



ANNMARIE SCULPTURE GARDEN & ARTS CENTER

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Great Attendance + Great Weather = Great Artsfest '14

Wonderful artists, performers, activities, and more creates festive event!

SEPTEMBER 23, 2014, SOLOMONS, MD—Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center in Solomons, Maryland, wrapped up one of the best Artsfest yet this past weekend, Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 20 & 21. Perfect weather, combined with a fabulous selection of visual and performing artists, helped create a happy and entertaining atmosphere. Strolling performers, artist demonstrations, and wonderful children's activities added to the festive atmosphere of the event. Guests were particularly delighted with the 165 artists booths located both inside and outside. Perhaps most notable this year, were the numerous new bands and street performers present at the event, many of which were made possible by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council and the National Endowment of the Arts. Artsfest planners have been working hard to expand the performing arts offerings at the event, and the rich and diverse line-up at Artsfest '14 reflected this initiative. Guests of all ages were thrilled to interact with mimes, stilt walkers, jugglers, balloon artists, and bubble artist. New this year, an award was presented for the best performing artist. This award, along with four other awards presented during Artsfest '14, including:

- The "Arts Council of Calvert County **Best of Show Award**" was presented to sculptor Sunisa Yorgason of Manassas, Virginia, for her beautiful Japanese clay floral arrangements.
- The "PNC Bank **Artsfest Spirit Award**" went to glass artists, Steven & Sherry Whorl, of Abell, Maryland, in recognition of their long-time participation and enthusiasm for Artsfest.
- The "College of Southern Maryland **Best Demonstration Award**" was given to painter and printmaker, Robert Fiacco of Sunderland, Maryland.
- The "Katie & Tom Watts **Best New Artist Award**" was presented to painter Tara Will, of Hampstead, Maryland.
- (NEW) The "Rotary Club of Prince Frederick **Performing Arts Award**" was presented to Higher Standards Jazz Trio, of Lexington Park, Maryland, in recognition for their outstanding talent and energy.

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Artsfest is held the third weekend each September in honor of the birthday of Ann Marie Koenig, the namesake of Annmarie Garden. Artsfest has grown to be one of the most recognized juried fine arts festival in the Mid-Atlantic region. To learn more about the event, visit www.annmariegarden.org

About Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

An affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center (AMG) is located in scenic Solomons, Maryland, on the Chesapeake Bay. The sculpture garden features a walking path that meanders through the forest past permanent and loaned sculpture, including more than 35 works of art on loan from the Smithsonian Institution and the National Gallery of Art. AMG also presents a variety of award-winning special events, gallery shows, and engaging public art programs. AMG's Studio School offers creative classes for all ages and abilities taught by a talented faculty. Annmarie Garden is conveniently located just off Route 2/4, on Dowell Road in Solomons, Maryland; open 9am-5pm daily; the Murray Arts Building and Gift Shop are open 10am-5pm daily. To learn more, visit www.annmariegarden.org.

Directions to Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

From Washington DC (about a 60 minute drive): take Route 4 South to Capital Beltway Exit 11 (to Prince Frederick). Continue on 4 South, following signs to Solomons. Left on Dowell Road at Hilton Garden Inn Annmarie is less than 1/4 mile on left. *From Baltimore (Beltway I-695):* take I-97 (Annapolis) to Route 301 South (Bowie). Continue on 301 to Route 4 and follow signs to Solomons. Left on Dowell Road at Hilton Garden Inn. Annmarie is less than 1/4 mile on left. *From Annapolis:* follow Route 2 South towards Prince Frederick/Solomons. Left (South) onto Route 2/4 at Sunderland light. Left on Dowell Road at Hilton Garden Inn. Annmarie is less than 1/4 mile on left.

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5 Photo & Captions for awards winners below:



1"Arts Council of Calvert County Best of Show Award" is presented to artist Sunisa Yorgason (right) by Eleanor Nelson (left), President of the Arts Council of Calvert County.



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2"PNC Bank Artsfest Spirit Award" is presented to Sherry (left) & Steven (2nd from right) Whorl, by Rich Fleming (2nd from left), Annmarie Board President, and Melissa Langley, Annmarie Curator of Exhibits (right)



3"College of Southern Maryland Best Demonstration Award" is presented to artist Robert Fiacco (left) by Rich Fleming (right), Dean of the CSM Prince Frederick Campus, and Melissa Langley, Annmarie Curator of Exhibits (right)



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4 "Katie & Tom Watts Best New Artist Award" is presented to artist Tara Will (center) by Rich Fleming (left), Annmarie Board President, and Melissa Langley (right), Annmarie Curator of Exhibits



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