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ANNMARIE SCULPTURE GARDEN & ARTS CENTER

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Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center Selected for Prestigious Artful Movement Program

Expanding Creative Wellness and Mindful Learning Opportunities in Our Community

SOLOMONS, Md., March 24, 2026— Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center is proud to announce that it has been selected to participate in the Artful Movement® program, an innovative arts-and-mindfulness initiative developed by the nonprofit Create Calm, Inc. in collaboration with the Smithsonian National Museum of Asian Art and Smithsonian Affiliations. Annmarie Sculpture Garden is honored to be one of nine institutions from across the country chosen to partner with the Smithsonian on this initiative.

About Artful Movement®

Artful Movement is a unique museum-based learning experience that combines mindful movement, slow looking, and structured thinking routines to help students develop social-emotional skills, connection, and collaboration. Participants explore works of art with their bodies and minds, reflecting and learning together in a meaningful way.

Artful Movement® at Annmarie

At Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, Education Specialists will lead Artful Movement classes centered on *A Tribute to the Oyster Tonger, A Chesapeake Waterman* by sculptor Antonio Tobias Mendez. Through guided movement and thoughtful observation, participants will explore the sculpture's powerful physical presence and the story it tells—of labor, resilience, and deep connection to the Chesapeake Bay. The program aligns with Annmarie's commitment to accessible, interdisciplinary learning that connects art, nature, and well-being.

About Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center, a Smithsonian Affiliate located in scenic Solomons, Maryland, on the Chesapeake Bay, is a 50-acre campus featuring a sculpture garden with walking paths winding through the forest past permanent and loaned works of art, including more than 35 pieces on loan from the Smithsonian Institution and the National Gallery of Art. Annmarie Garden hosts award-winning special events, gallery exhibitions, and engaging public art programs, while its Studio School offers creative classes for all ages and abilities taught by a talented faculty. The garden is conveniently located just off Route 2-4 on Dowell Road in Solomons; the grounds are open daily from 9 am–5 pm, and the Murray Arts Building and Gift Shop are open 10 am–5 pm (Sundays, 12pm-5pm in fall and winter months). For more information, visit www.annmariegarden.org.

Directions to Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center

From Washington DC (about a 60-minute drive): take Route 4 South to Capital Beltway Exit 11 (to Prince Frederick). Continue on 4 South, following signs to Solomons. Left on Dowell Road at Hilton Garden

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