

CAPE MAY COUNTY
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Featured Artist

Anna Marie Zabielski



Anna Marie Zabielski has been a member of CMCAL since 2001. She has been and is currently a Board member. Her paintings can be seen at Great Bay Gallery in Somers Point, The Dorothy Carrol Gallery in Stone Harbor, Ruton Gallery in Swedesboro, The Nest in Cape May and in Cold Spring Village.

CMCAL: At what age did you start "making art"?

Anna Marie: As a young girl I loved coloring in coloring books. In grammar school I took oil painting lessons from the nuns. I had a strong desire to paint, but never developed it until my children were raised. In September 1987, I signed up for a watercolor class at a local college. After only two classes, the teacher invited me to be in a student art show. It was here that I sold my first painting. I was so excited. By then I was hooked on watercolor painting and it became my favorite medium.

CMCAL: Why is watercolor your favorite medium?

Anna Marie: I like the flow of it, the way it looks, and how happy accidents happen. I like the way I can pack up all my materials in a bag, and with a stool, I can go anywhere to paint. I have done a lot of plein air painting in my travels to Greece and the Southwest.

CMCAL: What are some of your other favorite pastimes?

Anna Marie: Gardening is a big one. Art and I do all of our own yard work, and my flowers are good subjects to paint. I'm also Secretary of the Garden Club of Cape May. I enjoy going to the beach and spending time with the family. And believe it or not, I enjoy working on my computer.

CMCAL: Have you always lived in New Jersey?

Anna Marie: I was born and raised in NE Philadelphia in an area called Wissinoming (an Indian name meaning long, silver fish). My husband Steve and I raised our family in the Reading and Glen Mills areas and vacationed in and around Cape May for many years. I always wanted to retire here, and when I met and married Art, after retirement, we settled here and are very happy with our decision.

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

Anna Marie: Well, I certainly enjoyed the antiquity of Greece and Italy. I came home with great memories and many photographs which I turned into paintings. However, I think the Grand Canyon is breathtaking and something that everyone should see. The condors are magnificent; they are so big and seeing them fly is an amazing experience. I love the southwest. In Santa Fe you can walk down streets of one gallery after another – an artist's paradise. Painting and capturing these images is wonderful. It enables me to feel the feelings of the southwest again and again.

CMCAL: What do you consider your best accomplishment?

Anna Marie: Like every mother, I feel that raising three successful children who have families of their own is a source of enormous pride. Fulfilling many of my desires, such as retiring in Cape May, getting involved in the Art League, and painting extensively as a retiree, are also accomplishments that make me proud. Soon after moving here, I got very involved with the art league, and together with other hard-working members, we increased our membership and were able to provide many venues and activities. Artistically, one of my best accomplishments has been the purchase of one of my original paintings by AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center for their new Cardiac Care Unit in Pomona.

CMCAL: What are your goals for the future?

Anna Marie: To live to be 100! I want to continue making art and improving as long as God gives me the strength and ability. I want to continue enjoying my life in Cape May with my husband, perhaps getting away to a warmer climate in the winter. I want to be the best person I can be. I'm enjoying the classes I'm teaching now for the library more than I thought I would. The students enjoy learning new techniques and they are so appreciative. I'll also be teaching a class at ACCC soon. I've had some wonderful experiences in art – like selling paintings while I'm still working on them, even before they're framed. To sum it up, I enjoy doing what I'm doing and my goal is to keep on doing it - painting, selling my paintings, teaching, gardening, enjoying living here in Cape May with the beaches and the wildlife – it's all fantastic and I feel so fortunate to be here now.

Steenrod Speaks



Linda Steenrod, Councilperson and Deputy Mayor of the City of Cape May, was the League's guest speaker at the General Membership meeting held April 23 at the "Olde Court House" located in CMCH. Ms. Steenrod shared with the attendees a history of Henry Hudson's adventures 400 years ago in the Delaware Bay area, including an unfortunate incident wherein Hudson's ship the Half Moon became grounded on a sand bar in the middle of the bay. Ms. Steenrod then went on to detail the myriad of arrangements for the upcoming celebration and thanked the League for their support and participation in this event to mark what is recognized as the 400th anniversary of the founding of Cape May. Ms. Steenrod's remarks were warmly received and she was accorded a rousing round of applause by those in attendance.

President to President

On May 14th, President Art Joblin presented past-President Dani Barnsby with a framed proclamation:

“Whereas Dani Barnsby was duly elected to the Presidency of the Cape May County Art League effective Jan. 1, 2007, and

Whereas Dani Barnsby faithfully served in that capacity through December 31, 2008, and

Whereas during her term in office The League was rescued from a state of deep despair, and

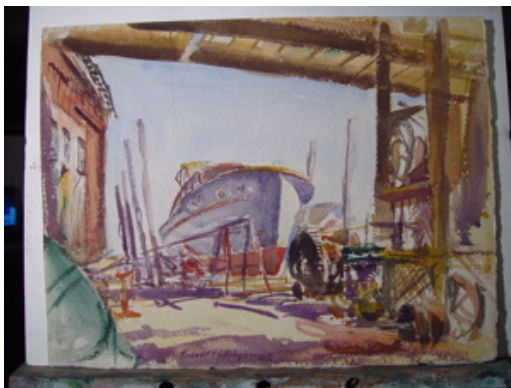
Whereas during her term in office The League enjoyed a fifty percent increase in membership, offered the artist members a variety of programs and restored its financial and business records to good order, and

Whereas Dani Barnsby carried out all of her duties effectively with a sense of good humor,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of Cape May County Art League, on behalf of the more than one-hundred and thirty members of The League, expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Dani Barnsby for her outstanding service as President of the CMCAL for the calendar years 2007 and 2008.”



Dani Barnsby wishes to thank everyone who supported her in her term of office. To all those who have not yet renewed their membership for 2009-2010, please send in your dues NOW! Thank you for supporting CMCAL.



The League is pleased to announce that its inventory of Herbert Pullinger prints has been donated to ten worthwhile organizations including museums, fund raising for charities and display in public buildings for enjoyment by visitors for years to come. Many thanks to the several league members who helped to facilitate these donations.

CMCAL is pleased to announce the winners of our Scholarships:
Christopher Ferrante of West Cape May, and Molly Bernstein of Cape May.

Member Happenings

Karen Frattali: Teaching a Watercolor Workshop in Lancaster County Pennsylvania, June 12-13 9:00am-3:00pm. Watercolor on Canvas for new students and Figures in Watercolor for repeats. Interested participants can google the LCAA for sign ups or telephone numbers. Also - Solo exhibit for the month of August at the Longwood Village Starbucks

Margaret Heuges: Avalon Performing Arts Council, Oil Paintings, Avalon Community Center, 30th Street and the Beach, Avalon, NJ, June 28, 2009; Art in The Park, Wilbraham Park, WCM -Saturday, August 22 - 10 to 7 pm; Rittenhouse Square Fine Arts Philadelphia - September 18, 19, 20 - 11 to 7 pm (Sun 11 - 5); Teaching: "Pastel Pastimes" Upper Township Library, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, Lower Township Library, August 4, 11, 18, 25, Main Branch Library, September 9, 16, 23 30

Anna Marie Zabielski: Natali Vineyards, 221 Rt. 47N, MP 12.9 - CMCH, NJ; Red, White and Blues show featuring local watercolor artists, Connie Owsiany, Laurie Schiffelbein and Anna Marie Zabielski, Exhibit throughout the month of June; Anna Marie: Brendon Borek High Tides Memorial Art Show, Avalon Yacht Club, Tuesday, August 11th from 6 to 10 PM

Richard Samuelson: Solo show, Ocean City Arts Center, month of July. The opening is Friday, July 10 at 6:00.

Betty Campbell: pastels and woodturning, Mad Batter Restaurant, Cape May - Aug 2nd to Aug 26th. The reception will be Aug 2nd from 3 to 4:30.

Toni Vosika: photos are being exhibited and are for sale at the Dorothy Carroll Gallery in Stone Harbor for June, July, August and September. Her paintings are on sale at The Wellness Center on Broadway in Cape May for these months and are also on sale at the Dorothy Carroll Gallery in Stone Harbor.

Diane Flanagan: Art in the Park July 25 and Aug 22. Also Jersey Tomato and Jersey Art Festival is on Sat of Labor Day weekend Sept 5.

M. Simkins Federici will teach all media (watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel, ink and pencil) painting, spinning & weaving in her studio or on location. Cold Spring Studio of Art is open by appointment. Phone 884-0827.

Watch for the Grand Opening of the Artists' Cooperative Gallery at the West End Garage on Perry Street in Cape May this summer. The Artists' Cooperative Gallery is a group of over twenty local artists of diverse medias they have come together to promote and sell their work as a group in a store front gallery setting. It is a wonderful place to be inspired or to get that special gift for the person that has everything. Choose from watercolors, blockprints, paintings, hand painted silk scarves, fresh water pearl and gem stone jewelry, stained glass, photographs, fabric and felted bags, seaglass jewelry, mosaics, fun and funky jewelry, driftwood mermaids, hand turned wooden bowls, pottery, dried flowers and much more all create by local artists. Many Art League members are also members of the Artists' Cooperative Gallery.

Reminder: CMCAL Members Only Juried Fine Art Show at the Historic Chalfonte Hotel - Sept. 6 through October 25, reception Sunday Sept 6, 2 - 3:30. Prospectus is on our website: www.capemaycountyartleague.com

A FEW SPACES STILL LEFT FOR THE 27TH ANNUAL CAPE MAY COUNTY ART LEAGUE FINE ART SHOW IN WASHINGTON STREET MALL AND ADJACENT ROTARY PARK. SEPTEMBER 26TH AND 27TH, 10 AM – 6 PM, APPLICATION IS ON OUR WEBSITE OR CALL THE LEAGUE PHONE (884-8628) AND LEAVE A MESSAGE.

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400th
Anniversary
Art Show
Reception
June 7th
at A Ca Mia



L - R, and top to bottom: Donna Maxwell, ah, the food!, Pat Wenzel, Patricia Rainey, Anna Marie Zabielski,
Laurie Schiffelbein, Peg Dittmar