

“A Passion for Photography” Exhibit Opening

On the evening of Saturday, October 1, Contemporary School of the Arts and Gallery Inc. (C.S.A.G.I.) hosted a reception for its current exhibit, “A Passion for Photography: Three Points of View,” on display until the end of October. Undeterred by the rainy evening, a small but enthusiastic crowd celebrated the arts with music, refreshments and poetry readings, surrounded by the work of three accomplished Maryland photographers, Howard Clark, Larry Dean, and Judith MacArthur.

The 30 or so images on display plus bins of matted prints for browsing testify to the talented trio’s varied interests. Shimmering forest streams and exotic locales highlight the work by Clark, a retired medical imaging expert who traveled extensively over the last ten years, enriching his photography portfolio along the way. Dean’s eye for detail no doubt served him well during his engineering career; now gallery visitors benefit from his vision of artfully composed nature and architectural studies. Colorful, painterly images by MacArthur demonstrate a mastery of the digital darkroom that imparts a unique impression to each scene.

“This is by far the best photography exhibit I’ve seen at the Gallery, and probably ever,” said Michael Tyson, Music Director of C.S.A.G.I.

“Yes, this is a truly excellent caliber of an art exhibit, truly excellent,” emphatically agreed Andrea Frayser, of Hagerstown, MD. “The pictures give the impression you could just walk right into them.”

The three colleagues are all based in Montgomery County and each has achieved the status of Grand Master Photographer with the Gaithersburg Camera Club. Their award-winning photography will be on view until October 28 at Contemporary School of the Arts and Gallery Inc., 4 W. Franklin St., Hagerstown. C.S.A.G.I. is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing art awareness to the community and affordable art and music education to youth. The Gallery currently holds free after-school art classes, from Monday through Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00pm., and group guitar and choir classes on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 6:30pm. C.S.A.G.I. can also have musicians play for your next special event. For more information, call the Gallery at 301-791-6191, email: ronlytle3@netzero.net, or visit the Gallery’s website at www.csagi.org.



From left to right: Howard Clark, Judith MacArthur, Larry Dean



"Oia Evening" by Howard Clark



"Babcock Mill" by Larry Dean



"Last Blossom Montage" by Judith MacArthur