

# CAPE MAY COUNTY ART LEAGUE

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Featured Artist

#### Anita Roth



Since our “Best of Show” winner this year was featured two years ago for the same award, we are featuring our 2<sup>nd</sup> place Show winner, Anita Roth. Anita is a new member to CMCAL. She is also a member of the Artists’ Cooperative Gallery, located in the West End Garage, West Cape May, where you can see her work.

CMCAL: At what age did you start “making art”?

Anita: I’m what you might call a “late bloomer”. I wasn’t exposed to more than the basics of art as a child and I really wasn’t interested in it. I was however drawn to photographs, and in my late 20’s took a couple of classes. Five years ago I started to get serious about photography as a medium, and have taken classes at community colleges, online, and CCA.

CMCAL: Why is photography your favorite medium?

Anita: I started seeing images that I liked, mostly scenic, then florals. I learned how to use a manual camera and saw my photographs getting better. I have to credit Tina Giamo with showing me the ‘art’ side of photography, which I hadn’t known before. For me, photography is a discovery process, seeing things that you haven’t seen before.

CMCAL: What are some of your other favorite pastimes?

Anita: A lot of time on the beach walking. I love traveling, but truth is I have four kids and my favorite pastime is family time – spending time at home or away with my husband and kids.

CMCAL: Have you always lived in New Jersey?

Anita: I’ve spent most of my life in New Jersey. I was born in Pennsylvania, and we moved to New Jersey when I was seven. I did move back to Pennsylvania for a short time in my twenties. My husband was born and raised in Cape May, so we decided that this area would be a good place to raise a family.

CMCAL: What is the most interesting place you’ve been to in the last five years?

Anita: A couple of years ago, we went to Puerto Rico. It was a family vacation that we really enjoyed. The diversity of the environment on such a small island was really amazing. We experienced the rainforest to desert brush with mountains in between. And of course the beaches are beautiful. My favorite memory is of a hike we took through the rainforest. At the end of the path was a waterfall. We were very hot and sweaty and were able to climb into the pool of water at the bottom of the waterfall. It was all very safe. The water was freezing cold and felt wonderful. It was a nice prize for the long hike. Another memorable experience on that vacation was seeing an old fort in San Juan. The fort is beautifully preserved with canons and brick walls. And the rainforest is less than an hour’s drive from there.

CMCAL: What do you consider your best accomplishment?

Anita: Well I’m pretty happy about that ribbon you gave me. Staying married for a long time is an accomplishment these days, and of course my kids are one of my best accomplishments. Getting into photography has been a big accomplishment. We own a bike rental business, so my career path was in retail – business or management. It has been very exciting to get into something artistic and so different from where I was going with my life.

CMCAL: What are your goals for the future?

Anita: I plan to continue with photography and make it more of a full time profession, while keeping my husband and kids happy. We still own a business, so for four months of the year, I have a lot of responsibilities there. It’s a balancing act. Not easy at times, but certainly worth the ride. I’m very happy to be a member of the Artists’ Cooperative Gallery. It was my first opportunity to sell, and I’m encouraged with the feedback. Being part of a group of like-minded artists has huge benefits. Here’s an example: When I was getting ready for my show at the Mad Batter, I ran out of a couple of sizes of photo mats. I emailed some of the Co-op members and in a couple of hours I had what I needed. Janet Payne is a wonderful role model. I wish I had her energy!

## From the President



Greetings - and we do hope that the summer has been a pleasant one for all of our 120+ members. As 2009 comes to a close we can look back on an excellent year - five shows, two paint outs, two receptions, two all-members meetings and an effective scholarship program. And all of this activity is organized and carried out by a small core of unpaid volunteers. As you attend League events please seek out the folks who did all of the work for the event and offer them a warm "thank you". And be sure to keep up to date on League happenings at [www.capemaycountyartleague.com](http://www.capemaycountyartleague.com).

On July 15<sup>th</sup> close to seven in the morning, a group of about ten art league members each made his or her way to the Gollatz residence in Dennis Township armed with easels, paint, pastels and canvases or paper. It was a beautiful morning with blue skies, perfect temperature, no wind. Beyond the driveway we were met by blooming gardens. The deck with table and chairs was welcoming as were our hosts, Judy and Don. The back yard meandered down to the water's edge where Don's boat was tethered to the dock. A stack of canoes stood to the right, next to a shed that had been built years before by Judy's students. The view in any direction over the lake was a painter's paradise and was taken advantage of by most. No problem finding subject matter!!!! There was great camaraderie and support with lots of oohing and aahing over each others masterpieces. By about one in the afternoon our creativity was spent and we packed up with the anticipation of a return visit in October. Many, many thanks to Judy and Don. .... Imagine the colors in October!!!!!!!!!!!!

written by Reta Sweeney



Next Paint-Out: Wednesday, October 28th, 8 am - 1 pm, info: 609-884-8959



### The Show's the Thing!

written by Jean Nazarow

Washington Mall and Rotary Park in Cape May were the backdrops for the 27th Annual CMCAL Art Show on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. While the weather might have been a bit more cooperative on Sunday morning, overall 34 artists enjoyed a good turnout of art enthusiasts for the weekend. Judges Emily Brett Lukens, Rita Michalenko and Roger McCabe had made their decisions by early afternoon on Saturday and prizes were awarded (see box above). Special thanks to Dani Barnsby, Sue McIntyre, Muriel Iurato, Roger Barnsby, John McIntyre, Jean Nazarow, Glenn Rile, Sue Jacobson, and Dorsie Kerlin for making this event such a success.

### Show at the Chalfonte

Written by Sue McIntyre

The historic Chalfonte Hotel was the setting for a wonderful fine art show presented by the Cape May County Art League. Thirty nine pieces were hung in the beautiful main dining room, with photography displayed in the quaint adjoining foyer.

A luscious reception was provided by the Chalfonte on Sunday September 6, where over 200 people perused the lovely works while sipping wine and enjoying the delicious hors d'oeuvres that were provided by the hotel.

The show will run from September through October 25th.

Thanks to the people who helped me make this event happen: Anna Marie Zabielski, Muriel Iurato, Dick Behr, Tom Singleton, Betty Campbell and Claire (Anna Marie's granddaughter).

### 2009 "Mall" Show Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize - Patricia Walkar
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Anita Roth
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize - Tom Dougherty
- Honorable Mention - Helen Harris
- Honorable Mention - Mark Marietta
- Honorable Mention - John Safrit



Member Participation..... What can YOU do to help the Art League?

Call or write CMCAL with your ideas!

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### Announcements

Cape May County Art League Annual Meeting !!

Thursday, October 8, 2009, 7 p.m.

Historic Cape May County Court House, 11 North Main Street, Cape May Court House  
refreshments, business meeting, ballot results - be there!

The Artists' Cooperative Gallery is a group of twenty five local artists who have joined together to showcase and sell their work as well as educate the public about their art. Many different types of art are represented by the gallery including: watercolors, pottery, block prints, pastels, photography, jewelry, fiber arts, mixed media, stained glass, wood turning and drawing. Original art greeting cards as well as prints are available.

Many of the artists are also members of the Cape May County Art League.

The Gallery is located in the West End Garage at 484 West Perry Street in Cape May and is open daily from 10 am to 6 pm through October. Hours will be shortened in the winter months, call 770-8261 or just stop by. The Artists' Cooperative Gallery is a fun artsy place to shop locally or just browse and meet the artists. Look for artists demonstrating their use of eco-friendly materials this fall, date to be announced.

"Away We Go..." or pick-up dates you should know

Urie's any Fri. Sat or Sun after 4:00 pm. Last day Urie's will be open is Oct. 16.

Chalfonte October 26, 10 am - noon

A Ca Mia November 1, 11 am - 4 pm or earlier date by arrangement

Call A Ca Mia (609-884-6661)