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.

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First Saturday Outdoor Events:
Print Show Opens at 5 E. 2nd Street; Mural Celebration at 69 S. Market Street

FAC has two great opening events slated for this Saturday, December 5th (tomorrow). We look forward to seeing you there.

Opening of Winter Print Show at 5 E. 2nd Street Art Center

11:30 am-1 pm
An outdoor waiting area will be set up to help manage social distancing and number of visitors inside.

Print Show: A Mutual Interest
"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

Local and regional artists offer perspectives on the human relationship with nature.
69 S. Market Street Lester Bowie Mural Opening

FAC's newest commissioned mural, featuring jazz great & Frederick native Lester Bowie, will open with an outdoor live jazz celebration. [Read more about the mural in the Frederick News-Post](#)

**Time:** 1-5 pm  
**Place:** 69 S. Market Street  
Performing will be artists from the Frederick Jazz Festival (1-3 pm) and the Eric Byrd Trio (3-5 pm).

Please come enjoy our festivities masked & socially distanced!

![Artist Rafael Blanco stands with his Lester Bowie mural.](image)  

The mural is supported by the Ausherman Family Foundation.
American Jazz Great is Remembered, Featured in New Mural

Thanks to the family of jazz trumpeter Lester Bowie we learn first-hand about his life. His brother, Joe Bowie, also an accomplished musician, and his cousin Beverly Ford, board member of AARCH, have prepared some highlights from Lester Bowie's life that you can read in the link below.

These remarks will be delivered at Saturday's mural reveal by Beverly Ford.

Click Here to Read the Remarks in Full

Click Here to Watch Lester Bowie in Performance

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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 with images of your item(s) and item value. If your item is purchased, you will receive 60% of sale price.

Happy (& safe) shopping!

Mug by Kevin Rodrigue, "Allure" painting by Kathy A Williams

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, 11 W Patrick Street, Suite 201, Frederick, MD 21701.

Frederick Arts Council Member Spotlight
Interview with: Dr. David A. Fanning, Music Director/Conductor

Summary of Artwork/Mission:
Founded in 2013, the National String Symphonia is a professional symphonic string orchestra. Our mission is to preserve, promote, and present string orchestra music, a body of work that spans nearly 500 years. While one might envision art music composers as wig-adorned, white European men, string orchestra music is being created today by a variety of composers that includes diversity in gender, race, ethnicity, age, geography, and style.

Favorite Artist: Our talented musicians!

Fun Fact: We have presented 3 world premieres, including one at the Kennedy Center!

Contact info: info@nssorchestra.org, www.nssorchestra.org

The National String Symphonia believes strongly in having something for everyone. We always highlight a work that has not been performed frequently. We especially love it if we can find something not heard for decades or even centuries, and are extra thrilled to find a musical selection that no living person has ever heard. Then we have the lighter fare for those who are not oriented towards classical music, more complex music for the educated musical crowd, a mix of works by composers from different countries, time periods, genres, and genders, and we present things like all women composer concerts, 80's style pop-up video concerts and recordings that will be used by music directors all over the world.
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

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.
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

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

fredcc.org

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 is 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) 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

"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 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 eldest 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. Using 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.
JIM BRICKMAN - Comfort & Joy at Home
SUN DECEMBER 6, 2020 | 4:00 PM

Acclaimed solo pianist Jim Brickman will bring the LIVE concert experience up close and personal during this virtual concert by blending yuletide memories and holiday carols with his own hit songs such as, "The Gift," "Sending You A Little Christmas," "Angel Eyes" and "If You Believe." He will warm the hearts of all as sweet sounds of faith and love make spirits bright, bringing family and friends together for anything but a silent night.

All ticket sales will go through the Brickman store and will be livestreamed from the Brickman studio, with a portion of ticket sales going to the Weinberg Center for the Arts. 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.

Other Voices Theatre Hosts Drive-In Cabarets
Other Voices Theatre has been getting creative during Covid-19 restrictions with their Drive-In Cabarets. Starting in July, they have been holding performances in the parking lot of The Performing Arts Factory on Jefferson Street. Pictured is Vanessa Meadows from their October Halloween Cabaret.

At the next Drive-In performance in December, they will be partnering with the Dance Unlimited Repertory Company dancers to bring everyone some Holiday favorite songs and dances.

othervoicestheatre.org

Visual Art Exhibits

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DECEMBER 2020 EXHIBITIONS • PROGRAMS • WORKSHOPS
**DISTRICT Arts** is a contemporary art gallery in the heart of the vibrant historic district in downtown Frederick, MD. The gallery features local, regional and nationally recognized working artists whose creations evoke the modern world through the dramatic use of color and form, reflect world influences and diversity, and inspire, challenge, entertain and educate.

**GALLERY HOURS**
Monday - Tuesday: 12 - 5
Wednesday - Thursday: 12 - 6
Friday - Saturday: 12 - 8
Sunday: 12 - 5

15 N Market St | Frederick, MD 21701

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
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

Opening: First Saturday, December 5th, 5-8pm.
Artist Talk: Saturday, December 19, 1pm

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...

Luminaire
An exhibition of Light... in the dark

December 5th – February 6th*
Opening January 9th, 6 pm – 9 pm

December – view by appointment only*
Fridays 4 pm – 7 pm
Saturdays 6 pm – 9 pm

Griffin Art Center, Side Gallery
4 West 5th Street, Frederick, MD 21701
www.luminaireartexhibition.com

*Contact Rula Jones, 703-507-3710

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!
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