



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 COVD-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 <u>GoFundMe</u> that continues to raise funds for emergency relief for local artists. The application is <u>here</u>. 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 <u>this short survey</u>.
- 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 (<u>info@frederickartscouncil.org</u>).
- 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

COVID-19: Emergency Funds for Artists in Need

- 1) <u>FAC's Frederick Artist Relief Fund</u> -- Apply <u>Here</u>.
- 2) Community Foundation of Frederick County COVID-19 Emergency Relief -- 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 -- 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) <u>Small Business Administration Disaster Relief Loans</u> -- 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) <u>Small Business Administration Payment Protection Program</u> -- 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.



The University Avenue Project (2007-2010) by Wing Young Huie. Image courtesy of Wing Young Huie

If you are a business or property owner on the Golden Mile and would like to join the companies offering space as part of thiscommunity-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.

<u>CultureNet</u> 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.

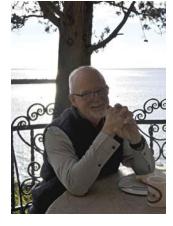
The Arts Council's intent for the property is to use it as a home base for the County's Public Art Program, as outlined in "Connections," Frederick's Public Art Master Plan; as a location for resident organizations; as an artist in residence site; as an indoor location for the variety of community arts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

<u>Click here</u> 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?

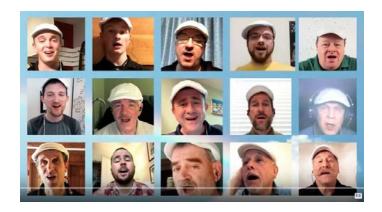


If you have a project idea that you would like to see considered for FAC's annual plan, please fill out the nomination form linked below, and email to info@frederickartscouncil.org with "Public Art Nomination" in the subject line.

Feel free to get in touch with FAC for any questions. Please refer to the <u>Public Art Master Plan</u> 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!) <u>virtual a capella rendition</u> 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



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

home. If they tag Sky Stage we will share on our pages as well!

Follow Sky Stage on Facebook for updates

59 South Carroll Street skystagefrederick.com

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

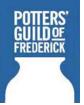


The Academy for the Fine Arts is partnering with City Youth Matrix to host a Summer Arts Camp for children going into grades 3-5 at Gov. Thomas Johnson High School from June 29th-July 2nd

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 119 N. East Street Frederick, MD 21701

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 meeting 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.

pottersquildoffrederick.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.

experience-human.com



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

Author: James M. Cain

"I merely try to write as the character would write, and I never forget that the average man . . has acquired a vividness of speech that goes beyond anything I could invent . . " James M. Cain



James M. Cain (July 1, 1892 – October 27, 1977) was an American author and journalist. He is considered one of the creators of the roman noir or noir genre which is associated with the hardboiled school of American crime fiction.

Genre: Roman Noir

Cain was born into an Irish Catholic family in Annapolis, Maryland. The family moved to Chestertown, Maryland, in 1903. In 1910, Cain graduated from Washington College. By 1914, Cain had decided to become a writer. He began working as a journalist for the Baltimore American and then the Baltimore Sun.

Cain was drafted into the United States Army for the final year of

World War I. He was assigned to France where he wrote for an army magazine. After returning from the war, he went to work as a journalist. He published his first novel, The Postman Always Rings Twice, in 1934, That book became a best seller and would go on to be made into a film in 1946 and in 1981. He wrote continuously until his death at the age of 85.

Genre: Roman Noir or Noir. Noir fiction is a subgenre of crime fiction. In this subgenre, right and wrong are not clearly defined, while the protagonists are seriously and often tragically flawed. Their speech is usually vivid.

A reading list includes: The Postman Always Rings Twice, Serenade, Mildred Pierce, Love's Lovely Counterfeit, The Butterfly, Sinful, the Magician's Wife, Rainbow's End, The Institute

Fun With Words - Maryland Writers' Association (MWA) invites you to have fun writing Roman Noir or Noir using up to 100 words. Pick a protagonist who is working on Maryland water/waterfront in the crime field and show their conflict between right and wrong while revealing they are also seriously or tragically flawed. Make their speech vivid, without using swear words. Submit your Fun With Words response to https://marylandwriters.org/Notable_Maryland_Authors by the 20th of the month and receive an MWA Fun With Words submission certificate. Selected responses will be published with next month's article.

The MWA is a 31-year old state-wide association (501c3) dedicated to encouraging and mentoring Maryland writers, poets, playwrights, and authors. Go to www.MarylandWriters.org for more information. MWA's membership ranges from those who write as a creative outlet to professional freelancers and published authors with writers aspiring to be published in the middle. In January 2020, MWA membership exceeded 700, a 300% growth from 225 members in 2016.

marylandwriters.org

Concerts

ALL SPRING PERFORMANCES HAVE BEEN POSTPONED

NEW SPIRE STAGES

15 W. Patrick St. Frederick, MD 21701

SPRING 2020

FEBRUARY

Washington Revels Jubilee Voices

Saturday, February 8th @ 2:00pm & 7:30pm \$24 Youth/ \$32 Adult



WASHINGTON REVELS

Kyshona and The Shonettes

Friday, February 14th @ 7:30pm / \$32



THE SHONETTES

MARCH

Rivka Golani with Angela Park

Wednesday, March 25th @ 7:30pm / \$32



RIVKA GOLANI WITH ANGELA PARK

APRIL

April Verch Band

Saturday, April 11th @ 7:30pm / \$32



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CHORAL ARTS SOCIETY OF FREDERICK PRESENTS: Unapologetic Songs of the Sea: Sublimely Deep to Seriously Silly

** 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 <u>casof.org</u> for this event. A new date is currently being determined and will be released soon.

Theater



ALL PERFORMANCES THROUGH APRIL 24TH HAVE BEEN POSTPONED. VISIT <u>WEINBERGCENTER.ORG</u> FOR MORE INFO

weinbergcenter.org



**THE MET HAS SUSPENDED OPERATIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
VISIT MARYLANDENSEMBLE.ORG FOR MORE INFO**





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Visual Art Exhibits

CLOSED UNTIL (AT LEAST) APRIL 15th

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TAG/The Artists Gallery



The Last Picture Show...

TAG/The Artists Gallery is on the move! The group is in the process of securing a new space to display the work of its 21 full and associate members.

TAG will celebrate its 30th anniversary in October. The artists-owned gallery has been at 216 N Market Street since 2014.

The Last Picture Show features 2D and 3D art in a variety of styles and media by all its members.

TAG/The Artists Gallery is expected to reopen at its new location on May 1. Stay tuned for details!

March 6 through April 18

Opening Reception: March 7, 5 to 9 Closing Reception: April 18, 5 to 7 Gillian Collins
Don Coomes
Luc Fiedler
Sandra Fritter
Sarah Higggins
Tina Lund
Bonny Lundy
Julie Maynard
Jan McIntyre-Creager
Jim Mitchell
Karen Peacock
Marie Riccio
Tom Ritchie
Cynthia Scott
Tom Semmes

Christine Stovall Marc Weinberg Cathy Wilkins Karen Winston-Levin

Rhonda Smith Patricia Stockman

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

OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



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

www.gallery322.com

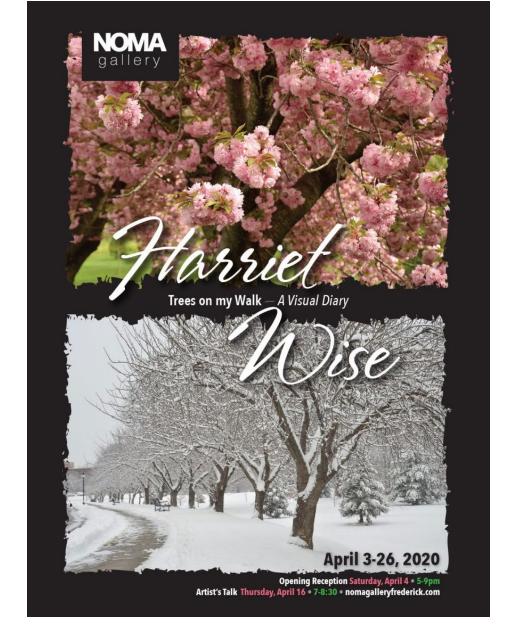
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April Exhibition



April 3-26, 2020

Opening Reception: Sat, April 4, 5-9pm Artists' Talk: Thurs, March 16, 7-8:30pm

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.

427 N. Market St. | Friday 4-8 pm, Saturday 12-8 pm, Sundays 12-4 pm | 240-367-9770 nomagalleryfrederick.com | nomagallery2@gmail.com

GWC Gallery Two floors of Fine Art, Photography and Crafts



Location:328 East Patrick Street, Frederick MD 21701 Hours: Tuesday through Saturday- 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Tel: 301-639-6657

Email: condon@msn.com Website: gwc-artwork.com

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Enroll: yellowbarnstudio.com Info: alex.bartman@outlook.com, 240-626-4981

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

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

IT'S FOR REAL

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

Summer Sunset Painting in Middletown Valley MD Tuesday, 6:30-9:30pm June 22 - August 25

Goldfinch Studio 7215 Mountain Church Road Middletown, Maryland

yellowbarnstudio.com



(The sign out front sez NOMA 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

Mostly nudes, occasional costume. Different professional model every week. Bring your supplies (pencil, paper, paints, charcoals, pastels, tablet, wine, etc. We have easels.) LIFE DRAWING

Run by artists, for artists

Moderated by Gnarly Artly: gnarlyartly@gmail.com 240-529-7814

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!

Download the 2020 Newsletter Schedule

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