Brushstrokes

color and light society of southern maryland

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President's Message / October 2026

Dear Esteemed C&L Artists,

Congratulations and sincere thanks to everyone who helped make our Annmarie Garden Artsfest exhibit such a success. Brandy, Cindy, Diane, Kirk, Linda S., Linda T., Pat, and Susan did a wonderful job managing the setup, takedown, and overall logistics of the show.

A special thank you to Cindy for securing a truck for the effort—it certainly made transportation much easier—and to Linda S., Linda T., and Susan for their teamwork in organizing the event. I would also like to thank Brandy's son and daughter-in-law for pitching in with the takedown and loading for transport. Their help was greatly appreciated.

Overall, the show was a sales success and gave Color & Light excellent exposure at Annmarie. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the event such a strong team effort.

Looking ahead, our next event is the Oyster Festival on October 17th & 18th. This will be an "all hands on deck" show and, I believe, a first for C&L.

Linda T. has organized our approach, and we will need volunteers to assist with setup and takedown, as well as staffing workstations throughout the event. Please see the Oyster Festival info from Linda later in this issue of Brushstrokes.

Great work, everyone, and thank you again for your continued teamwork and support. See you for our October Member Meeting at Mac's Taphouse in Leonardtown on Wednesday, October 7th at 11 a.m.

Ever Grateful,

Dick
C&L President

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Members at Work

ENCAUSTIC DEMO WITH CINDY

On September 12th Cindy shared her artistic process during an encaustic demonstration at North End Gallery. Attendees enjoyed watching Cindy at work and learning more about this fascinating medium and her creative techniques.



Artsfest 2026 Memories

C&L AT ANNMARIE GARDENS

C&L enjoyed a successful two days at Artsfest at Annmarie Gardens! Our participating artists enjoyed strong sales, wonderful exposure, and the opportunity to connect with local art lovers. Photos by Brandy, Susan and Annmarie staff.





















Upcoming Events

ARTS COUNCIL NOVEMBER SHOW

Mark your calendars for our upcoming November exhibition at the St. Mary's County Arts Council!

Artwork Guidelines:

- Wall Art: Two medium pieces or one large piece per artist.
- 3D Art: Approximately 3–4 medium to large pieces (pending confirmation).

Important Dates:

- Artwork Drop-Off: October 14–24. https://calendly.com/smcac-gallery/30min.
- Opening Reception: Friday, November 6, 5–8 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend!
- Artwork Pick-Up: The week following the exhibition's conclusion at the end of November. Schedule online or arrange a date during drop-off.

Melanie at the Arts Council will handle all artwork installation and takedown. For more info, contact Barb at barbhak@gmail.com.

OYSTER FESTIVAL

C&L's art show at Oyster Festival will take place on Saturday, October 17th from 10a.m.-6p.m. and Sunday, October 18th from 11a.m.-6p.m. with cleanup to follow after closing. We will be located in Tolerance Hall and will have demo tables as well as our displays.

We will set up on Friday, October 16th. Linda T. is helping to organize the event and will provide the time by email to the participants. She notes that we will need someone with a truck to pick up and transport our supplies to the Fairgrounds on Friday morning and transport them back to storage on Sunday. Additional help is needed with loading and unloading at the storage cube (at least 2-3 will be appreciated).

The 12 members who have signed on to participate are: Sigrid, Linda C., Linda T, Susan, Kirk, Brandy, Barb, Cindy, Jeannine, Dick, Diane, and Elizabeth.

The fee to participate is $25/pp. We are estimating that you can bring 7-8 pieces of artwork. Be prepared with a few more as we may have the space. Please provide Linda T. at: ronald.talton@comcast.net with your information on your items so she can put them into Square before hand.

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

-HENRY FORD



C&L November Show / St. Mary's County Arts Council



Oyster Festival / St. Mary's County Fairgrounds

Workshops & Trainings

NEW LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Expanded Training

How to Use Photoshop

with Theresa Ford

Theresa has generously offered to provide in-depth Photoshop training as a follow up to last month's informative workshop (see images right from the training session). The training may be a single afternoon session or a series of workshops, depending on member interest. If you have Photoshop and would like to participate, please contact Brandy at: brandyblackstoneart@gmail.com. Please note that due to the extensive prep required, there will be a fee based on the number of participants and the depth of the training interest/needs (TBD).





Upcoming Training

How to Use the InsituArtRoomApp

with Jeannine Finnacom

Join us at our next Color & Light meeting on Wednesday, October 7th at Mac's Tap & Table at 11a.m. in Leonardtown, when Jeannine Finnacom will provide a training session on the Insitu Art Room App. Learn how this useful tool can help artists virtually display their artwork in interior spaces, making it easier to showcase and market their work.



C&L Invitations



Solomon's Christmas Walk / Solomon's Island

SOLOMON'S ART WALK

The organizers of the Dragon Boat Festival were so pleased with the community art project and kids' craft that C&L provided at the event that they have invited us to participate in the Solomons Christmas Walk as well on Saturday, December 12, 2026. The event is from 4p.m. - 9 p.m.

They would love for C&L to once again provide a community art project and craft activity for attendees to enjoy. Note: the organizers would provide the supplies and C&L would be listed as an activity sponsor for the event. Please contact Brandy at brandyblackstoneart@gmail.com and let her know if you're interested in participating, and if you're willing to help be the POC for the event. If there is interest, the projects can be decided as a group the details finalized.

For more info on Solomons Christmas Walk visit:
https://www.facebook.com/events/1741151090353488

OPPORTUNITIES AT ANNMARIE GARDENS

Dick, Cindy, and I recently reached out to Annmarie Gardens to explore the possibility of hosting a C&L solo show. While their gallery schedule is already booked for 2027, they have invited C&L to hold a show in their main gallery in 2028, most likely in March.

In the meantime, they have also offered us the opportunity to exhibit in the space above their classroom during one of their upcoming Makers Markets. This would give our members the benefit of additional foot traffic from market attendees.

The upcoming 2026 Makers Market dates are:

- December 5th
- December 12th

We have also been invited to consider a similar show in conjunction with one of their Makers Markets in 2027. Those dates have not yet been announced.
If you are interested in participating in any of these opportunities, pleasecontact Brandy at brandyblackstoneart@gmail.com.

For more info on Makers Market visit:
https://www.annmariegarden.org/annmarie2/content/makers-market

> "Art should be something that liberates your soul, provokes the imagination and encourages people to go further."
>
> -KEITH HARING

THE FENWICK INN HOLIDAY SHOW

The C&L Holiday Art Show will take place at The Fenwick Inn in Leonardtown during Leonardtown's Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 27th (the day after Thanksgiving) from 4:30 pm. - 8:30 p.m.
If you're interested in participating, please contact Brandy at brandyblackstoneart@gmail.com

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Art Center



Creative Highlights

C&L MEMBER ART

October's featured artwork celebrates the beauty of autumn and the creativity of Color & Light members. This month's selections feature watercolor, pottery, and oil, showcasing the rich, warm colors and natural beauty of the fall season.

From the delicate washes of watercolor and the earthy textures of pottery to the vibrant hues of oil painting, each piece captures the spirit of autumn through the artist's unique style and creative expression.
We invite you to enjoy this month's featured artwork and the beautiful colors of the season!

Want to see your artwork featured in a future issue of Brushstrokes? Send photos of your artwork, along with the medium used, to brandyblackstoneart@gmail.com.



Barbarta Hak
Pottery



Diane Prius
Watercolor



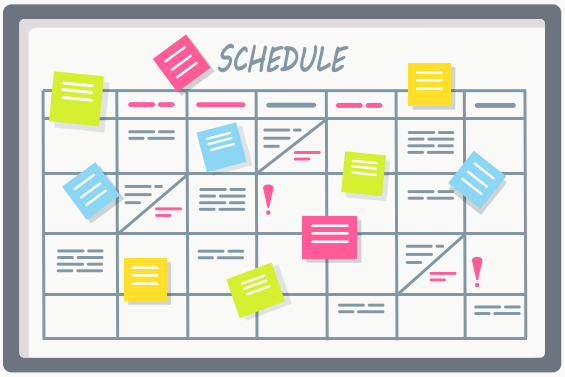


Hana Horstkamp
Oil



Jay Anderson
Pottery

C&L Events Calendar



OCT Field Trip/National Portrait Gallery, date TBD
(info/details to be provided by Linda T.)

OCT 7 Insitu Art Room App Training with Jeannine, 11a.m

OCT 17-18 Oyster Festival

OCT 23 Open Studio/Garvey Senior Ctr. 12:30 p.m.

NOV C&L Annual Show with the SMC Arts Council

NOV 4 Round Robin Art Collage - Diane

NOV 20 Open Studio/Garvey Senior Ctr. 12:30 p.m.

NOV 27 Tree Lighting Show at The Fenwick Inn, 4:30p.m.-8:30p.m.

DEC 2 C&L Holiday Party at The Fenwick Inn, 11a.m.

DEC 18 Open Studio/Garvey Senior Ctr. 12:30 p.m.

Contact Brandy Blackstone at brandyblackstoneart@gmail.com if you have any questions about the C&L Events Calendar.

"Sharing knowledge is the most fundamental act of friendship. Because it is a way you can give something without losing something."

-UNKNOWN