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President's Message / August 2025

Fellow C&L Members,

Please be reminded that we will be having our C&L "All Member Art Show" at our August 6 meeting at the Botanic Restaurant in Leonardtown at 11:00. Bring your piece of art to share with our members. I'll be there with an array of fine mallets...ja, ja!

Also, Barb Hak has been spear heading a venue with Port of Leonardtown Winery in early August. Please direct all questions about the event to Barb.

Also, be aware that Denise Benedik and Jeannine Finnacom are our contact for AnnMarie Artsfest Sept 20-21.

Lastly, let me say that I see the energy and enthusiasm returning to the C&L folks. We are moving on from the "post covid" doldrums. I am excited with the way folks are moving forward. My dear Ann would be so very pleased to see the excitement returning to the group. I'm sure I've forgotten some important data. Don't hesitate get me up to date! See you all on August 6 at the Botanic Restaurant!

Dick Preston
C&L President

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Photo Gallery

SCENES FROM THE MATTAWOMAN CREEK ART CENTER

Sunday's July 13th reception for Jay Anderson and Pam Callen's joint show at Mattawoman Art Center was well attended and full of great energy.

Pam's Retrospective moved viewers with her rich, expressive oils, while Jay's Cartoon World brought bold characters and dynamic scenes to life.

Thank you to all who came out and made it such a special day! The show runs through August 9^{th} —stop by and see it if you haven't yet!

"To me, teamwork is a lot like being part of a family..."

-PAT SUMMIT



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Creative Highlights

C&L MEMBER ART

These artworks reflect the incredible diversity within our artist community —ranging from vibrant oils and dreamy watercolors to intricate drawings, expressive pottery, and mixed media pieces. Each style and perspective adds something unique, making our collective voice all the more powerful.

Want to see your work in a future issue of Brushstrokes?

Send your photos and featured media to brandyblackstoneart@gmail.com!

"Creativity is intelligence having fun."

ALBERT EINSTEIN



Brandy Blackstone
Watercolor & Acrylic Ink

Leonardtown Happenings

LEONARDTOWN SHOW UPDATES

- Port of Leonardtown Winery Show Art Delivery, August 1st, 11:45 a.m. (please note the new time)
- August 1st is First Friday in Leonardtown. The participating
 Color and Light artists invite all members to join them at the
 Color and Light Table at the POL to join in the opening of the
 show. Stay tuned for what interesting things may be
 happening at the table!
- Both the Leonardtown Library Artists and the POL Artists will be sent an email with more details about the shows.

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.

For more information about the Leonardtown Shows, contact: barbhak@gmail.com

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

-HENRY FORD



LEONARDTOWN FIRST FRIDAY

PORT OF LEONARDTOWN WINERY



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 Workshop w/Asian woodworking tools -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

"Sharing knowledge is the most fundamental act of friendship.

Because it is a way you can give something without losing something."

-RICHARD STALLMAN

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

Monthly Meeting Update

NEW VENUE FOR OUR NEXT MEETING!

I was notified by Mac's Tap Room that they/it will be closed on the day of our next scheduled meeting (August 6th at 11 a.m.). Therefore, we will be meeting at The Botanic Cafe in Leonardtown (see below) for our next meeting. We will have an "up stairs" room for our meeting and annual Member Art Show. I offer my thanks to Jeannine Finnacom for her timely remarks about the Botonic a couple of weeks ago...funny how fortuitous her suggestion was. At any rate, Botanic is a very nice place and the food is good and the restaurant well run and "happy." So, please make note of the change of location and load it into to your GPS.

MORE ABOUT BOTANIC:

They have a different process for ordering lunch. Here's what you must do if you plan to eat during the meeting Aug 6th.

- A. Order lunch at the entry desk. They will deliver to table. You pay upon ordering, and tips are noted on the register system.
- B. Drinks are on the menu, but sodas are in bottle case at the
- C. View the Menu on their site (https://www.botanic.cafe/home)
- D. Stairs may be a problem for those who use canes. 8 steps to climbs. Be careful.
- E. Food will be on enameled metal plates... part of cost cutting not broken plate there.

It's a friendly ambiance and the "kids" working there are pleasant and helpful.

See you all on August 6 at the Botanic Restaurant.

Dick

"There is no greater love than the love for food shared with family and friends."

UNKNOWN



BOTANIC CAFE

ADDRESS: 22720 Duke Street Leonardtown MD 20650

HOURS: Tuesday - Sunday 9 am to 4 pm Closed Mondays

PHONE: (240) 309-4129

WEBSITE:

https://www.botanic.cafe/home

Artist Opportunities

2ND FRIDAY SOCIAL AT SMC ARTS COUNCIL

This is an hour designed to create connections! Bring your favorite beverage and your current art project if you like on the 2nd Friday of every month from 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. No need to RSVP. Just stop by to join in.

https://www.smcart.org/blog/socials-2025

OPEN ART STUDIO AT ARTS COUNCIL OF CALVERT

Bring your art project, meet other artists, jump into creativity, boost your confidence at the Arts Council of Calvert County Open Art Studio on Thursday's from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

https://www.calvertarts.org/

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCY

The Fine Arts Department of Calvert County Public Schools is currently compiling a list of artists who may be interested in participating in an Artist in Residency program during the upcoming school year. The objective is to give art students an experience similar to a music adjudication which allows students to practice, experiment, and refine big ideas to make connections. This opportunity may include 2–3 visits to schools throughout the year, offering students a chance to engage with professional artists through workshops, demonstrations, or collaborative projects. If you know any artists who may be interested in sharing their creative process with students and supporting arts education in our schools, we'd love to include them on our list of potential residents.

Contact:

Jeremy Ratcliff, Huntingtown High School, Visual Art Department 301-367-5990, ratcliffj@calvertnet.k12.md.us

"A dream you dream alone is only a dream. A dream you dream together is reality."

-YOKO ONO



Community Art Opportunities

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Chris Kotlinski, from St. Aloysius Church in Leonardtown, is organizing a new two-day Christian Art Show which will be located at the church Parish Hall at 22800 Washington St, Leonardtown, MD. Submissions are open to all Maryland artists; however, the work must be delivered in person and will not be accepted via mail. Artists are not required to be church members. Artwork must be of a Christian/faith-based theme and family-friendly in nature. Interpretation of the theme is up to the artist. Deadline: August 4, 2025, midnight

https://saintaloysiuschurch.org/

CALL FOR VENDORS



Vendor Application:

https://smrwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/form_exhibitor-vendor-2025.pdf

"Creativity is piercing the mundane to find the marvellous"

-BILL MOYERS



Whether you sell unique products, delicious food, or offer exciting services, we want to showcase your talents and bring

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