

# A Plein Air Festival in Solomons, Maryland



**Festival Judge** -- Steven Cushner, *Adjunct Faculty*, Corcoran School of Art

**Call for Artists**

**Entry Deadline: April 1, 2011**

## *Solomons Plein Air Street Faire* *A Plein Air Festival*

To benefit for the Solomons July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Fund

*Plein Air Painting - May 12-14, 2011*

*Street Faire Activities - May 14 & 15*

*Exhibit & Sale - May 15-29, 2011*

(This event was formerly called *Solomons Paint the Town*)

**Presented by: The Solomons Business Association**

*Coordinated by:*

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center  
Carmen's Gallery Fine Art & Framing

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Solomons, MD

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Thursday, May 12 - Sunday, May 29, 2011

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**About Solomons Plein Air Street Faire (SPASF)**

SPASF will give plein air artists the opportunity to enjoy their art form and share their creativity with the public. To the viewer, this art form can be very exciting because it invites you into the creative process, the sight, sound, and even smell of the artist's world. Visitors of all ages are invited to observe the entire process, from the first brush stroke to the final flourish. And SPASF is a competition because every work of art is created during the first three days of the festival with artists competing for prizes. This exciting artistic spectacle is coupled with programs and activities offered at various locations throughout the Solomons/Dowell community.

And of course, the many shops, restaurants, and galleries of Solomons & Dowell, will be open! The highlight of SPASF will be the Awards Reception on Sunday, May 15 at 1:00pm in the lovely Arts Building at Annmarie Sculpture Garden. The Exhibition & Sale of the artwork will begin on Sunday, May 15 and continue through Sunday, May 29. All the plein air works that were created during the prior three days of the festival will be on exhibit and available for purchase through May 29. This creative and festive event, all hosted within the lovely waterfront community of Solomons, Maryland, will delight visitors of all ages. You won't want to miss the creative drama and fun at the Solomons Plein Air Street Faire!

**About Solomons, Maryland (including the Dowell Road area)**

Solomons is a lovely waterfront town situated where the Patuxent River meets the Chesapeake Bay. Just over an hour drive from Washington-Baltimore metro area, Solomons is a popular destination for tourists, boaters, and regional residents. With spectacular views, interesting shops and galleries, restaurants, and an art museum and a marine museum, Solomons is a delightful place to spend the day or the weekend. To learn more visit or <http://www.ecalvert.com/content/tourism/visitorsguide/index.asp> or <http://www.sba.solomons.md.us/>.

**About the Festival Area**

Each artist will be given a map that delineates the competition boundaries. Artists must paint within this area between May 12-14, 2011. Possible scenes include: the boardwalk, historic structures, the azalea and/or sculpture collection at Annmarie Sculpture Garden, harbor and creek views, and views of the Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay, to name but a few!

**Special activities for SPASF Artists - May 12-16**

SPASF artists will enjoy exclusive benefits, including complimentary drinks, continental breakfast, discounted or comp meals, wine tasting, and more! Artists will receive a complete schedule when they check in.

**About the Quick Draw– Saturday, May 14, 2-4pm, Judging at 7:30pm @ carmen’s gallery**

Everyone is invited to enter this exciting art competition – competitive painters, amateurs, or anyone daring enough to give it a try! Each contestant has only two hours to create their work. All contestants will set up their supplies and paint, draw or sculpt “en plein air.” This is surely to be a fun and spirited event for all involved – contestants and the audience. At 7:30pm @ carmen’s gallery, the works are judged and awards will be presented by the festival judge. After judging is complete, contestants may sell their works, giving a 40% commission to the festival. Registration information will be provided in your orientation packet.

**An Affaire of the Arts @ Carmen’s Gallery – Saturday, May 14, 7:30-9:30pm**

*An Affaire of the Arts*” @ carmen’s gallery (<http://www.carmensgallery.com/>). Winners of the Quick Draw will be announced and Quick Draw paintings will be displayed for sale. Guest of honor will be judge Steven Cushner. There will be a cash bar, food, and entertainment.

**The Exhibition Space @ Annmarie Sculpture Garden**

Works from SPASF will be installed in the award-winning Arts Building at Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center. With over 4000 sq. ft. of exhibition space, moveable walls, high ceilings, tile floors, and an easy to use Arakawa hanging system, the Arts Building is a spectacular space to display this exciting collection. The Arts Building also houses a gift shop, café, and patio which overlook sculpture on loan from the Smithsonian Institution and the National Gallery of Art.

**The Awards Reception @ Annmarie Sculpture Garden – Sunday, May 15, 1:00-3:00pm**

The festival judge will present awards during the reception. The number of awards and the amounts are contingent upon sponsorships. The plein air artists will be in attendance to meet and greet the public and talk about their creations. The public is welcome to attend the Awards Reception.

**Judge’s Talk – Sunday, May 15, 3:00-4:00pm**

This is an informal opportunity for the participating artists and members of the public to meet and chat with the festival judge. For 2011, Mr. Steven Cushner, adjunct faculty member at the Corcoran School of Art, will serve as the festival judge.

**Exhibition & Sale – Sunday, May 15 - Sunday, May 29**

The Exhibition & Sale will continue through May 29. Works will be removed from the Exhibition as they are sold and artists are welcome to replace the works sold with new works. The festival will retain a 40% commission on each work sold.

**TENTATIVE Artist Schedule: SUBJECT TO CHANGE without NOTICE**

**Wednesday, May 11**

1:00-4:00pm Artist Registration @ Annmarie Sculpture Garden

**Thursday, May 12**

8:00am-Noon Artist Registration @ Annmarie Sculpture Garden

All Day! Artists Paint – see map of allowable locations

6:00-9:30pm **DiGiovanni's Dock of the Bay Restaurant** (<http://www.digiovannisrestaurant.com>) will feature singer/guitarist, Larry Tierney; a free glass of wine to each artist.

### **Friday, May 13**

7:00-9:00am FREE coffee and pastries for artists at **The McNelis Group Real Estate Services** office ([www.mcnelisgroup.com](http://www.mcnelisgroup.com)) at 14488 Solomons Island Road.

All Day! Artists Paint – see map of allowable locations

7:00-8:30pm Happy Hour at the **Tiki Bar** (<http://www.tikibarsolomons.com/>) with complimentary drink for artists.

### **Saturday, May 14**

All Day! Artists Paint – see map of allowable locations

All Day! Enjoy the street fair & other attractions in Solomons & along Dowell Road

10:00-2:00pm The Back Creek Inn (#5 on map) will be serving the Inn's specialty Iced Tea in their garden (free)

2:00-4:00pm **QUICK DRAW:** Open to competition artists and general public. (Included in entry fee for participating artists). For other participants, there is a registration fee of \$15.

4:00-5:00pm Artists deliver their work(s) to Annmarie for hanging

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### **Sunday, May 15**

1:00pm **Awards Reception @ Annmarie.** The culmination of the event with Festival Judge Steven Cushner and event sponsors presenting the artist awards. Refreshments will be served along with a cash bar. More than 50 works of plein air art will be displayed and offered for sale with proceeds to benefit the Solomons July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Fund.

1:00-5:00pm **Exhibition & Sale of Paintings @ Annmarie.** Proceeds benefit the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Fund.

3:00-4:00pm **Judge's Talk** with Festival Judge Steven Cushner @ Annmarie. Artists & Public welcome (free)

### **May 15-29**

10am-5pm daily **Exhibition & Sale @ Annmarie** – all works from the event will be on exhibit in the Arts Building. Admission is free for artists.

### **May 30**

10:00am-5:00pm Artist pick up unsold works from **Annmarie**

**Artist Awards:** (as of 2/24/11 – additional awards to be added as sponsors are confirmed)

***Tiki Bar Best of Show Award - \$700***

***Tiki Bar Merit Award - \$300***

***Holiday Inn Solomons Island Merit Award - \$250***

***Annmarie Sculpture Garden Best Scene of the Dowell Road Area Award - \$150***

**Additional Amenities for ARTISTS during *Solomons Plein Air Street Faire, May 11-15***

- Complimentary admission to **Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center** (during public hours)  
<http://www.annmariegarden.org/>
- Complimentary tea and access to restrooms at **Solomons Victorian Inn** (during the day)  
<http://www.solomonsvictorianinn.com/>
- Access to restrooms at **McNelis Group Real Estate Services** (during regular business hours)  
<http://www.mcnelisgroup.com/>

## **Artists Services & Guidelines**

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be 18 years or older to participate in Solomons Paint the Town.

### **Hospitality**

The many members of the Solomons Business Association are pleased to welcome participating artists to this festival! As a gesture of hospitality, many SBA businesses will host various gathering and offer gifts and discounts to the artists, including complimentary food and drinks, discounts on meals, etc. More information will follow as these services are confirmed.

### **Housing Services**

The Solomons Business Association will provide discount hotel rooms, as well as opportunities for artists to stay with host families. Details to follow.

### **Submission of finished works**

On Saturday, May 15, 4:00-5:00pm, artists must turn in two completed, framed, and ready to be hung artworks. Two-dimensional medium with a 36" x 42" maximum canvas size is acceptable. Unframed works are acceptable if they are nicely finished (gallery wrap) on a frame at least 1" thick. Work must be done "en plein air" without the assistance of photography.

### **Exhibition & Sale**

The Exhibition & Sale will take place at Annmarie Sculpture Garden, May 15-May 29. Throughout the week, as artwork is sold, it will be replaced by other works by that artist. Any artwork not sold must be picked up during the times and dates listed on the schedule.

### Replacement works

Artists may provide two additional plein air paintings for display if their works sell; we prefer that you provide works created during the festival.

### Incomplete Applications

Incomplete application will not be processed. **Application deadline is April 1, 2011.**

### Questions?

General Inquiries

[director@annmariegarden.org](mailto:director@annmariegarden.org)

Housing & Hotel Reservations

[carmensgallery@gmail.com](mailto:carmensgallery@gmail.com)

**Thank you for agreeing to participate in *Solomons Plein Air Street Faire!***

**We appreciate your willingness to share your talent and enthusiasm  
with visitors to Solomons!**

**This event benefits the Solomons Business Association July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Fund**



**The Tiki Bar**



# Solomons Plein Air Street Faire Application

Please Print Clearly – SPASF 2011  
(formerly called Solomons Paint the Town)

last name \_\_\_\_\_ first name \_\_\_\_\_

business/studio name \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

city \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip \_\_\_\_\_

phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ phone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

email **(REQUIRED!)** \_\_\_\_\_

Web address \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about SPTT? \_\_\_\_\_

What other festivals do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you need housing?**  Yes  No

We will do our best to find housing, but we cannot guarantee that each artist will be accommodated. Requests are filled on a first come, first served basis. Thank you!  
Please email [carmensgallery@gmail.com](mailto:carmensgallery@gmail.com) to request housing.

## Image Requirements

Please include a CD containing at least 4 high quality jpeg images of your work. All images must be submitted on one CD labeled with artists name and contact image. DO NOT email images. We do not return CDs. Images will be used for publicity purposes.

**Artist Statement (optional):** Please attach an artist statement that describes your background, your work, and something about why you are interested in plein air painting. This information will be used for publicity purposes.

**Payment Information: \$25 non-refundable fee**

**Make check payable to:  
Solomons Business Association**

**Send to: SPASF c/o Annmarie Garden, P.O. Box 99, Dowell, MD 20629**

Applications with checks made out to anyone else will be returned.

## Release Agreement for SPTT 2011

With the Solomons Business Association, Annmarie Sculpture Garden, Carmen's Gallery.

By entering Solomons Plein Air Street Faire, I affirm that I have read the entire prospectus and by signing this entry form I agree to be bound by all terms outlined in it. If I am accepted, I understand that I am expected to participate in both the plein air competition and the exhibition and sale.

For good and valuable consideration, including being permitted to participate in Solomons Plein Air Street Faire, the undersigned participating artist, for myself and my successors, heirs, assigns, executors, administrators, legal representatives, employees, agents and affiliates and in case of corporation, also its officers, directors, and shareholders (collectively, the "Artist"), forever releases and discharges the Solomons Business Association, the Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association, Annmarie Garden, Ann's Circle, Inc., the Koenig Private Foundation, the Calvert Marine Museum, the Calvert County Government, and each of its officers, directors, employees, agents, assigns, volunteers and affiliates (here in referred to as "Solomons Plein Air Street Faire") from all claims, demands, losses, costs, expenses, suits, damages, obligations, liabilities, and cause of action, whether arising in law or in equity, which the Artist ever had, may now have, or may hereafter have by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever arising out of or related to the Artist's involvement in Solomons Plein Air Street Faire.

The Artist agrees to and does hereby assume any and all risks of personal injuries to the Artist, including death, and risk of damage to the Artist's property, caused by or arising out of the Artist's involvement in Solomons-Paint the Town. The Artist hereby agrees to defend, indemnify and hold Solomons Plein Air Street Faire harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, losses, cause of action, damages, liabilities, obligations, costs, expenses, and judgments (including, without limitation, death and damages to property) caused by the Artist's acts or omissions or failure to abide by the rules of Solomons Plein Air Street Faire arising out of the Artist's involvement in Solomons Plein Air Street Faire.

During the dates of the competition, I agree to not sell any work done during Solomons Plein Air Street Faire unless I pay 40% commission to Annmarie Sculpture Garden. My paintings which I exhibit must be priced commensurate with my normal pricing structure. A 40% commission on all works sold will be retained by Annmarie Sculpture Garden and all sales will be handled by a representative of Annmarie Sculpture Garden. Images of work that I enter into the competition may be used by Solomons Plein Air Street Faire for publicity purposes.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Artist's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Print or type artist's name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Have you enclosed?

- The completed application form with VALID email address?
- a CD with 4 images
- artist statement (optional)
- The signed and dated release agreement
- A check made out to "Solomons Business Association" for the non-refundable application fee of \$25.

**Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Applications must arrive in the office by  
April 1, 2011, 5:00p.m.**