



# OIL PAINTERS of AMERICA®

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## ***Oil Painters of America and McBride Gallery Eastern Regional Program Schedule***

### **Friday, October 18, 2013**

#### **8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Complimentary coffee and bagels**

*Location: McBride Gallery*

#### **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Plein air painting in downtown Annapolis**

*Location: Starting point - McBride Gallery Informational meeting at 9:00 a.m.*

Bring your painting supplies and join other OPA members for a great day of painting in historic downtown Annapolis! Steeped in American history, Annapolis is home to many 18<sup>th</sup> century buildings and mansions including the Maryland State House, the oldest state capitol still in legislative use. Annapolis's waterfront is home to some of the finest sailboats and is considered by many to be America's sailing capitol. On summer weekends, visitors can watch as the best sailors go head-to-head in competition out on the great Chesapeake Bay.

#### **1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Lunch at McGarvey's Saloon & Oyster Bar**

*Location: 8 Market Space, Annapolis*

*RSVP Required! Bring cash, no separate checks allowed.*

OPA members and guests who would like to meet up for lunch are welcome!

#### **3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Plein air painting**

*Location: Downtown Annapolis*

#### **5:00 p.m. Group critique with John Michael Carter, OPAM**

*Location: City Dock in downtown Annapolis*

OPA Board member and Master Signature member John Michael Carter will provide a group critique for any artists who wish to participate.

#### **6:00 p.m. Dinner at 1747 Pub**

*Location: 7 Church Circle, Annapolis*

*RSVP Required!*

Meet other OPA members and guests for dinner on the outside patio.

## **Saturday, October 19, 2013**

### **10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Tour of the U.S. Naval Academy**

*Location: Meet at McBride Gallery at 9:15 a.m.*

*Cost: \$10 cash per person. Bring photo ID. RSVP Required!*

### **11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch – on your own**

### **1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. “Painting a Brighter Future for Women” a presentation by Nancy Howe OPA**

*Location: McBride Gallery*

Inspired to paint the native pastoral nomadic people of northern Kenya by her visit there with her family in 2006, artist Nancy Howe began creating a cultural series of paintings to raise funding to support small business development for the women of these pastoral communities living in extreme poverty. “Painting a Brighter Future for Women” project was launched, whereby donations from the sale her original artwork of these people benefited an innovative and highly successful microfinance program, that helped these women to generate sustainable income to support their families and contribute to their communities.

Since then, the project has expanded to include other areas of the world and will continue to support varied programs benefiting women. In 2011 a cultural series of the people of Bhutan was initiated where donations contribute to a women’s solar engineers program and home construction in remote villages, and in 2012 she began a series of paintings of the Kuna indigenous people of Panama to benefit a marine resource environmental training program for Kuna women. Her commitment is to have a lasting positive effect on the lives of these women and to communicate the dignity, value, resilience, and diversity of their cultures.

### **3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Painting demonstration by Master Signature artist Michael J. Carter**

*Location: McBride Gallery*

John Michael Carter is one of America's best known impressionists, whose work is admired by his collectors and respected by his peers. He studied at the American Academy of Art in Chicago and earned a BFA from the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles.

Since 1975, he has had close to 40 one-man shows and has exhibited at many group exhibitions and national competitions. His portrait commissions have included several state senators, governors, and Supreme Court justices, and many other civic, academic and corporate leaders. His paintings are in numerous corporate and private collections.

**5:30 p.m.** Informal Dinner

*Location: TBD*

## **Sunday, October 20, 2013**

**7: 00 a.m.** Sunrise paint out

*Location: City Dock*

**1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony

*Location: McBride Gallery (Awards presentation at 2:00 p.m.)*

### **Registration**

If you plan on attending one or all of the events listed above, please e-mail Kathryn Beligratis at [kbeligratis@oilpaintersofamerica.com](mailto:kbeligratis@oilpaintersofamerica.com) . Be sure to include your name, any guests you might be bringing, and what you plan on attending.

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