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### **Artists donate work in support of Maritime Museum’s Boating Party**

Artists Jeanne Saulsbury of Ridgely, MD and Val D’Ambrosio of Easton, MD have donated their talents and original artwork in support of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum’s September 10 Boating Party gala fundraiser. The work of both artists is featured in the collateral materials used for the Boating Party’s save-the-date cards, invitations and event programs.



Using the inspiration of a skipjack dressed with flags at sunset, D’Ambrosio created original artwork using hand-drawn and computer-generated mediums to convey this year’s “Dressing the Ship” Boating Party theme. Subtle nuances were included in each piece to incorporate different sunset colors and more in her original artwork. D’Ambrosio’s creations were then used for the watercolor Saulsbury created for the event’s Save-the-Date cards. In addition, Saulsbury’s 25” x 34” framed watercolor will be offered as a live auction item during the September 10 event.

Moving to the Eastern Shore six years ago from Nantucket, MA, D’Ambrosio brings a natural affinity for rich, maritime history to her art. Sometimes trading pencil for computer mouse in her art’s creation, D’Ambrosio’s preferred mediums include charcoal and pencil for her still lifes and landscapes. In addition to serving on this year’s Boating Party committee, D’Ambrosio has also served as the founding director of the Basket Museum, where her charcoal artwork was featured in the museum’s gift shop. She is a past Festival of Wreaths chair for the Nantucket Historical Association’s Festival of Trees event and includes certified Master Diamond Cutter, jeweler and equine thermographer in her list of artistic talents.



Born in Nassawadox, VA, Jeanne Saulsbury is a true native of the Chesapeake region. As a child, Saulsbury studied with Nance Hall Asher at her Denton, MD studio and later went on to study with other area artists at the Academy Art Museum in Easton, MD. A 25-year watercolorist, Saulsbury now includes oils in creating her plein-air paintings. She is a past-president of the Working Artists Forum, a committee chair for the Plein Air-Easton! Competition and Arts Festival, and a member of the Caroline County Arts Council and Chestertown Arts League. Saulsbury is one of six artists presenting their work at The Artists' Gallery in Chestertown, MD.

The museum's September 10 fundraising gala features cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a full-course gourmet dinner, live music, dancing, and a live auction including Jeanne Saulsbury's original artwork created for the event. The evening will be highlighted with a performance by the *Freddy Cole Jazz Quartet*, with Freddy singing many of his and his late brother Nat King Cole's favorite tunes. The evening will culminate with dancing to the live music of *The Golden Gup*.



The non-profit Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum is the leading institution for studying, preserving, exhibiting and celebrating the rich maritime history, heritage, traditions and culture of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal reaches.

Tickets for the September 10 event are \$175 per person or \$1,750 for a table of 10, with benefactor and corporate sponsorships available. To reserve your table or tickets, call the Museum's Director of Development René Stevenson at 410-745-4950. More info about the event can also be found at [cbmm.org](http://cbmm.org).

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