

“When You Caught My Heart Off Guard”
a poem inspired by Pat Morrison’s painting, *Marsh Grass*
by **George Miller**

A morning stroll across the front bank in Friendship
when we spotted an indigo bunting in your pear tree

Bookclub at the Twin Beaches Library
when you read the Seamus Heaney County Clare poem

The long watch when my mother lay dying and you snoozed by my side
in an overstuffed chair at Calvert Hospice

The night we banded saw-whet owls at peak migration

Our lunch date at the Ruddy Duck when you couldn't breathe
and I drove you to the Prince Frederick emergency room

The day we kayaked far into the Fishing Creek marsh