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Artist Liz Lind chose to open her Liz Lind Editions gallery in Berlin to try and take advantage of the art district traffic.

New gallery added to downtown Art Stroll

Liz Lind Editions opens in Berlin

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 STAFF WRITER

BERLIN – Last Friday, Liz Lind was making a few last minute preparations for participating in the first 2nd Friday Art Stroll in her company's history. She recently opened her gallery on the corner of William and Pitts streets and was excited at what she said was an already noticeable increase in foot traffic.

Lind has been making art professionally

LIZ LIND EDITIONS
Where: Corner of Pitt and William streets, Berlin
Hours: Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Contact: 443-513-4536

for more than 25 years. She started out taking night classes at the Maryland Institute of Design, then the University of Maryland, "and pretty much every community college."

Although she'd been committed to being an artist, her parents disapproved and refused to pay for art school. Lind was undeterred and worked whatever day jobs she could to finance her schooling.

"It was just something that I couldn't not do," she said. "I knew it was going to be hard to make a living as an artist."

Her mother eventually took an "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" approach and she and Lind opened the West Annapolis gallery. That was 26 years ago.

Lind explained that running one's own gallery doesn't necessarily mean one is a successful artist. The first few years the gallery was open she only had her own shows once or twice per year, devoting the other shows to popular area artists of the day.

"It was a lot of work, promoting the openings and coordinating everything," Lind said.

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AIRPORT SALES RECORD

The Ocean City Municipal Airport landed into the record books for monthly sales in August, with 27,174 gallons of fuel sold over the month. That marked an increase of over 4,000 gallons in aviation fuel sales compared to August 2007 when 23,380 gallons were sold.

The municipal airport recorded 574 transactions or sales in August 2007. This year the number of sales climbed to 739. Fuel sales for the entire summer of 2008 reached 68,617 gallons, compared to 58,420 gallons sold over the summer of 2007.

CAR MEETING AWARDS

Greg Holland, president-elect, welcomed Coastal Association of Realtors members and introduced Sheila Dodson to the members as the new CAR executive vice president. Dodson has over 20 years experience in the real estate industry and has served on various CAR committees during that time. Director Chris Jett presented the 2008 CAR Realtor of the Year Award to Cassie Mead, sales agent with Prudential Carruthers.

The meeting also included a contest for the CAR 2008 RPAC Idol. The winner of the contest was Pam Wadler of Shamrock Realty Group. Other Idol participants were Hal Chernoff of ERA Martin & Associates, Shirley O'Neill of Coldwell Banker and Tim Ulrich of Prudential Carruthers. Wadler competed in the MAR 2008 RPAC Idol Grand Finale Contest that was held Sept. 7 at Castaways in Ocean City.

HILEMAN TOP AGENTS

Top agents for August were recently announced by Debbie Hileman, broker of Hileman Real Estate. Sonia Zaffiris, associate broker, was named top listing agent for August. Bethany Drew, was named top sales agent.

INVESTMENT CLUB SEMINAR

Local financial advisor Carrie R. Dupuie will host an investment club seminar the last Monday of each month at 8 a.m. at The Coffee Beanery in Berlin, across from Atlantic General Hospital. The seminar is designed for individual investors interested in learning about investing matters, building wealth and building friendships. While the seminar is free, seating is limited. For reservations, call Karen Van Hove at 410-208-9083.

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