

Call to Artists

“Celebrate St. Michaels”
Talbot Street Banner Event
St. Michaels Art League

The St. Michaels Art League (SMAL) in conjunction with the town of St. Michaels will participate in a WineFest, which will take place on the weekend of April 23-25, 2010 (www.winefestatstmichaels.com.) The WineFest at St. Michaels presents a unique opportunity for artists to showcase their work on banners throughout the town.

There will be eleven banner standards each with two-sided banners displayed along Talbot Street from April 23 thru November. This venue provides artists the opportunity to submit one (1) two-dimensional piece of art, which will be judged for artistic ability as well as adherence to the “Celebrate St. Michaels” theme. The winning entries will be digitized on banner material for hanging throughout the town. In addition, posters will be made from 6 of the winning 22 banners and sold by SMAL and local businesses.

The town merchants are excited about our participation and it is hoped that this *new* “WineFest at St. Michaels” will become an annual event. The banners will enliven the St. Michaels street scene and remind visitors that the town is a center for the arts. Visitors will be able to purchase posters as a memento of their visit and the sale of the posters by the merchants will generate business. Finally, the event will provide all our entry artists exposure and the opportunity to sell their original artwork.

Much thought has gone into the planning and SMAL is excited to offer such a wonderful opportunity to its members.

Art work: Any two-dimensional work, *24 inches by 24 inches*, **unframed** entries will be judged. Photographs and watercolors should be attached to foam core or other hard material, which (allows for winning art to be photographed to digitize on banner material and posters).

What are the fees? There will be an entry fee of \$10.00 due by March 10, 2010. In addition, there will be a fee, (amount to be announced) probably \$50.00 - \$75.00 for the winners to cover the digitizing and banner material.

Who will judge the entries? Two qualified judges (not members of SMAL) will be invited to judge the entries on artistic merit and ***adherence to the theme*** “Celebrate St. Michaels”.

Where and when is the judging? ***Unframed*** artwork must be brought to Christ Church Parish House, St. Michaels on March 19, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Judging will take place between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00p.m. Artwork *must* be picked up the same day between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

When does art work need to be returned? ***All*** art entries should be returned for exhibition and sale, *framed*, to (to be announced) on April 23rd by 9:00 a.m.

What happens to the original art? Original art belongs to the artist. The winning banners will become the property of the artist and at the completion of the event may be sold at the artist’s discretion. Posters made from the banners will be sold through SMAL and the St. Michaels businesses. The artist will receive a \$5.00 royalty for each poster sold.