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.

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

Lester Bowie Mural Opens at 69 S. Market Street

FAC's newly commissioned mural featuring jazz great & Frederick native Lester Bowie, painted by artist Rafael Blanco, opened Saturday, December 5th.

Speakers included Frederick Mayor Michael O'Connor, Beverly Ford, cousin of Lester Bowie & Board Member of AARCH, FAC Board Member Ted Robinson, FAC Executive Director Louise Kennelly, Board Members Josh Pedersen and Tammie Workman of the Ausherman Family Foundation, FAC Public Art Program Manager Charlotte Marra.

Read Brother Joe Bowie's Remarks on Lester's Life (delivered at opening by cousin Beverly Ford)

Many of Lester's friends and extended family were in attendance, and the celebration included live jazz from the Joseph Brotherton Quartet and the Eric Byrd Trio.
Lester Bowie's friends & extended family gather for a shot in front of the mural.

Finishing up the afternoon strong with the Eric Byrd Trio (from Frederick Jazz Festival).

Tonight: Make Surprising Connections in Creative Conversation at speak.easy
speak.easy is an ongoing conversation series featuring two fascinating - and seemingly unrelated - topics.

On select Friday evenings at 5 PM, two experts from diverse fields take 20 minutes to deliver a fun, fact-filled, sometimes irreverent, always entertaining talk to an engaged audience. Talks are followed by a Q&A / discussion in which unexpected connections and surprise discoveries are made.

The first of the speak.easy series will take place on Friday, December 18th at 5 pm featuring poet W. Luther Jett, speaking on performing poetry, and geologist Jack Parrott, speaking on the confluence of science and art, and a competition that asked artists to conceive a way to warn humans 10,000 years in the future of a nuclear waste site.

To join, simply click the link below. The host will let you in.

Zoom Link
Ongoing: FAC’s Online Holiday Art Sale!

Score unique gifts for friends and family this season while supporting the arts!

The Frederick Arts Council has launched an online holiday art sale of unique art and artisan items and gifts.

Log on to access the online gallery [here](#). Partial proceeds benefit the Frederick Arts Council and arts programming in your community!

If you would like us to consider any of your art or artisan items for the online gallery, please email [info@frederickartscouncil.org](mailto:info@frederickartscouncil.org) with images of your item(s) and item value. If your item is purchased, you will receive 60% of sale price.

Happy (& safe) shopping!

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New Facebook Group Promotes Local Art & Artisan Items

[Frederick County Handmade](#) is a new Facebook group (originating from [PopUp Frederick](#)) where local artists and artisans advertise their
items for sale.

Consider joining the group & checking it out! Amazing new treasures posted every day.

Photography by Fran Byrne

Jewelry by Bethany Dellagnello

Print Show "A Mutual Interest" On View at 5 E. 2nd Street Art Center

"The environment is where we all meet, where we all have a mutual interest; it is the one thing all of us share. It is not only a mirror of ourselves, but a focusing lens on what we can become."

~Lady Bird Johnson

In a winter print show at FAC's 5 E. 2nd Street Art Center, local and regional artists offer perspectives on the human relationship with nature.
All prints are available for sale.

Lisa Sheirer

Priyanka Kumar

Free Arts Integration Professional Development with AEMS
Series Schedule:

- January 12, 2021: 4:00-5:30 PM
- February 6, 2021: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
- March 2, 2021: 4:00-5:30 PM
- April 10, 2021: 10:30-12:00 PM

The AEMS Maryland Arts Integration Network (MAIN) provides professional development opportunities to educators who seek to implement arts integration techniques into their instructional practices. Collaborating with arts integration specialists, AEMS offers professional development experiences that explore connections between different arts disciplines and other academic subjects.

Working with longtime arts integration specialist and longtime MAIN collaborator Lenore Blank Kelner & Co., AEMS will be offering a series of virtual professional development workshops to Frederick County Public School K-2 educators called Dramatic Moves: ELA, Math and Science Come to Life Through Drama and Dance! a series of four (4) 90-minute, co-facilitated sessions that help teachers develop techniques for integrating:

- Drama with reading/literacy
- Dance with math and science

Presenters: Lenore Blank Kelner & Kimberli Boyd

All materials presented in the course will be grounded in the MSDE Fine Art Standards as well as the MSDE College and Career Ready Standards for ELA, Math and Science.
Thanks to grant funding by the Frederick County-based Delaplaine and Ausherman Family Foundations, AEMS is offering this virtual professional development opportunity to up to 40 K-2 grade level educators at no charge.

Sign Up Here

Save the Date: 2021 Festival of the Arts

The 2021 Frederick Festival of the Arts is currently scheduled for June 11th-13th.

FAC will be monitoring COVID-19 restrictions and conditions into the new year and this date may be subject to change -- meanwhile, feel free to mark your calendars and get ready to welcome back one of Frederick's favorite events.

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) or by mailing to:
Frederick Arts Council Member Spotlight

Benefactor Events

Interview with: Jarad Bowens, Owner

Summary of Artwork/Mission:
Benefactor Events is an Entertainment and Events company on a Mission. We strive to make a difference in the community by providing outstanding entertainment service and giving back at the same time. We specialize in DJ, MC, Sound, and Lighting services for ANY type of event as well as event production and planning services with a focus on No-Profit and fundraising events. We have an amazing and talented DJ team who take their art and craft very seriously and seek to uplift the community through its expression. We love to party, but when we do, it's with a purpose which is why 5% of ALL of our sales go back to charitable organizations in the area every quarter.

Favorite Artist:
Musician - Michael Jackson or James Brown
Artist - We love street art so Banksy, Justin Bua, Eduardo Kobra etc.

Fun Fact:
The first "DJ Scratch" sound was created almost by accident by DJ "Grand Wizard Theodore"

Contact info: 301-228-0963
jarad@benefactorevents.com

www.benefactorevents.com
Thanks to all who came out for Sky Stage's 2020 Season! We especially appreciate your cooperation to keep everyone healthy and safe.

See you in 2021!

skystagefrederick.com

Join the Maryland Performing Artist Touring Roster

The Maryland Performing Artist Touring Roster is a list of juried Maryland-based artists who have a demonstrated history of successful, professional touring engagements. MSAC uses the roster to promote artistic collaboration between Maryland touring artists and Maryland presenters with the goal of increasing touring engagements for Maryland professional performing artists.

Benefits of being listed on the Roster include:

- Maryland Touring Grant funding is available to eligible Maryland-based non-profit organizations to support Roster artist booking/artist fees.
- MSAC promotes the Roster and funding opportunities to presenters.
- MSAC's new website will allow each Roster artist to update their profile with current booking information and work samples and provide easier navigation and search capabilities for presenters.

Applications are open to Independent Artists and Performing Companies/Groups who are able to demonstrate a successful history of professional touring engagements. Read full eligibility requirements in the program guidelines.

Applications are reviewed by panelists on a quarterly basis. Applications submitted...
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 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](#)
Now Open at the FSK Mall!

This new kids performing arts education and production space is located in the FSK Mall across from H&M. We are offering classes in a range of disciplines and are available for rental.

Our official capacity (post covid) is 250, with comfortable proscenium seating for 150, a dedicated crafting area, greenroom, costume storage, and dance floor. We are actively seeking partnerships with other arts organizations that would like to offer regular weekday classes, weekend special events, or weekend recitals & presentations on our stage.

We also consign performing arts-related merchandise in our gift shop and feature flyers from our partners and teachers. Stop by the FSK Mall to visit and see the space. Check the website for hours.

kids.freerangeworld.com

The Frederick Children's Chorus will be performing at the 2020 Festival of Lights!

Where: City Hall Frederick; Outside performance
Date: December 18, 2020
Showtime: 7 pm
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 of 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) for details and explanation of scheduled activities.

Gallery Hours expanded for November and December:
Tuesday to Friday, 11am - 5pm
Saturday, 10am - 8pm
Sunday, 12pm - 5pm

pottersguildoffrederick.com
Author: Jack Campbell

Genre: Science Fiction (sci-fi)

"The Pen is Mightier Than the Sword, but the Wise Person Carries Both." – SFWA Motto

Jack Campbell is the pen name of John G. Henry, a retired U.S. Navy officer, who draws on his military career to write military science fiction novels. He is the author of the New York Times bestselling Lost Fleet novels as well as the Stark's War and Paul Sinclair series.

John grew up everywhere from Pensacola, Florida to San Diego, California and Midway Island due to his father's military career. He graduated from Lyons High School in Lyons, Kansas in 1974, then attended the U.S. Naval Academy (Class of ’78), where he was labeled "the un-Midshipman" by his roommates.

As far back as he can recall, John read and tried to write. He gave it a go at Lyons High School (without selling any fiction), but then the U.S. Navy intervened. His active duty career included: shipboard, intelligence, staff, and anti-terrorism assignments. It didn't leave much time for writing, but exposed him to diverse peoples, different experiences, varied locations, and new things to learn. “My career gave me a lot of tools and a lot to work with when I retired from the Navy and decided to try writing seriously,” Henry said. “Not simply just the engineering background, travel, ship experience, and leadership, but also experience writing professionally and editing my own work and others.

“The most important element in my decision to write,” he said, “was my wife who said to try it now, or I might never give it a strong effort. I listened to her and it worked.” John lives in Maryland with his wife who is too good for him and three great kids. The two oldest children are diagnosed as autistic but are slowly improving with therapies, education and medications.

His best selling Lost Fleet novels are an action-packed military science fiction series that explores the time when the earth is no longer the center of the universe due to the invention of a faster-than-light jump drive which has allowed the rapid creation of new colonies. As a result the vast distances of space mean that the old order of protection and interstellar law offered by Earth has ceased to exist.

Genre: Science Fiction Science fiction (sci-fi) is speculative fiction that focuses on futuristic concepts such as advanced science and technology, space exploration, time travel, extraterrestrial life, and parallel universes and often explores potential consequences of scientific, social, and technological innovations.


Fun With Words - Maryland Writers’ Association (MWA) invites you to have fun writing sci-fi like Jack Campbell. Up to 100 words start with a flight instructor living on a future planet at harvest time and incorporate a holographic reality, an overpopulated city, and an alien attack in your piece.

Submit your Fun With Words response to https://marylandwriters.org/Notable_Maryland_Authors by the 25th 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 info.
The Weinberg Center remains closed. For information on upcoming events, visit 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
Thank you so much to everyone who helped make our first virtual performance a success!

The Fredericktowne Players will be holding their next live streamed 'Holiday' cabaret on 12/19. For additional details, please visit our Facebook page or reach out to Lauren and James Downing at downingathome@gmail.com.
DECEMBER 2020  EXHIBITIONS • PROGRAMS • WORKSHOPS

CLUSTERED SPIRES QUILT GUILD
Trees
Fiber works
Dec 5 - 27

FREDERICK CAMERA CLIQUE
Members Exhibition
Photography
Dec 5 - 27

KEN BACHMAN
Structural Perspectives
Oil paintings
Dec 5 - Jan 31

MAREMI ANDREOZZI
Lady Lineage
Acrylic paintings
Dec 5 - Jan 31

MICHAEL HUNTER THOMPSON
Night Walker
Photography
Through Dec 27

FIRST SATURDAY, DEC 5
Exhibition Openings | On-site & online | FREE
Art Matters Artist Talk | 2 pm | Zoom Webinar | FREE
Members of the Clustered Spires Quilt Guild discuss the fabric-works within their group exhibition, Trees.

Delaplaine at Home: Creative Outlet | YouTube | FREE
Purchase an Elf Workshop Kit or use materials you have at home to create holiday trees to give as gifts!

VIRTUAL HOLIDAY ARTISTS MARKET
NOV 27-DEC 14 | delaplaine.org/SHOP
Our annual Arts & Crafts Expo is going online this year! Shop a variety of artworks created by regional artists and artisans. Gift wrapping available.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP: PAPERCUTTING
Saturday & Sunday, DEC 5 & 6 | 2-5 pm | $125 ($100 members)
Go far beyond silhouettes and snowflakes to create cityscapes featuring thin power lines in this online workshop with artist Rosa Leff.

YOUTH WORKSHOP: INTRO TO WOODWORKING
Saturday & Sunday, DEC 12 & 13 | 12-2 pm | $85 ($60 members)
Youth in grades 5-8 can develop basic woodworking skills with Jeff Woytowich while learning to be safe, smart, and creative in the wood shop.

View more Winter Classes, Virtual Delaplaine programming, and more at DELAPLAINE.ORG

delaplaine.org
Local artist Yemi Fagbohun celebrates the 275th Anniversary of Frederick, MD with his signed and numbered limited edition reproductions of his digital art.

Available now at DISTRICT Arts

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
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:
theartistsgalleryfrederick.com

theartistsgalleryfrederick.com
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.

Gallery322.com

gallery322.com

December Exhibition
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 | nomagallery2@gmail.com

Luminaire
An exhibition of Light... in the dark

December 5th – February 6th*
Opening January 9th, 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 5th Street, Frederick, MD 21701
*www.luminaireartexhibition.com

luminaireartexhibition.com
Eastside Artists' Gallery

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

eastsideartistsgallery.com
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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