



## Welcome to ArtLink

*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.*

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**New Exhibit on View at 5 E. 2nd Street & 11 W. Patrick Street: Mike Shaffer**

# Mike Shaffer

## INTERSECTIONS



February 1 – April 24, 2021



A new art exhibit by Frederick artist Mike Shaffer is currently on view in at both the 5 E. 2nd Street art center and FAC's 11 W. Patrick Street gallery. Shaffer's colorful, larger-than-life tower structures speak to his love for multidisciplinary art and his desire to create work that is uniquely entertaining, thought-provoking, important and relevant.

### Artist Bio:

Mike Shaffer operates out of his studio in Ijamsville where he is active in the arts community. A skilled craftsman and designer, he received a B.S. degree in science and engineering from the University of Maryland and an M.S. in Biochemistry from Southern Illinois University.

Shaffer has exhibited in over 200 formal group exhibitions in his long career in addition to twenty-four solo exhibitions and received over a dozen awards and honors for his artistic accomplishments. His work is held in twenty valued collections including the Museum of Humor and Satire in Gobrovo, Bulgaria, the Salzland Museum in Schonebeck Germany and in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. Shaffer's work has been documented in over forty publications such as exhibition brochures, essays, catalogs and other descriptive literature including references in over a dozen issues of the Washington Post. Mike served as president of two nonprofit arts organizations: the Washington Sculptors Group from 2009 to 2016 and continuing from 2000, the Hyattstown Mill Arts Project in Montgomery County Maryland.



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**Register for (Virtual) Maryland Arts Day 2021!**



**Thursday, February 11th, 2021  
8:30 am - 1 pm**

Hosted by Maryland Citizens for the Arts, Maryland Arts Day is the largest annual gathering of arts professionals in Maryland. With more than 500 participants, representing every county in the state and Baltimore City, this statewide arts advocacy event connects artists, educators, administrators, volunteers and trustees with lawmakers from every legislative district in Maryland.

Maryland Arts Day needs your participation to show strong support for the arts in Maryland and its impact on the economic and cultural vitality of the state.

[Register Now](#)

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# FAC Announces Barn-Related Public Art Project: RFQ



## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS



### BARN PROJECT

**Deadline: February 1, 2021**

#### CALL SUMMARY

The Frederick Arts Council is seeking qualifications for Artist /Teams to submit their proposals for artworks to be displayed on and around multiple barns throughout Frederick County. Applications are due on February 1, 2021, and finalists will be selected by March 1, 2021.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Frederick Arts Council is commissioning artists to design and execute works to be displayed on barn exteriors throughout Frederick County. The work should be a temporary installation, ideally designed using natural or found materials which reflect the subtle beauty of the environment. Land art will also be considered although we request that artists take into account the possible necessities of barn owners. Projects spanning multiple barns will be considered.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

At this stage, we are requesting that interested applicants submit their CV, examples of their past work, as well as a link to their website or other portfolio platform.

#### BUDGET

The budget for each barn is \$2,000. Currently there are up to 20 barns available for use.

#### ELIGIBILITY

This opportunity is open to all professional artists residing in Maryland and up to 80 miles from Frederick.

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Resume
- Work examples
- Letter of Interest

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Please apply through the following link: <https://frederickartscouncil.slideroom.com/#/login/program/59235>

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Please address any questions to Charlotte Marra, Public Art Program Manager, FAC : [charlotte@frederickartscouncil.org](mailto:charlotte@frederickartscouncil.org)

The Arts Council's vision is a Frederick where public art connects residents and visitors, expresses an authentic and unique sense of place, drives economic prosperity through creativity, and advances a culturally inclusive and empowered future. The Frederick Arts Council does not discriminate against any person on the basis of any characteristic described in Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act or on the basis of political opinion or affiliation in any of its policies, procedures or practices and prides itself on maintaining a facility that is accessible to all.

[Application Link](https://frederickartscouncil.slideroom.com/#/login/program/59235)

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**FAC Announces New Brunswick Mural: RFQ**



## MURAL PROJECT- 101 W POTOMAC ST.

**Deadline: February 1, 2021**

### CALL SUMMARY

The Frederick Arts Council is seeking qualifications for Artist /Teams to submit their proposals for a mural to be displayed on 101 W Potomac St, a property containing three connected walls in Brunswick, MD. Applications are due on February 1, 2021, and finalists will be selected by March 1, 2021.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Frederick Arts Council is commissioning artists to design and execute a mural on 101 W Potomac St, a property containing three connected walls on a property in Brunswick, MD. This property is in close proximity to a public art project in the midst of realization – the Brunswick Archway. Applicants should research the archway and give consideration to potential conceptual links between the archway and mural. The artist should also take into account the age of the walls and consider any wall repairs before proceeding with mural installation.

### QUALIFICATIONS

At this stage, we are requesting that interested applicants submit their CV, examples of their past work, as well as a link to their website or other portfolio platform.

### BUDGET

The budget is \$10,000.

### ELIGIBILITY

This opportunity is open to all professional artists residing in Maryland and up to 80 miles from Frederick.

### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Resume
- Work examples
- Letter of Interest

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Please apply through the following link: <https://frederickartscouncil.slideroom.com/#/permalink/program/59257>

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[Application Link](#)

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**New Installation by Artist Christian Benefiel on View  
at 11 W. Patrick Street Gallery**



A new installation artwork by Keedysville artist Christian Benefiel is on view at FAC's 11 W. Patrick Street Gallery, from January - June 2021.

Benefiel is an accomplished sculptor who has been the recipient of multiple Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Grants, a Fulbright Research Grant, and a Roth Endowment Award, among other honors.

Benefiel's work explores interconnected constructions of elements that rely on each other, rather than glue or nails, for cohesion. The shapes and systems he creates reflect the nature of domestic relationships, cultural norms, as well as the vast hidden systems of global and universal forces that influence us all.

Stay tuned for info regarding artist talks and other events as part of this exhibition.

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**New FAC Merch Available at [frederickartscouncil.org](https://frederickartscouncil.org) --  
Lester Bowie Sweatshirts & Totes!**

FAC has some exciting new merchandise, and now all merch is available for purchase at [frederickartscouncil.org](https://frederickartscouncil.org).

Check out our new Lester Bowie items, featuring images of the 69 S. Market Street mural by artist Rafael Blanco!



Lester Bowie logo sweatshirt (also available in white)  
\$35



Lester Bowie logo tote  
\$26

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**Support Your Favorite Charities by "Voting" for a Winter Solstice Boat!**



The Carroll Creek boats & ships that are now an annual occurrence as part of "Sailing Through the Winter Solstice" are also in competition to raise money for charity!

Visit [this website](#) to "vote" for your favorite boat (\$1 = 1 vote), and all proceeds will be donated to your selected boat's charity.

Proceeds from "Arctic Racer," sponsored by the Ausherman Family Foundation, will go to the Frederick Arts Council.

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### **Call to FAC Members: Member Info Station**

We are working on creating a member info portal in the new Frederick Arts Council Center at 5 E. 2nd Street.

Each member will have an 8.5x11 pocket area of shelving for sharing promotional, event and/or season information.

Please send a cover image that you want displayed - the cover image can be a logo/photo and will not change - as well as any promotional materials via email ([info@frederickartscouncil.org](mailto:info@frederickartscouncil.org)) or by mailing to: Frederick Arts Council, 11 W Patrick Street, Suite 201, Frederick, MD 21701.

We will also use your cover image for your member listing on [frederickartscouncil.org](http://frederickartscouncil.org).

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**Sky Stage is gearing up for the 2021 season, and plans to open in May with jazz, gospel & blues legends the Eric Byrd Trio kicking off the season's live music offerings!**

Check the calendars at <http://www.skystagefrederick.com/project/calendar/> or <https://frederickartscouncil.org/news-events/calendar/> for events; ticketing links for some events will be posted as the dates approach.

We will be following capacity limits and mask protocols per city and county regulations until further notice. In the meantime, the Black Lives Matter mural by local artist Lusmerlin remains on view inside Sky Stage through February. Check it out at 59 S. Carroll St.

**More Info:**

Eric Byrd Trio-- <https://ericbyrdtrio.com>

Lusmerlin -- <https://www.lusmerlin.com>

[skystagefrederick.com](http://skystagefrederick.com)



**FY2021 Network Technical Assistance Grants Open  
rolling through April 1, 2021**

The intention of the Network Technical Assistance grant is to support organizational development activities beyond the scope of regular activities funded by Arts & Entertainment District Operating Support, County Arts Development, or Folklife Network grants.

Organizational development is defined as any effort that supports the stability, visibility, and effectiveness of an organization. This broad definition means that organizational development looks different based on each organization's unique needs. Contact relevant MSAC staff to discuss typical activities funded by Network Technical Assistance grants.

**Funding:** Grants are between \$500 and \$2,000 and are disbursed based on applicant requests. Grants may fund the entirety or a portion of an applicant's proposed organizational development activity.

[Download the Grant Guidelines](#) to Learn More

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## Do you have an idea for a public art project in Frederick?



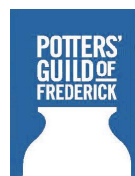
If you have a project idea that you would like to see considered for FAC's annual plan, please fill out the nomination form linked below, and email to [info@frederickartscouncil.org](mailto:info@frederickartscouncil.org) with "Public Art Nomination" in the subject line.

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](#)

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## The Potters' Guild of Frederick: Monthly Events



**'Take a Turn At The Wheel'** - We're back and running classes again -- have you ever wanted to make something on a potter's wheel? We are offering a fun 3-hour introductory class called "Take a Turn at the Wheel"! Clay, wheels, and tools are provided, and we'll glaze your creations for you with a color you choose. Meet new friends at a creative activity! Sign up with friends, or bring your team! Held on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 6-9 pm. Students must be at least 13 years old.

Classes are held at 12342 Warner Rd, Ladiesburg, MD

**The Potters' Guild holds monthly General Membership meetings** - Due to the current

COVID-19 situation, in Maryland, we have postponed any our General meetings until further notice. As Maryland begins its phased re-opening we will notify everyone when the meeting will resume. Please visit the Potters' Guild website ([www.pottersguildoffrederick.com](http://www.pottersguildoffrederick.com)) for details and explanation of scheduled activities.

[pottersguildoffrederick.com](http://pottersguildoffrederick.com)

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Encouraging Maryland writers, poets, playwrights, and authors for 32 years

Author: Colby Rodowsky

Genre: Children's Literature

"I find that a lot of my remembering has to do with books..." – Colby Rodowsky



(BARBARA HADDOCK TAYLOR / Baltimore Sun)

Rodowsky (1932-2020) born in Baltimore, grew up in New York, Washington, D.C., and Baltimore again. She spent part of every summer with her grandmother on Virginia's Eastern Shore, where the days were "long and hot and there was absolutely nothing to do." Then she discovered the library (it had been a church) which she visited the three afternoons a week it was open as well as her grandmother's attic, that held all the books her mother and aunt had read as children. She began to read.

As a child something kept prodding her to be a writer. Once, when she was about ten years old, she woke her mother in the middle of the night and said, "Who shall I dedicate my first book to?" Her mother said matter of factly, "Why don't you write it first."

Rodowsky attended a Georgetown preparatory school and then enrolled in Maryland's College of Notre Dame. There she edited the college literary magazine, worked on the yearbook, and wrote poetry extensively. She graduated with an English degree and became an elementary school teacher for third grade and special needs children. She dedicated herself as a stay-at-home mom when the first of their six children arrived. As she said, "I got married (to a lawyer who is now a judge) and had six children (five girls and one boy) and learned to make cupcakes and Halloween costumes and peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches."

One of Rodowsky's former teachers visited and inspired her writing career. "We weren't talking about writing; we were just talking about books," Rodowsky said. Sister Maura "stopped what she was saying and looked at me and said, 'Just think; you have all your writing still ahead of you.'" "So, at 40, when her children were old enough to make their own cupcakes and Halloween costumes, Rodowsky responded to her urges and began to write for children and young adults. Her stories reflect her early life and her young characters live in a tough world characterized by unpredictable events and undependable authority figures. Their efforts to cope with parental abandonment, poverty, and even death, are aided by warm and loving individuals. Frequently, because of their meaning to Rodowsky, libraries and attics pop up in the stories she writes.

She received an American Library Association Notable Book citation for *Not My Dog* and *The Gathering Room*, the School Library Journal Best Books of the Year citation for *Sydney, Herself*; and a Best Books for Young Adults citation for *Julie's Daughter*, *Hannah in Between*, and *Remembering Mog*.

Genre: Children's Literature – Children's literature or juvenile literature includes stories, books, magazines, and poems made for children. Rodowsky writes stories that feature children going through tough times and being helped and encouraged by an adult outside the immediate family.

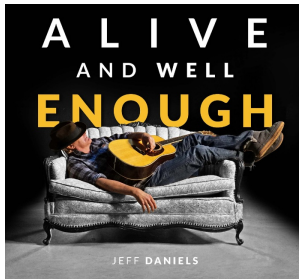
Sample Reading List: *Not My Dog*; *The Gathering Room*; *Julie's Daughter*; *Hannah in Between*; *Remembering Mog*; *Sydney, Herself*;

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[marylandwriters.org](http://marylandwriters.org)



**The Weinberg Center remains closed. For information on upcoming events, visit [weinbergcenter.org](http://weinbergcenter.org).**



**Jeff Daniels**

**SAT JANUARY 30, 2021 | 7:30 PM**

Award-winning actor, writer, and musician Jeff Daniels will be live-streaming a concert on January 30th at 7:30 pm EST. This is a BRAND NEW show featuring music from his new album, *Alive and Well Enough*. Daniels crafts an intimate, entertaining, and unforgettable evening.

Music lovers and movie fans alike love his songs and playing and musicianship, and those stories that only he can tell.

Submit a question during the show and Jeff will answer them in a post-show Q&A. Sit back, get comfortable, and enjoy a show without having to leave home. [More Info](#)



**UpFront Inc. presents**

**MeatEater: Off The Air**

**FRI FEBRUARY 12, 2021 | 8:00 PM**

The top-ranked outdoor podcast, covering hunting, fishing, wildlife conservation, and wild foods live on stage! [More Info](#)





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Visual Art Exhibits

THE DELAPLAINE  
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**Frederick County Arts Association**

Members Exhibition

Works in a variety of media

January 2-31



**Christopher Corson**

Visible

Pit-fired sculpture

January 2-February 28



**Maremi Andreozzi**

Lady Lineage

Acrylic paintings

December 5-January 31



**Ken Bachman**

Structural Perspectives

Oil paintings

December 5-January 31

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**DISTRICT Arts**  
presents  
"A Symphony in Pastel"

"Lunch in Chinatown"



Soft Pastel Paintings by Jean Hirons

February 3 - February 28, 2021

(Masks and social distancing required)

15 N. Market St • Frederick, MD

**GALLERY HOURS**

Monday - Tuesday: 12 - 5

Wednesday - Thursday: 12 - 6

Friday - Saturday: 12 - 8

Sunday: 12 - 5

[districtarts.com](http://districtarts.com)





# THE ARTISTS GALLERY

*Visit TAG at our "Pop Up" gallery  
at Bravura Arts & Framing*

*428 N. Market St., Frederick MD 21701*

*TAG Hours: Sat., 5-8 pm & Sun., 1-5 pm*

*The gallery is also open during regular Bravura hours:  
Mon, Tues, Wed & Sat., 11am-5pm*



***Art is the best cure.***

***Please visit our virtual exhibition of members' artwork updated  
the first Friday of each month.***

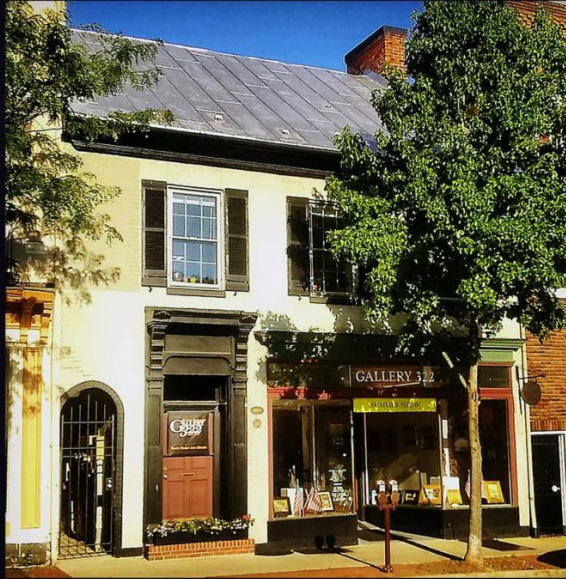
*For our latest news and updates on our quest for a new gallery space  
visit our website:*

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# GALLERY 322



Ann Schaefer • Anne Gibson-Snyder  
Homer Yost • Jan Kaufman  
Linda Kirvan • Russ Schofield  
Michael Douglas Jones  
Associates: Leo Ramos, Tom Ritchie, Roberta Staat

322 North Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701

Friday 5-7pm; Saturday & Sunday 1-5pm  
and of course, open by appointment.

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**NOMA**  
gallery

**Announcement:** The gallery will close due to pandemic concerns beginning December 11, 2020, and will reopen its doors when we feel our patrons and staff are safe. In the meantime, visit our [Online Gallery](#) page to see what's for sale. You can even arrange to see a piece of art in person before you buy.

***December Exhibition***

**NOMA**  
gallery



Steven Dobbin

## 266 Days and Counting

Richard Schellenberg



December 4–27, 2020

**December 4-27, 2020**

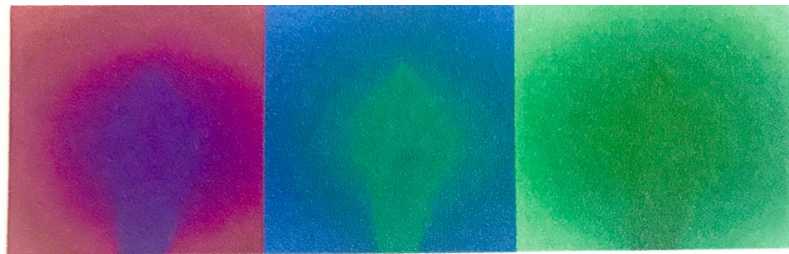
***NOMA Gallery is currently open by appointment only for the safety of our clients and artists. "266 Days and Counting" by Richard Schellenberg and Steven Dobbin will remain on view until we are able to reopen again. Please contact Lisa Tyerle at 301-962-0830 to make a viewing appointment during this time.***

266 days and counting...  
266 days of wearing a mask  
266 days judging others about their lack of a mask  
266 days thinking a cough, a sneeze or a running nose could be the beginning of the virus...  
266 days that didn't inspire creativity

266 days worrying about flying, pumping gas, public restrooms, supermarkets,  
restaurants...  
266 days of going into the studio at least 25% of the time...  
266 days of missing friends and family  
266 days of using the virus as an excuse not to do things that I didn't want to do  
266 days of walking 5 miles or more a day at the time of this writing...  
266 days of no art openings  
266 days not caring about sports  
266 days where 6 feet doesn't seem far enough  
266 days of re-purposing old art work  
266 days of making without planning  
266 days of planning without making  
266 days of wondering how much is too much  
266 days of virtual school, zoom meetings, and social distancing  
266 days of trying to find binge-worthy television to watch  
266 days of collecting cat food cans for an art piece  
266 days of looking without seeing  
266 days and counting...

427 N. Market St. | Friday 4-8 pm, Saturday 12-8 pm, Sundays 12-4 pm | 240-367-9770  
[nomagalleryfrederick.com](http://nomagalleryfrederick.com) | [nomagallery2@gmail.com](mailto:nomagallery2@gmail.com)

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## **Luminaire**

**An exhibition of Light.. in the dark**

**December 5<sup>th</sup> – February 6<sup>th</sup>\***

**Opening January 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm – 9 pm**

**December – view by appointment only\***

**January & February –**

**Fridays 4 pm – 7 pm**

**Saturdays 6 pm – 9 pm**

**Griffin Art Center, Side Gallery**

**6 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Frederick, MD 21701**

**\*[www.luminaireartexhibition.com](http://www.luminaireartexhibition.com)**

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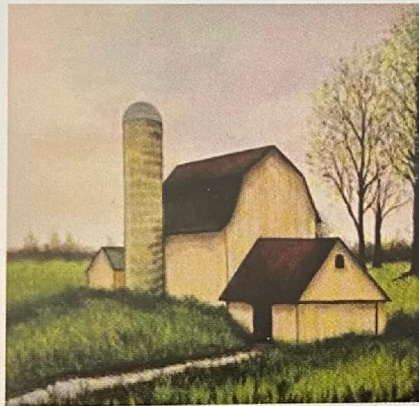
# Eastside Artists' Gallery





313 East Patrick Street  
Frederick, MD 21701

## Upcoming 2021 Shows



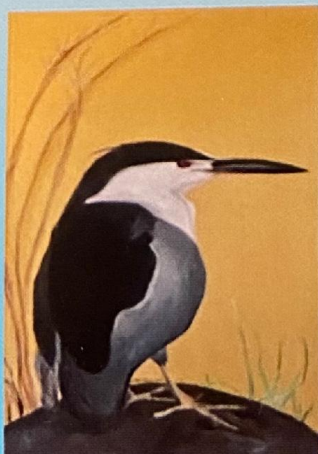
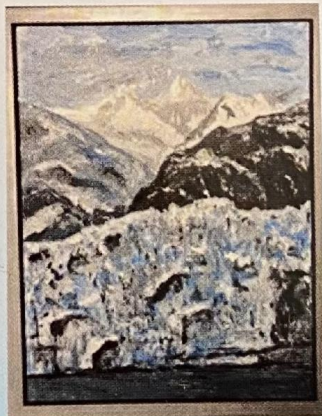
January

All Members  
Show

February

Celebrating

"Fire & Ice"



March

Special Guest  
Artist

Mary Waldhorn



313 E. Patrick Street  
Holiday Hours: Friday 1-7, Saturday & Sunday 1-5

[eastsideartistsgallery.com](http://eastsideartistsgallery.com)

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A poster for a figure drawing event. The title "FIGURE DRAWING" is in large, bold, red letters with a white outline. Below it, the text "Is Great Practice and an Excellent way to Improve Drawing and Painting Skills!" is in black. The location "Weekly at the Griffin Art Center, 437 N. Market St." is in black. The time and price "FRIDAYS, 6-9 PM. \$15" are in large, bold, red letters. A photograph shows several people in an art studio, some sitting and some standing, engaged in drawing. A speech bubble says "LIFE DRAWING IT'S FOR REAL". At the bottom, it says "Run by artists, for artists." and "Moderated by Gnarly Artly: gnarlyartly@gmail.com 240-529-7814 on Facebook at Frederick Figure Drawing, natch!".

**FIGURE DRAWING**

Is Great Practice and an Excellent way to Improve Drawing and Painting Skills!

Weekly at the Griffin Art Center, 437 N. Market St.

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LIFE DRAWING  
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on Facebook at Frederick Figure Drawing, natch!



**Engage with Frederick's remarkable arts community - become a Frederick Arts Council member today!**

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**How to submit to the newsletter:** Members, please send your information and/or graphics to [info@frederickartscouncil.org](mailto: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 2021 Newsletter Schedule](#)

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