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ANNMARIE SCULPTURE GARDEN & ARTS CENTER

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A Hidden Gem in Bloom: Annmarie Sculpture Garden Welcomes Spring Visitors from the DC Region

SOLOMONS, Md., March 26, 2026— Just over an hour from Washington, DC, Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center offers a refreshing alternative to the city’s fast pace—an immersive destination where art and nature unfold across 50 acres of forest, meadow, and waterfront landscape.

This spring, the Garden is entering one of its most vibrant seasons yet. Over the past two years, Annmarie’s grounds team has planted more than 17,000 bulbs throughout the campus. Now in bloom, these plantings are transforming the landscape with sweeping color along wooded trails, open lawns, and sculpture vistas, creating a dynamic, ever-changing visitor experience.

Annmarie is home to a diverse collection of outdoor sculpture, including works on loan from the Smithsonian Institution and the National Gallery of Art, alongside pieces by regional and contemporary artists. Rather than being confined to traditional gallery spaces, these works are integrated into the natural environment, encouraging exploration and discovery at every turn.

Inside the Murray Arts Building, rotating exhibitions offer new perspectives throughout the year, while the artLAB Creative Reuse Studio provides hands-on opportunities for visitors to create. Families are drawn to interactive experiences like the Fairy Lolly natural play space and the Tree-Mendous Trail, and the Nature Nook introduces guests to animal ambassadors, connecting art with the living environment that surrounds it.

With a pay-what-you-can admission model, Annmarie remains committed to accessibility, ensuring that visitors of all ages and backgrounds can experience art, nature, and creativity without barriers.

As spring unfolds, Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center invites visitors from across the DC region to discover a destination that is at once nationally significant and locally rooted—a place to slow down, explore, and experience the intersection of art and the natural world.

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

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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 4 South, following signs to Solomons. Left on Dowell Road at Hilton Garden Inn. Annmarie is less than 1/4 mile on left. *From Baltimore* (Beltway I-695): take I-97 (Annapolis) to Route 301 South (Bowie). Continue 301 to Route 4 and follow signs to Solomons. Left on Dowell Road at Hilton Garden Inn. Annmarie is less than 1/4 mile on left. *From Annapolis:* follow Route 2 South towards Prince Frederick/Solomons. Left (South) onto Route 2/4 at Sunderland light. Left on Dowell Road at Hilton Garden Inn. Annmarie is less than 1/4 mile on left.

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