Arts Council is seeking a mural artist (or team) to create a 10'x16' community-inspired mural at Pax River Village Center in Lexington Park, MD. This project will amplify the voices and stories of the local Spanish-speaking community, with direct input from residents, to foster pride and inclusivity. Located next to El Rinconcito, the mural will transform the space into an inviting and meaningful gathering spot.



HTTPS://WWW.SMCART.ORG/PRVC-MURAL-CFA

"It's the artists that do the dreaming for society."

-MÉRET OPPENHEIM



PUBLIC ARTIST ROSTER

Artist Hub



The Calvert County Arts Council proudly offers a vibrant online directory connecting local artists, performers, crafters, authors, venues, organizations, and businesses. Use this searchable hub to discover, connect with, and support the talented artists and educators in your community.

https://www.calvertarts.org/creativenetwork?utm_campaign=d241eab9-3d70-4337-933a-5e138194ce94&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=23ff4892-c77c-4fd9-b712-326ef6acb9be



HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/ART-LAW-CLINIC-JUNE-2025-TICKETS-1371418612989?

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"Painting is just another way of keeping a diary."

-PABLO PICASO

