Welcome to Art Link

The Frederick Arts Council welcomes your ideas and support as it continues to bring together the community's arts organizations to strengthen our region's arts and culture.

Become a member of the Frederick Arts Council today to join us.

Message from the FAC in the Time of COVID-19

Dear Artists, Arts Organizations, and Arts Lovers,

We want to support you in every way possible during this unusually challenging time.

We understand the complex challenges that many of our members are now facing due to the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak. The Frederick Arts Council is working hard to support artists and arts organizations in the face of these challenges. We are inspired by the many ways we've seen our community reach out and assist each other, and we're working to share those efforts and to identify new ways for our arts organizations to connect.

We admire how quickly our artists and arts organizations acted to keep themselves and others safe, reducing in-person tasks and postponing events even before it was required.

Some steps we have taken:
We have been advocating for emergency funding at every level of government to ensure there are funds for artists and nonprofit arts organizations to weather the storm.

- We established a [GoFundMe](https://www.gofundme.com) that continues to raise funds for emergency relief for local artists. The application is [here](https://www.gofundme.com). We are working as quickly as we can to respond to the urgent requests for support.
- We're exploring virtual peer gathering and learning spaces and invite you to share your knowledge and needs in this area by filling out this [short survey](https://www.fredartscouncil.org).
- We are gathering resources and information on sources of emergency funding and on topics such as crisis management; moving programs online, distance learning; and more.
- Though we have closed our physical offices to work remotely, we are still available to help so please let us know what you may be struggling with or need or what you have to offer others ([info@frederickartscouncil.org](mailto:info@frederickartscouncil.org)).
- We are re-evaluating upcoming Arts Council programming given current circumstances and have already had to postpone our Sky Stage season and delay the opening of our new arts center at 5 East Second Street. However, we are featuring Sky Stage performers online and initiating a virtual member spotlight series.

One of the silver linings of this experience is the explosion of creativity often shared online such as new virtual poetry reading groups and virtual concerts that have emerged. We've also seen a new appreciation for the role of the arts that can speak to transcendent topics and on matters of life and death --and which can also provide joy and entertainment when needed most.

We all share a common goal now to stay safe and help keep as many of our fellow human beings alive as we possibly can by staying home and putting others we may never know first. We are all on one team now and the bonds we are building across disciplines, fields, backgrounds, countries and circumstances are new connections and methods of working together that we can call on when this crisis is over and we reemerge into a new world united by a common goal.

In creativity, peace and safe keeping,
John Bekier, President & Louise Kennelly, Executive Director

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**COVID-19: Emergency Funds for Artists in Need**

1) [FAC's Frederick Artist Relief Fund](https://www.fredartscouncil.org) -- Apply [Here](https://www.fredartscouncil.org).

2) [Community Foundation of Frederick County COVID-19 Emergency Relief](https://www.frederickfoundation.org) -- The COVID Collaborative is administering a second phase of funding through a common grant application to support local eligible organizations impacted by COVID-19. Organizations can use this application to apply for emergency grants to support increases to demands in services and/or grants to support general operating expenses when revenues have been impacted by COVID-19-related closures.

3) [National Artist Relief Fund](https://www.frederickfoundation.org) -- a $10 million national emergency relief fund for artists and creative workers that will provide $5,000 no-strings-attached grants. It is intended for anyone who earns income from their creative or artistic practice and who has also been affected by COVID-19.

4) [Small Business Administration Disaster Relief Loans](https://www.sba.gov) -- In response to a request
from Gov. Larry Hogan, the U.S. Small Business Administration is offering disaster relief loans to Maryland organizations of all sizes, including private, nonprofit entities, for-profit entities, and sole proprietorships. These low-interest, long-term disaster relief loans are available now, per a March 19 announcement by Gov. Hogan

- Economic Injury Disaster Loans program has been expanded to include a $10,000 grant upon application for qualifying businesses. Mortgage payments are an allowable use of the grant funds.

5) Small Business Administration Payment Protection Program -- The Paycheck Protection Program is a loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities.

6) National Endowment for the Arts CARES Act Grants -- The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act recognizes that the nonprofit arts industry is an important sector of America's economy. The National Endowment for the Arts will award funds to nonprofit arts organizations across the country to help these entities and their employees endure the economic hardships caused by the forced closure of their operations due to the spread of COVID-19.

Artist Resource Roundups

1) Maryland State Arts Council

2) National Endowment for the Arts

3) Americans for the Arts

4) Artist Relief

Holding the Light

Gather up whatever is glittering in the gutter, whatever has tumbled in the waves or fallen in flames out of the sky,

for it's not only our hearts that are broken, but the heart of the world as well. Stitch it back together.

Make a place where the day speaks to the night and the earth speaks to the sky.

Whether we created God
or God created us

it all comes down to this:
In our imperfect world
we are meant to repair
and stitch together
what beauty there is, stitch it

with compassion and wire.
See how everything
we have made gathers
the light inside itself
and overflows? A blessing.

-- Stuart Kestenbaum
(from Only Now, Deerbrook Editions)

Golden Mile In Focus

Golden Mile - In Focus is a public art project created by award winning artist Wing Young Huie alongside many local photographers, including nationally recognized photographer Ira Wexler.

Young Huie conducted interactive workshops at schools, cultural centers, ESL classes, and other locations throughout the Golden Mile of Frederick, MD. The photographs taken at these workshops along with the photographs sent to the Frederick Arts Council will be exhibited in Golden Mile In Focus, which will take place throughout the Golden Mile. Below is an installation image documenting "The University Avenue Project (2007-2010)" Young Huie created in Minneapolis.

Golden Mile - In Focus could not be more relevant than it is right now. As we navigate this pandemic we are uncovering new ways to interact and communicate, and it becomes increasingly important that we understand each other. Images of identity, culture and otherness will document our community, share our stories and unite us in a time of need. Please participate, share your voice and help us offer a hopeful and uplifting way to recover together.

Email photographs: info@frederickartscouncil.org or
Upload to: https://tinyurl.com/photo-project.

The deadline for submitting images is April 20, 2020.
If you are a business or property owner on the Golden Mile and would like to join the companies offering space as part of this community-wide exhibition, please contact info@frederickartscouncil.org.

Read the Frederick News Post article on Golden Mile in Focus

For more information on Wing's practice please visit his blog at http://www.wdys.blog

Call for Virtual Arts Content & Events!

We've been encouraged by how many people and organizations have been holding virtual arts events during this unusual time in order to help all of us stay inspired and connected.

Please let us know if you have a virtual event to share! Simply email the link and details to info@frederickartscouncil.org.

Virtual Events to Check Out Now:

Check out this master public list of Maryland-based virtual arts events compiled by the Maryland State Arts Council, to continue your arts and cultural engagement during quarantine. (You can email msac.commerce@maryland.gov to submit your own!)

FAC's Sky Stage is also dedicated to keeping us creatively connected as we stay safe inside. Follow Sky Stage on Facebook (@SkyStageFAC), Instagram (@sky_stage) and Twitter (@SkyStageMD) in the coming days of continued social-distancing to enjoy videos of past performances, and announcements and shares of artists' live-streaming events.

CultureNet is an online hub offering a variety of virtual events and programming.
Upcoming events include virtual concerts with violinist Tatiana Berman, pianist Michelle Cann, a live discussion with Grammy Award winning conductor Paavo Järvi, and more.

Help Us Name the Frederick Arts Council Center at 5 E 2nd Street!

What are your best ideas? Submit them here!

The Frederick Arts Council's historic property located at 5 E 2nd Street formerly served as a church and was built in 1871.

The Arts Council's intent for the property is to use it as a home base for the County's Public Art Program, as outlined in "Connections." Frederick's Public Art Master Plan; as a location for resident organizations; as an artist in residence site; as an indoor location for the variety of community arts programs and performances such as those found at Sky Stage.

The converted church and community arts center will house public art projects as well as administrative offices for many of the arts council's programs.

Read About William Cochran's Residency at Chateau de la Napoule in France

The Frederick News Post recently covered local artist William Cochran's residency at Chateau de la Napoule, which was part of his Carl R. Butler Individual Artist Award given by the Frederick Arts Council.

Click here to read about the artwork he pursued during the residency and how he's bringing the inspiration back to Frederick.
Do you have an idea for a public art project in Frederick?

If you have a project idea that you would like to see considered for FAC's annual plan, please fill out the nomination form linked below, and email to info@frederickartscouncil.org with "Public Art Nomination" in the subject line.

Feel free to get in touch with FAC for any questions. Please refer to the Public Art Master Plan for information about the public art execution process as well as categories of art FAC is looking for.

Public Art Nomination Form

Do You Need to Smile? :-)

Please enjoy this (amazing!) virtual a capella rendition of "Rainbow Connection" by the Frederick Catoctones.

We appreciate their voices!
Application Updated: Visual Arts Student Scholarships  
Michael Campagnoli & Brittany Nicole Shiben Memorial Visual Arts Scholarships

Scholarship monies are available for students K - 12, who are pursuing visual arts instruction in a group or individualized setting.

Applications are being sought from students 5-17 years of age in Frederick County who are in need of financial assistance to pursue their training in visual arts.

- Applications will be considered for primary and secondary school students who have demonstrated talent, commitment, and aspiration in visual arts instruction.
- Applications must request funding for visual arts instruction only.
- Applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

Click Here to Download Application Instructions

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Coming Up at Sky Stage

ATTENTION: Regrettably, Sky Stage programs/events through May 9, 2020 are cancelled or postponed per latest CDC recommendations regarding COVID-19. We will reschedule individual events to later in the season where possible; affected series events will continue as scheduled beyond that date unless restrictions are extended. Stay tuned for further updates and be safe everyone!

In the meantime, we are supporting artists/performers by posting links to their web pages, Soundcloud, Bandcamp, etc., and any video performances they are making from
EVENTS: Please check with all venues before visiting to identify whether they are open given current Pandemic-related closures.

Call to Artists: Academy for Fine Arts Children's Summer Camp

The Academy for the Fine Arts is partnering with City Youth Matrix to host a Summer Arts Camp for children going into grades 3-5 at Gov. Thomas Johnson High School from June 29th-July 2nd.

Each day of camp will feature one 45 minute assembly with a featured artist or performance. We would love to have each day focus on different art focus like dance, music, visual art, or theatre.

If you are interested in presenting or performing as part of this camp, please contact jonathan.kurtz@fcps.org. To find out more about the camp, please visit www.cityyouthmatrix.com and feel free to spread the word!

Presentations should be appropriate and engaging for late elementary students, be approx. 45 minutes in length. A $150 honorarium will be provided.

The Potters' Guild of Frederick -- Monthly Events

'Take a Turn At The Wheel' -- Try out the potter's wheel! We're offering 3-hour classes so you can see what it's like, and whether you want to learn more. This is an excellent investment in fun, creativity, & learning a new craft! Classes are the 2nd Saturday of each month.$100 per person. All of the supplies, firings, & equipment needed for the event are provided.

Location:
Frederick Clay Studio

Follow Sky Stage on Facebook for updates
The Potters' Guild holds monthly General Membership meetings the first Monday of every month. These meetings are open to the public and provide opportunity to meet local artist, find out about the Guild, and participate in different activities each month. Meetings are held at the Common Market on Buckeystown Pike and start at 6:30pm. Please visit the Potters’ Guild website (www.pottersguildoffrederick.com) for details and explanation of scheduled activities.

pottersguildoffrederick.com

Free Range Humans to Open Kids' Performing Arts Space

Free Range Humans is opening a new kids performing arts space in the mall. We and our partners will be offering a range of performing arts classes and performances. The space consists of a 27'x14' classroom and a 38'x88' multi-purpose room. We'll have a 12'x20' stage, lobby space, flexible seating, and a dance floor. We haven't had the fire marshall out yet, but we expect the capacity for the stage space to be @250.

Teachers - if you have a class you'd like to offer to kids, let's talk. We do have availability.

Music/Dance/Other Studios - We are saving Friday and Saturday evenings, as well as some weekend daytime, for recitals, rentals, and performances. Let us know if you'd like to come check it out.

Everybody - both rooms are available as rentals, with the classroom having the greatest availability. It's a great size for meetings. Keep us in mind.

Parents - I hope you'll check out our classes, and let us know if there's something you'd like us to offer that you don't see!

We do still have three unclaimed weeks available for summer camps this week, so talk to us if you'd like to host one in our space.

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Encouraging Maryland writers, poets, playwrights, and authors for 30 years

**ALL SPRING PERFORMANCES HAVE BEEN POSTPONED**
**CANCELED -- FCC IS CLOSED**
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OUR 26TH SEASON
PRESENTS
ROCKIN’ BRASS
A CONCERT OF ROCK ‘N ROLL AND SOUL MUSIC

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NICOLE BOUFFARD & CHRIS RETTIG

SATURDAY MARCH 14  8:00PM
KUSSMAUL THEATRE
FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ADMISSION $15 & $12

THIS CONCERT IS PARTIALLY FUNDED BY A GRANT FROM THE FREDERICK ARTS COUNCIL AND MSAC
**EVENT POSTPONED**
CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY OF FREDERICK PRESENTS:
Unapologetic Songs of the Sea: Sublimely Deep to Seriously Silly

Come aboard the good ship Jack B as we celebrate our seagoing heritage. Whether you are a British Tar or a passenger on the Titanic, we will welcome you with tales of great adventure, mermaids, and even a sea monster or two! The bottom of the deep blue sea comes alive to the sound of our lively sea chanters.

Information is available at casof.org for this event. A new date is currently being determined and will be released soon.

**THE MET HAS SUSPENDED OPERATIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. VISIT MARYLANDENSEMBLE.ORG FOR MORE INFO**
**CLOSED UNTIL (AT LEAST) APRIL 15th**

**THE DELAPLAINE ARTS CENTER**

Virtual Delaplaine

Click here for online exhibitions, activities, workshops and more!
**CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

TAG/The Artists Gallery

TAG is the premier art gallery at 216 N. Market in the heart of Frederick's downtown district.

theartistsgalleryfrederick.com

TAG is open Friday-Saturday noon to 9 pm, and Sunday noon to 5 pm
216 N. Market Street, Frederick
322 North Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701
Fridays 4-8PM, Saturdays & Sundays 12-5 PM

Chiaroscuro
March 7th to March 29th, 2020
Opening Reception: Saturday March 7th from 5-9 PM

Join Gallery 322 artists, Michael Douglas Jones, Jan Kaufman, Linda Kirvan, Ann Schaefer, Anne Gibson Snyder, Russell Schofield and Homer Yost as they explore the mysteries of light and dark in the new exhibition for March, Chiaroscuro. The Gallery will present an updated and contemporary slant on the classic formulas and approaches of the old masters. Paintings, sculptures and assemblages will highlight the contrasts of light and dark in new and dynamic rhythms. A fixture on North Market for over 10 years, Gallery 322 continues to serve Frederick as a destination for fine art with inspirational and thoughtful contemporary realism presented in group and one person exhibitions. Join us for the March group show. For more information or appointment please call 240 815-7777.

Everlasting assemblage by M.D. Jones

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April Exhibition
Harriet Wise is a longtime Frederick resident and photographer. Well known for 31 years of creating the Bach Calendar, she continues to be project- and idea-oriented and to devote part of every day to documenting the world around her.

The April Show at NOMA combines her love of light and shadow with a study of a number of trees seen on her daily walk in Baker Park. The importance of trees to our world and environment is well known. She has created a visual diary observing trees and their seasons. It is whimsical and in no way complete; a truly on-going daily discovery.
GWC Gallery
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Hours: Tuesday through Saturday – 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
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Email: condon@msn.com
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Middletown, Maryland
Goldfinchstudio.org

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Spring Landscape on Location in Middletown Valley, Frederick County, MD $295
Tuesday, 9:30am-1pm
April 14 - June 16

Intensive Weekend Painting & Drawing the Figure IMiddletown, MD $250
Saturday/Sunday, 10am-4pm
April 25 - 26

Cow Painting Workshop South Mountain Creamery- Frederick County $220
Saturday/Sunday, 10am-4pm
May 30 - 31

Flower Painting Workshop $230
Middletown, MD
Walt Bartman
Saturday/Sunday, 10am-4p
June 20 - 21

Paint the Historic Train Station in Point of Rocks, Maryland $220
Saturday/Sunday, 10am-4pm
May 16 - 17

Summer Sunset Painting in Middletown Valley MD $100
Tuesday, 6:30-9:30pm
June 22 - August 23

Goldfinch Studio 7215 Mountain Church Road Middletown, Maryland

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FIGURE DRAWING
in Downtown Frederick

Develop, practice and improve your figure drawing skills.
Held weekly at the Griffin Art Center, 437 N. Market St.
(The sign out front is NOA Gallery; the studio is located a few rooms behind the gallery. Enter through the front if it's open or around on the 5th Street side through the door marked 4W.)

Fridays, 6-9 pm • $15
Mostly nudes, occasional costume. Different professional model every week. Bring your supplies (pencil, paper, paints, charcoal, pastels, tablet, wine, etc. We have easels.)

Run by artists, for artists
Moderated by Gnarly Artly: gnarlyarty@gmail.com 240-520-7814
on Facebook at Frederick Figure Drawing, natch!
Engage with Frederick's remarkable arts community -- become a Frederick Arts Council member today!

Click to learn more.

How to submit to the newsletter: Members, please send your information and/or graphics to info@frederickartscouncil.org by Monday of the week the next issue is scheduled to come out. Please include "Newsletter submission" in the subject line. Do not reply to the newsletter. This helps ensure that we are able to clearly identify and mark your information for inclusion in the next issue. Thank you!

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