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.

FAC is seeking information & input from members and all stakeholders.

Please take a moment to respond to this survey!

Take the Survey

Sky Stage Awarded $200,000 Through State Revitalization Programs
The Frederick Arts Council is pleased to announce we have been selected as an awardee of a State Revitalization Program administered by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

FAC’s Sky Stage, located at 59 South Carroll Street, is receiving $200,000 and will use this funding for future improvements to the award-winning outdoor amphitheater and public arts installation. Project plans include the installation of permanent restroom facilities and the addition of a partially retractable roof to allow performances in all weather.

"We are appreciative of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development’s grant award as well as the City of Frederick for partnering on our application. This funding will allow increased access to FAC’s Sky Stage which can now serve as a performance and exhibition space for artists and community groups in rain or shine," said Louise Kennelly, executive director of the Frederick Arts Council.

Frederick Arts Council’s Sky Stage is one of three projects funded within the City of Frederick.

Update: New FAC Grant Program

FAC was awarded $500,000 through the National Endowment for the Arts American Rescue Plan funding program to regrant to local artists and arts organizations.

We are working diligently on the guidelines for the FAC NEA ARPA regranting program. These applications will be available as soon as possible.

Please check our [website](#) and upcoming editions of this newsletter for future updates. Additionally, we will be conducting robust outreach so that this opportunity for support reaches as many artists and arts organizations as possible.

New RFQ: Hill Street Skatepark Mural
CALL SUMMARY
Frederick Arts Council seeks qualifications from artists or artist teams to design a mural for Hill Street Skatepark. We are looking for an engaging work of art that reflects the culture and energy of the skateboarding lifestyle, strengthens a sense of community and neighborhood unity, marks the neighborhood, provides a venue for community events, and/or reflects nature and the surrounding ecology. The Hillstreet Skatepark is located in the Hillcrest neighborhood just south of the Golden Mille. The park encompasses 17,000 square ft and is constructed of concrete. The park consists of: two pools, a clover bowl, a full street area, ledges, and rails. The park is heavily used by skaters throughout the county.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The eventual mural will fill the skate pools and/or street areas in the park with a unique and distinctive design. This outdoor mural should be adequately designed to withstand the wear and tear of frequent skating.

Selected artists will be invited to submit mural designs to fill any combination of the following areas:
- Bowl (41’ x 22’ x 8’)
- Clover bowl 2 (approx. 25’x25’)
- Street skate area (various)

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

BUDGET
The total budget is not to exceed $35,000.

ELIGIBILITY
This opportunity is open to all professional artists residing in the United States.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
- Resume
- Work examples
- Letter of Interest

Inquiries regarding this opportunity may be directed to Nicole Ringel: nicole@frederickarts council.org

More Info & Application Link

Save the Date: Virtual Maryland Arts Day 2022
Join us online for Maryland Arts Day 2022!

Thursday, February 17
9 am - 1 pm

Click Here to Register through MD Citizens for the Arts

This invigorating one-day event brings together countless members of the arts community, and you can stand tall with arts advocates, artists, educators, administrators, board members, volunteers, and more from across the state - all with the common goal of championing public investment for the arts.

Applications Open for Frederick Festival of the Arts

Applications are now open on the ZAPP portal for 2022 Festival artists. This year's Festival will be held on Saturday June 11th and Sunday June 12th.

Click Here for More Info & To Apply
We invite all FAC Members and creatively-inclined friends in the community to come visit our new Creative Lab!

Located on the 3rd floor of the 5 E. 2nd Street art center, the Creative Lab invites artists and creatives to utilize the space filled with drawing tables, easels, armchairs, an art library, artist editions and monographs, and more along the balcony. The space is laptop-friendly as well with available outlets & free wifi.

Art Center Hours:

Mon-Thurs 10-5
Fri 11-4
Sat-Sun 11-5

FAC Exhibitions On View

A number of exhibitions continue on display at FAC's gallery spaces. Be sure to check them out in the coming weeks:

5 E. 2nd Street, 2nd floor: Creative Gateways: Expressing Frederick's Unique Identity
Roundabouts and Gateways pose an opportunity to transform important and highly
visible areas into distinct zones that facilitate unique and memorable experiences. This exhibition brings together the creative vision of over 20 individual artists who have contemplated the potential of these zones to activate the county’s distinct cultural, historical, and ecological identity.

5 E. 2nd Street, 1st Floor: **Flat File Exhibition**

The FAC Holiday Showcase Flat File Exhibition offers visitors the unique opportunity to browse the affordable art work of 15 local artists. The exhibit is currently on display on the first floor of the FAC art center at 5 E. 2nd Street. Featuring original works priced under $350, the Flat File Exhibition presents a unique opportunity to support local artists. See inventory and purchase a piece [here](#).

11 W. Patrick Street: **Hood College Graduate Ceramics Showcase**

FAC’s contemporary gallery at 11 W Patrick Street is currently housing an exhibition featuring the work of faculty and students from Hood College's graduate ceramics program. The exhibit will be on view throughout Winter 2021-2022. [Artist Bios & More Info](#)

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**Support the FAC by "Voting" for our Carroll Creek Boat!**

[Image of a boat]

The Sailing Through the Winter Solstice boats are back, which means it's once again time to help your favorite win the race!

Each boat is racing on behalf of a local nonprofit, and we'd be honored if you'd help our own **Arctic Racer** win. Votes for each boat are tallied after March 4th -- we win one vote for every contributed dollar!

FAC's Arctic Racer boat (pictured above) is sponsored by the Ausherman Family Foundation.

**Our members have boats in the race as well:**

"Handel It," The Frederick Children's Chorus (sponsored by KH Sales and Consulting)

"Reel Fun," Heartly House (sponsored by DeLong Stang CPAs and Advisors)

"Mystere," AARCH (sponsored by Visit Frederick)

Feel free to show them some love & support!
Endangered Species (theatre) Project Recognized for Outstanding Performance by DC Metro Theatre Arts

FAC member Endangered Species (theatre) Project and its production of Romeo and Juliet were chosen (along with The Kennedy Center, Mosaic Theater Company of DC, Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, Olney Theatre Center, and other top DC-area theaters) as a Staff Favorite in ‘Outstanding Performances from Professional Theater Productions’ by DC Metro Theater Arts!

View the complete list here.
FAC Calendar Open to Member Event Submissions

FAC Members are invited to submit their events to the FAC website calendar. Visit the FAC Calendar page and click "submit an event" on the right. Use the email address associated with your membership account to begin or to reset your password.

Not a member? Join now!

Please reach out to info@frederickartscouncil.org with questions.

MSAC Seeking Panelists to Evaluate 2022-2023 Folklife Apprenticeships

The Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) is seeking Maryland residents to serve as panelists to review Folklife Apprenticeships applications for the 2023 fiscal year. Offered annually,
Folklife Apprenticeships fund a master artist teaching skills to a learner artist, supporting the vitality of traditional arts in Maryland.

Panelist work is at the heart of MSAC’s service. This work enlists members of Maryland’s arts sector to make the funding recommendations that MSAC uses in its grantmaking. Panelist service is a way to ensure that the needs of your community are represented on the state level. To be eligible, applicants must be Maryland residents. Panelists must have access to a computer with internet connection to complete reviews.

What to Expect:
- Serving six weeks, with assignments spread throughout the service period.
- Attending a required 90-minute virtual orientation and training.
- Independently reading and scoring grant applications by the established deadlines. Scores and comments are submitted online.
- Attending a required virtual panel of approximately four hours, depending on the number of applications received.
- Receiving compensation of $350, assuming the completion of all scheduled assignments.

How to Apply:
- Submit your application via MSAC’s online grants management system, SmartSimple.
- Click the “Apply Now” link below to log in or create a free account in SmartSimple; be sure to log in as an individual, rather than an organization, as organization-based accounts do not have access to panelist applications. If you do not have an individual account, you may create one for free by registering as an “Independent Artist.”
- Under Funding Opportunities, select "Public Call."
- Fill out the information in the "Contact Information" tab.
- Select the "Narrative" tab.
- From the dropdown menu labeled "I am applying as a," select "Panelist Call," and click "Save Draft" to populate the application.
- Select “Maryland Traditions Apprenticeship” as the Grant Program, and fill in the remainder of the form.
- Click “Submit.”

[Apply now]

Deadline: 11:59 p.m., January 22nd, 2022.

If you are interested in serving as a panelist but have questions about the application process, please contact MSAC Folklife Specialist Ryan Koons at ryan.koons@maryland.gov.

[Thanks to all who came out for Sky Stage’s 2021 Season!]

We look forward to seeing you next year!

[skystagefrederick.com]
Fire In Ice 2022 Set for February 5th First Saturday, with Modifications

The Downtown Frederick Partnership's annual Fire in Ice event will be held once again in 2022, complete with over 100 unique ice sculptures. This year's Fire in Ice will take place Saturday February 5th, with sculptures on display from 11 am to 9 pm.

After consulting with various government representatives, the Partnership is opting not to offer Ice Bar, live ice carving, fire dancers or fires pits/marshmallow roasting at the 2022 event. These changes are made with a goal of reducing potential crowd congestion. In community conversations, the feedback was positive that this approach provides a fun outdoor activity while minimizing people congregating to a significant degree.

The Y Arts Center at 115 E. Church Street invites you to drop by every Wednesday at noon for...
a salon & brown bag lunch! This hour each week will be dedicated to connecting with others and sharing ideas and visions for Frederick. Hosted by Alan Feinberg and the Carroll Street Creative District.

24/7 Dance Launches Weinberg Benefit in Memory of Longtime Arts Supporter
Mrs. Cinda "Cindy" Jean (Cecil) Spurrier passed away November 27, 2021 after a 5 month battle with lung cancer. Cindy was a huge supporter of the performing arts, and volunteered her time at countless recitals, plays and performances in Frederick County for over 50 years. The staff, families and students of 24/7 Dance Studio had the pleasure of Cindy's countless hours of support since the studio opened its doors 20 years ago.

Cindy volunteered at and enjoyed numerous recitals and performances at The Weinberg Center for the Arts in Frederick, MD (founded in 1926). To honor Cindy, we are raising funds to provide the Weinberg Center with LED lighting that all of Frederick County artists can enjoy.

Please join us in continuing Cindy's love and support of the arts as well as paying tribute to an amazing woman.

Visit GoFundMe Page

24-7dancestudio.com

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The Potters' Guild of Frederick: Monthly Events
'Take a Turn At The Wheel'

We’re back and running classes again so if you have 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 with a color (from our selection of glazes) of your choice. Meet new friends in a creative environment! Sign up with friends or bring your team! Class size is limited to 4 people per class and is 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, we have postponed our in-person General meetings until further notice. As Maryland begins its phased re-opening we will notify everyone when in-person meeting will resume. Currently, meetings are being held virtually, via Zoom. If you are interested in joining us for a meeting please email us at info@pottersguildoffrederick.com to request an invite. Please visit the Potters' Guild website (www.pottersguildoffrederick.com) for details and explanation of scheduled activities.

**Gallery Hours:**
Thursday    11am – 5pm  
Friday      11am – 5pm  
Saturday    10am – 8pm  
Sunday      12pm – 5pm

pottersguildoffrederick.com
Author, Singer, Playwright Wows Kids with WOW Writing Formula.

**Author: Mary Amato**  
**Genre: Children’s Fiction**

"I love the spilling of ink from head to heart to page." – Mary Amato

Mary Amato is an award-winning children’s and YA book author, poet, playwright, and songwriter. Her books have been translated into foreign languages, optioned for television, and produced on stage. She is the recipient of the William G. Wilson Maryland Author Award from the Maryland Library Association. Her work has also won children’s choice awards in Ohio, Minnesota, Utah, and Arizona.

Mary started writing at the age of seven when they took a trip to California and her mother gave her a notebook and encouraged her to keep a journal. She discovered how enjoyable it was to record something in a journal and then be able to read it later. Her favorite books as a child were Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh because Harriet was a terrific journal keeper and Little Women by Louisa May Alcott. She still has that journal.

A renaissance woman, Mary studied special education and dance at Indiana University and completed a Masters at Johns Hopkins University with a focus on fiction writing and poetry. This smorgasbord of artistic interests percolates through her work. Mary’s children’s fiction includes over twenty published works, a new series launched this year, and a new picture book in 2022. She also writes personal essays for newspapers and magazines, composes poetry and songs, and sings. As co-founder of Firefly Shadow Theater, she writes plays, stories, and scripts for shows that range in size and scope and that are sometimes pure entertainment and sometimes educational.

To remain productive and reduce burn out, Mary balances each day with a mix of “seat-in-chair” writing, singing, and teaching. "I mix up the day so that one creative pursuit feeds the other. I get and give more energy this way." A typical day would start with a four hour writing block, followed by a “plot walk” (walking with a notebook in hand to generate ideas), followed by a brief singing session, and capped off with one of her online writing classes. The highlight of her week is every Friday from 1:00-1:30 PM EST when she offers an online writing session for adults writers of all genres.

"I love sharing my discoveries, trials, and triumphs with other writers." Mary especially loves showing kids they can create stories and explains it using her "WOW" formula. A character who Warts something, overcomes an Obstacle in the way, in order to Win what they wanted.

Mary, who lives in Hyattsville, MD, is in demand for school presentations and retreats on writing and the creative process as well as teaches popular online workshops. Find out more at www.maryamato.com.

**Genre: Children’s Fiction**  
Literature written for and about children (1-18) that includes, Picture Books, Early Readers, Chapter Books, Middle-Grade Novels, and Young Adult books.

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

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**Concerts**

**Upcoming Concerts from the National String Symphonia**
FOCUS - Jazz (with strings attached)
featuring saxophonist Howard Burns

Sunday, March 27, 2022
2:00 p.m.
New Spire Arts
15 W Patrick St.
Frederick, MD 21701

To purchase tickets:  http://www.nssorchestra.org/concert.php?concertblock=17

Hindemith - The Four Temperaments
featuring pianist Bob Boguslaw

April/May 2022

Hindemith - The Four Temperaments
featuring pianist Bob Boguslaw

Sunday, April 24, 2022
2:00 p.m.
New Spire Arts
15 W Patrick St.
Frederick, MD 21701

To purchase tickets:  http://www.nssorchestra.org/concert.php?concertblock=18

nssorchestra.org
The Weinberg is temporarily closed as a COVID-19 precaution through January 31st. For more information, visit weinbergcenter.org.
Visual Art Exhibits

JANUARY 2022 EXHIBITIONS • PROGRAMS • WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8
Exhibition Openings | On-site & Online | FREE
Art Matters Artist Talk | 2 pm | Online | FREE
Members of the Frederick County Art Association share about their works and processes.
Creative Outlet | 3 - 5 pm | On-site | $5 per artist
Kids and adults are invited to drop-in and get creative together on art activities at family tables! In this session, enjoy creating Watercolor snowflake art inspired by Wilson Alwyn Bentley, American meteorologist and photographer.

ART AT NOON
LLOYD KIVA NEW: ARTIST, EDUCATOR, VISIONARY
Friday, Jan 14 • 12 pm | Online | FREE
Join Manuela Well-Off-Man, Chief Curator at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, NM, as she discusses the contributions and influence of the Delaplane’s Artist of Inspiration, Lloyd Kiva New.

WINTER CLASSES NOW ENROLLING
A wide variety of art classes and workshops begin in January or February
Getting to Know Pastel • Watercolor and Wet Media • Intro to Woodworking Painting with Textiles • Cardboard Collagraph Printmaking • Visual Journaling

See the full schedule and register online at DELAPLAINE.ORG

Marylandensemble.org

Delaplaine Arts Center Satellite Gallery exhibit, in partnership with Frederick County Public Libraries:
Light in the Darkness  
Janet Seifert

January 3, 2022 to March 27, 2022
Brunswick Branch Library, 915 N. Maple Ave., Brunswick MD 21716

April 2, 2022 to June 26, 2022
Urbana Regional Library, 9020 Amelung St., Frederick MD 21704

Light in the Darkness  Janet Seifert

Most of the paintings in this exhibit were created during the 2020 pandemic. My concept was to create images using luminous light as a metaphor for the hope, strength and resilience needed to shine through such a dark time in our lives.

Using the Renaissance painting technique known as "chiaroscuro," forms are defined by diffused but radiant light from the depths of the background. The illumination emanates from an unseen mysterious source, creating an ethereal, otherworldly quality and revealing images that are seemingly discernible yet not quite definable.

The idea for the paintings first evolved while experimenting with digital, closeup snapshots of tiny holiday lights and sunlit-infused objects. Using the photos as inspiration and a point of departure, I refined them into painted images. My hope was to create serene, luminous moments frozen in time.

delaplaine.org
Sarah Kaufman “Orchid Jazz Messenger”

In January we focus on the new creations of our 35 gallery artists. Stop in and see what’s on view!

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DISTRIBUT Arts

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CALL TO ARTISTS
“Spring Fling”

DISTRICT Arts is pleased to present "Spring Fling" an independently juried exhibition. Spring celebrates Awakening, Renewal and Regeneration. It could also mean Spring Rolls, Boxspring, Spring Showers or Pasta Primavera.

Whatever Spring means to you in your art is of interest to us. Call details and a link to the submission form will be available on our website January 20, 2022.

Entries must be received by end of day March 21, 2022.

Details and prospectus will be available at:
https://www.districtarts.com/spring-fling-call

15 N. Market St
Frederick, MD

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

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February 4-27, 2022

The Architects Exhibit 2022

Featured Artists:

Gillian Collins
Tom Dorsz
Luc Fiedler
Sandra Fritter
Christina Lund

Opening Reception:
Sat., Feb 5, 5-8pm

Hours and Location
Fri. & Sat. 12 - 8
Sun. 12-4

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CALL FOR ART
Deadline: February 6

Juror:
Matt Klos

Open to artists 18+ living in MD/DC/VA/WV/PA/DE. Eligible works include original paintings, drawings, prints, mixed media, photographs, and sculpture. Awards will be presented during the reception.

For info and to apply visit: theartistsgalleryfrederick.com
or find us on CaFE (callforentry.org).
Ann Schaefer • Anne Gibson Snyder
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Linda Kirvan • Michael Douglas Jones
Tom Ritchie • Russ Schofield
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Lissa Abrams, and Karen Winston-Levin

322 North Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701

Friday 4-7pm; Saturday & Sunday 12-5pm
and of course, open by appointment.

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December 31, 2021-January 30, 2022

First Saturday Opening: **January 8 | 4-8pm**
Third Thursday Artist Talk: **January 20 | 7-8pm**

“Missing Pieces” is a series of paper collages and mixed media sculptures exploring a white woman’s personal journey through the complex issue of race in American History. Virginia has spent the past two years encountering new and renewed knowledge about the realities of racism and what it means to be white in America. With this body of work she attempts to look beyond her initial feelings of guilt and shame in order to come to terms with her role in the ongoing inequities that are rooted in the founding of this country. She hopes her artwork promotes a thoughtful dialogue about these issues that will lead to sustained positive change.
Annie Quinlan and Thomas Sterner will be exhibiting individual and collaborative pieces in their show entitled ‘Everything is Connected’, February 4th through February 27th, 2022 at NOMA Gallery, 437 N. Market Street, Frederick. The opening reception is Saturday February 5th from 5pm to 8pm and an artist talk on 3rd Thursday 2/17/22 at 7pm.

This exhibit explores the relationships and interdependence of all things. Both artists are influenced by nature and their connection to it. Quinlan investigates spiritual connections, with mantras in her underpainting, implied memories and transcendence. Sterner’s thought driven works juxtapose title and imagery to encourage the viewer to contemplate and smile.

437 N. Market Street | Friday & Saturday Noon-8pm | Sunday: Noon-4pm

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BLANCHE AMES GALLERY

Presents

Shepherdstown Friday Morning Painters

“Still Painting”

Show opening at UUCF via Zoom
Sunday, January 16, 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.
Go to Frederickuu.org, Home Page.
Find Zoom link to art show opening.
or
View show Tues., Wed., Thurs. mornings
by appointment:
BAGalleryappointment@gmail.com
Include name, phone, date/time wish to view show.

Show runs through February 27.

For more information go to Frederickuu.org homepage.
Tap “Visit” then Tap “Art Gallery.”

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

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 2021 Newsletter Schedule

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