

Solomons Plein Air Street Faire 2011

Schedule of Activities

About the Solomons Plein Air Street Faire

From Thursday, May 12 – Saturday, May 14, 2011, visitors will find more than 30 professional plein air artists painting scenes in and around the Solomons-Dowell community. From beautiful scenes of the harbor to the flora and fauna of the island, the Faire will highlight the extraordinary talent and beauty of this engaging *outdoor* art form. On Sunday, May 15, all the plein air works created by this talented group of artists will go on sale at Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center - with proceeds to benefit the Solomons July 4th Fireworks Fund. The Exhibition & Sale will remain up May 15-29. Visit <http://www.solomonsmaryland.com/solomons-calendar.html> for details about the plein air portion of the Faire.

On Saturday, May 14, 2011, visitors to the **Solomons Plein Air Street Faire** will also enjoy a fun and colorful street faire, as well as the **Taste of Solomons**, a one-day food festival showcasing the many wonderful places to eat in this lovely waterfront community. Stroll the Solomons boardwalk to take in the sights and sounds of the street faire, then purchase your tickets to enjoy a smorgasbord of extraordinary food and drink. Visit <http://www.solomonsmaryland.com/solomons-calendar.html> for details about the street faire and ticket information for the **Taste of Solomons**. All activities at the **Faire** are appropriate for all ages. Don't miss this extraordinary weekend of fine art, food, and fun!

Thursday, May 12

All Day!

More than 30 Plein Air Artists painting scenes of Solomons-Dowell.

6:00-9:30pm

DiGiovanni's Dock of the Bay Restaurant (<http://www.digiovannisrestaurant.com>) will feature singer/guitarist Larry Tierney.

Friday, May 13

All Day!

More than 30 Plein Air Artists painting scenes of Solomons-Dowell

Saturday, May 14

All Day!

More than 30 Plein Air Artists Painting scenes of Solomons-Dowell

11:00am-4:00pm

Enjoy the excitement and fun of the **Street Faire** along the Solomons boardwalk and surrounding area in Solomons-Dowell. Activities include street performers, vendors, music, face painting, strolling artists, clowns, P.A.W.S. pet adoptions and much more. All ages welcome!

11:00am-4:00pm

Enjoy the **Taste of Solomons** in the Solomons-Dowell community. Indulge yourself in a day of delicious food and drink! Purchase your tickets at one of designated locations and then begin your exploration of the restaurants of Solomons-Dowell. Each person will need a ticket for each restaurant they want to visit. Tickets are \$4.00 each and will allow you to enjoy a special food or drink sample. The **Taste of Solomons** is open to all ages.

10:00-2:00pm

The Back Creek Inn will be serving the Inn's specialty Iced Tea in their garden (free).

Saturday, May 14 (cont)

- 2:00-4:00pm **Quick Draw:** a mini plein air event open to the general public! The public is invited to enter this “iron artist” competition where each participant is given two hours to create a work of art. All participants must bring their own painting supplies and all painting must take place on either side of Solomons Island Road (from the beginning to the end of the Riverwalk boardwalk). Anyone painting outside the boundaries will not be considered for an award for the Quick Draw. There will be a starting and ending horn. At the end of the two hour period, Quick Draw participants must deliver their works to **Carmen’s Gallery** between 4:00 and 4:30pm for judging. Participants in this event must register at Carmen’s Gallery before the event. There is a registration fee of \$15 for those who are not paid participants in the plein air painting competition.
- 4:00-5:00pm The Plein Air Artists must deliver all the works they have created during the three days of the **Faire** to Annmarie Sculpture Garden (<http://www.annmariegarden.org/>) for hanging. The Exhibition and Sale of these works will begin Sunday, May 15 at 1:00pm and continue through May 29. The award winners will also be announced on May 15 at 1:00pm; a list of the artist cash awards to be presented is below. Proceeds from the sale of the artwork will benefit the Solomons July 4th Fireworks Fund.
- 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 the Quick Draw paintings will be displayed for sale. The guest of honor will be the Faire judge Steven Cushner, of the Corcoran School of Art. There will be a cash bar, food, and entertainment. This year’s limited edition event poster by artist Brenda Belfield will be unveiled and for sale. Winners of the student art contest at CSM will be on display. All profits from the evening go to fund the Solomons July 4th Fireworks Fund and a student scholarship fund at CSM.

Sunday, May 15

- 1:00-3:00pm **Awards Reception and Exhibition & Sale @ Annmarie.** The culmination of this multi-day event featuring the works of more than 30 professional plein air artists. This is your opportunity to purchase a view of your favorite scene of Solomons or Dowell! **Faire** Judge Steven Cushner and the Faire sponsors presenting the artist awards. Refreshments will be served along with a cash bar. All works will be for sale with proceeds to benefit the Solomons July 4th Fireworks Fund. **FREE**
- 3:00-4:00pm **Judge’s Talk at Annmarie** with **Faire** Judge Steven Cushner, from the Corcoran School of Art. Artists & Public Welcome. **FREE**

May 15-29

- 10am-5pm daily **Exhibition & Sale @ Annmarie** – the works of more than 30 professional plein air artists will be exhibited and offered for sale. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase your favorite scene of Solomons or Dowell! Proceeds benefit the Solomons July 4th Fireworks Fund.

Artist Awards:

Tiki Bar Best of Show Award - \$700

Tiki Bar Merit Award - \$300

Asbury Solomons Island Merit Award - \$300

Holiday Inn Solomons Island Merit Award - \$250

Carmen's Gallery Best Solomons Scene (\$250 framing gift certificate)

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

**Solomons Plein Air Street Faire is sponsored by: The Tiki Bar, Asbury Solomons Island,
The Holiday Inn Solomons, Carmen's Gallery & Annmarie Sculpture Garden.**

**The Solomons Plein Air Street Faire is presented by:
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