

Solomons Paint the Town

A Plein Air Festival

Thursday, May 13 - Sunday, May 23, 2010

Solomons, Maryland

Activities at a Glance:

May 13-15

May 15 & 16

May 15, 10:00am-Noon

May 16, 1:00-1:30pm

May 16, 2:30-3:30pm

May 16 – May 23 (closed May 18)

May 21, 6:00-9:00pm

May 23, 3:00-5:00pm

Artists Painting

Festival Activities in Solomons area

Quick Draw @ Calvert Marine Museum

Awards Reception @ Annmarie Garden

Juror's Talk @ Annmarie Garden-artists & public welcome

Exhibition & Sale @ Annmarie Garden

Annmarie After Hours – an adults evening of wine & art

Artist Pick Up Artwork

Solomons-Paint the Town is presented by:

The Solomons Business Association & the Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association

About Plein Air Painting

Simply put, plein air painting is painting that takes place outdoors. The words “plein air” comes from the French term “en plein air” which translates as “in the open air.” Well known artists, including Claude Monet and Pierre-August Renoir, created some of their best and most famous works in this style. Once a plein air artist has chosen a desirable outdoor location, they set up their easel and paints, and perhaps an umbrella, and then set to work. They may choose a view of trees, boats, water, animals, people, insects, rural or urban scenes – whatever captures their interest at that moment. Plein Air artists are appreciated for their exceptional use of light and in the stirring manner they are able to capture the essence of a moment in time.

About Solomons-Paint the Town

Solomons-Paint the Town 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 Solomons-Paint the Town 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 a wide array of programs and activities offered at various locations throughout the Solomons community. The Quick Draw at the Calvert Marine Museum and the Artsy Activities at Annmarie Garden are just a few examples. And of course, the many shops, restaurants, and galleries of Solomons, will be open! The highlight of Solomons-Paint the Town will be the Awards Reception on Sunday, May 16 at 1:00pm in the lovely Arts Building at Annmarie Garden. The Exhibition & Sale of the artwork will begin on Sunday, May 16 and continue through Sunday, May 23 (closed May 18). 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 23. New this year, there will be a special Annmarie After Hours on Friday, May 21, 6-9pm at Annmarie Garden. With plein air art, live music, a cash bar, and complimentary appetizers,

Annmarie After Hours is a great adult evening for enjoying the arts. Solomons Paint the Town is a wonderful opportunity to purchase a work of art that you watched being created. 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 Solomons Paint the Town!

About the Quick Draw at the Calvert Marine Museum– Saturday, May 15, 10am-Noon

Anyone 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. They may choose a location anywhere on the campus of the Calvert Marine Museum. 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 1pm, the works are judged and awards will be presented by the festival judge, Carolyn Egeli. After judging is complete, contestants may sell their works, giving 25% to the Calvert Marine Museum Society. To register, go to the Quick Draw booth on the grounds of the museum between 9:00-10:00am on Saturday, May 15.

About the Awards Reception at Annmarie Garden – Sunday, May 16, 1:00-1:30pm

On Sunday, May 16, the festival artists will present their works for sale at Annmarie Garden Sculpture Park & Arts Center. The opportunity to purchase a plein air piece of art – a work of art you may have witnessed being created - is a wonderfully enjoyable experience. The Awards Reception will begin at 1:00pm. The festival judge, Carolyn Egeli will present the awards. 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.

About the Exhibition & Sale – Sunday, May 16-Sunday, May 23 (closed May 18)

The Exhibition & Sale will continue through May 23. Works will be removed from the Exhibition as they are sold and artists are welcome to replace the works sold with new works.

About Annmarie After Hours @ Annmarie Garden – Friday, May 21, 6:00-9:00pm

Annmarie After Hours is an adult evening of plein air art and wine, with live music by **Joseph Norris & Catfish Joe**. Enjoy complimentary appetizers courtesy of **Saphron Restaurant**. The highlight of evening will be the exhibition of works from *Solomons Paint the Town*; all works will be for sale with proceeds to benefit the *Solomons July 4th Fireworks* and the *Solomons Christmas Walk*. \$5/person.

About Solomons, Maryland

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/>.

PARTICIPATING ARTIST INFORMATION

2010 Prospectus – please read carefully!

Welcome Plein Air Artists!

The Solomons Business Association (SBA) and the Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association (MAPAPA) are pleased to invite interested artists to apply to Solomons-Paint the Town. This festival is intended to bring the excitement and beauty of the plein air tradition to southern Maryland. Solomons, Maryland, the town where the Patuxent River meets the Chesapeake Bay is a lovely setting for this event. With appealing vistas in and around Solomons Island and stretching out along the Dowell Road area, there are many picturesque opportunities.

The Awards

Solomons-Paint the Town will present several cash awards and gifts. Awards and amounts will be announced as they are confirmed.

Artists Services

The many members of the Solomons Business Association are pleased to welcome participating artists to this new 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.

The Exhibition Space at Annmarie Garden

Works from Solomons-Paint the Town will be installed in the spacious Main Gallery of Annmarie Garden's award-winning Arts Building. 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. Annmarie Garden also includes exhibits, a sculpture walk, and a Studio School.

Important Dates (more activities & programs to be added as they are confirmed)

April 16, 2010 Artist Application Deadline

(artists are emailed event information after application has been accepted.)

May 12, 1:00-4:00pm Artist Check-in at Annmarie Garden

- May 13, 8:00am-Noon** **Artists Check-in at Annmarie Garden**
(during check-in, all competition canvases are stamped and artists are given event information, maps, coupons, etc.)
- May 13-15** **Artists Paint**
- May 15 & 16** **On-going and scheduled activities**
(many activities will take place in the Solomons community – details to follow)
- May 15, 10:00am-Noon** **Quick Draw at the Calvert Marine Museum**
(all artists are welcome to register and participate in the Quick Draw competition)
- May 15, 4:00-5:00pm** **Artists deliver their works to Annmarie Garden for hanging**
- May 16, 1:00-1:30pm** **Awards Reception at Annmarie Garden**
- May 16, 1:30-2:30pm** **Juror’s Talk – artists and public welcome**
- May 16 – May 23** **Exhibition & Sale @ Annmarie Garden Arts Building**
(closed May 18)
- May 21, 6:00-9:00pm** **Annmarie After Hours – an adult evening of wine & art**
- May 23, 3:00-5:00pm** **Artist Pick Up Artwork**

Artists Guidelines

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

Each artist will be given a map that delineates the competition boundaries. Artists must paint within this area between May 13-15, 2010. Possible scenes include: the boardwalk, historic structures, historic boats at the Calvert Marine Museum, the azalea and/or sculpture collection at Annmarie Garden, harbor and creek views, and views of the Patuxent River and Chesapeake Bay, to name but a few!

On Saturday, May 15, 4:00-5:00pm, artists must turn in two completed, framed, and ready to be hung artworks. Note: Because of the unique nature of Annmarie Garden’s picture hanging system, hardware for hanging the paintings and instruction for how to attach to the frames will be provided on site. Two-dimensional medium with a 36” x 42” maximum canvas size is acceptable. Work must be done “en plein air” without the assistance of photography.

The Exhibition & Sale will take place at Annmarie Garden Sunday, May 16-Sunday, May 23. 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 by the artist on Sunday, May 23 between 3-5pm.

Artists may provide four additional plein air paintings produced during the festival or from home to replace the sold work.

Reminders:

- **Incomplete application will not be processed.**
- **Application deadline is April 16, 2010.**
- ***Before April, 16, Register online or send complete application to : Gary Pendleton, POB 927, North Beach, MD 20714, Attention: Solomons - Paint the Town.***
- ***After April 16, contact gardendirector@chesapeake.net to register.***

Thank you for agreeing to participate in Solomons - Paint the Town! We appreciate your willingness to share your talent and enthusiasm with visitors to Solomons!

Plein Air Artist Application – deadline to apply is April 16, 2010

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Email (required) _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

**Payment - \$25 non-refundable application fee. Make payable to
Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association (MAPAPA)**

Release Agreement

With the Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painters Association, the Solomons Business Association, Annapolis Garden & the Calvert Marine Museum.

By entering Solomons-Paint the Town, 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-Paint the Town, 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 Marine Museum Society, the Calvert County Government, and each of its officers, directors, employees, agents, assigns, volunteers and affiliates (here in referred to as "Solomons-Paint the Town") 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-Paint the Town.

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-Paint the Town 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-Paint the Town arising out of the Artist's involvement in Solomons-Paint the Town.

During the dates of the competition, I agree to not sell any work done during Solomons -Paint the Town unless I pay 40% commission to Annmarie 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 Garden and all sales will be handled by a representative of Annmarie Garden. Images of work that I enter into the competition may be used by Solomons-Paint the Town for publicity purposes.

Signature of artist: _____

Printed name: _____

Date: _____