



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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Frederick Arts Council Joins Arts Advocates Around the State to Celebrate Maryland Arts Day

On Thursday, February 11th, the Frederick Arts Council joined hundreds of arts advocates around the state (virtually!) in celebrating Maryland Arts Day, an annual event underscoring the economic and cultural value of Maryland's arts sector. The event is hosted by Maryland Citizens for the Arts.

Speakers and guests from Frederick County included Eric Byrd, of the Eric Byrd Trio (who are MSAC Individual Artist Award winners), as well as FAC Member and local artist Thomas Sterner.

A huge thank-you to Maryland Senator Ron Young and all Western Maryland County Delegation Representatives who joined us. Further thanks to Maryland Citizens for the Arts and all FAC Members and community arts advocates who took time to attend.



MD First Lady Yumi Hogan (herself an artist) addresses attendees



The Western MD Delegation Room

FAC Announces Resources for Emerging Arts Development Initiative (READI) Grants

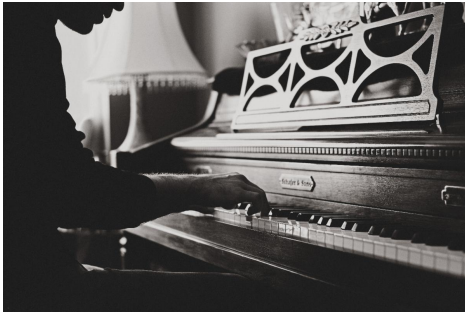
The purpose of the Resources for Emerging Arts Development Initiative (READI) program is to strengthen the vitality and sustainability of artists and small organizations to maintain a strong and stable arts infrastructure in Frederick.

The READI grants provide opportunities to serve the growing needs of arts projects and collaborations within Frederick.

Applicants may only submit one application by **March 1st**. The READI grants support eligible activities of Independent Artists and Small Organizations, with grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,000. There is no matching fund requirement.

[Download Grant Guidelines](#)
[Application Link](#)

Thelma Gross Music Scholarships Open



The Thelma Gross Music Scholarships are currently open for applications. Scholarship monies are available for students ages 5 to 17 who are pursuing vocal or instrumental instruction in a group or individualized setting.

Applications are being sought from Frederick County Public School students attending kindergarten through 11th grade, who are in need of financial assistance to pursue training in vocal or instrumental performance.

- Applications will be considered from elementary, middle and high school students who have demonstrated talent and commitment to pursuing private music instruction.
- Applications must request funding for private instruction only.

Application Deadline: March 4, 2021

[Download Application Guidelines](#)

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.

Mike Shaffer operates out of his studio in Ijamsville where he is active in the arts community. 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.



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.

FAC Seeking Facilities Technician

The Facilities Technician performs a range of maintenance duties for

the FAC Art Center and other FAC locations. Responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- small building repairs
- exhibit patch work with spackle and paint
- assist installing exhibitions
- hanging exhibition signage
- assistance with transporting artwork
- upkeep of the outdoor entrance
- refuse management
- moving items to storage
- shoveling the front sidewalk and laying salt
- duties as assigned

The Frederick Arts Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

To Apply: Please submit your interest to info@frederickartscouncil.org with the subject line 'Facilities Technician'

Status: Paid

Hours: 4-10 hr/week

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.

We will also use your cover image for your member listing on frederickartscouncil.org.



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



**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

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](#)

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Intergenerational Songwriting Studio

Join us as we collaborate
together to write one powerful
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(5th-12th grade) together to write a song
about the times in which we live.

Program results in a music video of the
group song.

There is no cost to participate in this songwriting program due
to our wonderful funders listed below. Eligible participants will be
accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

*Many thanks to our wonderful funders:
City of Frederick, Community Foundation of Frederick
County, Dan Crozier Music Trust Fund, Performing
Arts Field of Interest Fund, Delaplaine Foundation*

5 Saturday mornings beginning March 13

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO ENROLL,
VISIT [CHORDSOFCOURAGE.ORG/STUDIO](https://chordsofcourage.org/studio)



chordsofcourage.org/studio



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2020 - 2021

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- Solo Work and Audition Preparation
- Dance/Videography

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- Play Instruments
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All programs are currently conducted virtually.

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Ages 18 Mo. - Adult
June 28 - July 30



SUMMER CAMPS

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Musical Theatre Factory
Kids Show Ages 6-14
June 28-July 2
Production July 3

PRINCESS CAMP

Camp A July 5-9
Camp B July 26-30
Ages 3-6
End of Week Performance

MORE THAN DANCE CAMP

Camp A July 5-9
Camp B July 26-30
Ages 6-12
End of Week Performance

DISNEY'S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL JR.

Musical Theatre Factory Jr. Show
Ages 8-18
July 12-16
Performance July 17

DISNEY'S FROZEN KIDS

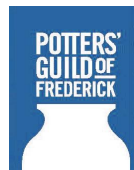
Musical Theatre Factory Kids Show
Ages 6-14
July 19-23
Performance July 24

301-846-4247

WWW.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 -- 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) for details and explanation of scheduled activities.

pottersguildoffrederick.com



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

Author: Rachel Carson

Genre: Nature Writer

“ It is not half so important to know as to feel.” – Rachel Carson



Rachel Louise Carson (1907 – 1964) was born in Springdale, PA, graduated from Pennsylvania College for Women (now Chatham University) in 1929, studied at the Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory, and received her MA in zoology from Johns Hopkins University in 1932. She began her career as an aquatic biologist in the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries, supplemented her income writing feature articles on natural history for the Baltimore Sun, and became a full-time nature writer in the 1950s. She is most famous for having written *Silent Spring*, which focused on the danger pesticides presented to the environment.

As a child, Carson was an avid reader and writer. She began writing stories, often involving animals, at age eight and had her first story published in *St. Nicholas Magazine* at age ten. Her favorite literature included the natural world, particularly the ocean.

As a result, she read Beatrix Potter and Gene Stratton-Porter and, in high school, enjoyed Herman Melville, Joseph Conrad, and Robert Louis Stevenson.

Carson published *The Sea Around Us* in 1951 which became a bestseller, won her a U.S. National Book Award, demonstrated she was a gifted writer, and gave her financial security. Her next books, *The Edge of the Sea*, and *Under the Sea Wind*, were also bestsellers. This Sea Trilogy explored the whole of ocean life from the shores to the depths.

With the success of her Sea Trilogy, Carson turned her attention to conservation and became very interested in problems she believed were caused by synthetic pesticides. She published *Silent Spring* in 1962 whose impact was to awaken the interest of many Americans in environmental issues. This book inspired a grassroots environmental movement that led to the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Carson's posthumous award of the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Carson never married, but throughout her life cared for several family members that had need. Carson died of complications from breast cancer at age 56 and is buried in Silver Spring, MD. Learn more at: <http://www.rachelcarson.org>

Genre: Nature Writer – Nature writing is a form of creative nonfiction in which the natural environment or a narrator's encounter with the natural environment serves as the dominant subject.

Sample Reading List: *Silent Spring*; *Under the Sea Wind*; *The Edge of the Sea*; *The Sense of Wonder*,

Fun With Words - Maryland Writers' Association (MWA) invites you to have fun writing about nature like Rachel Carson. Using up to 100 words, write about the natural environment or your encounter with the natural environment. Submit your Fun With Words response to:

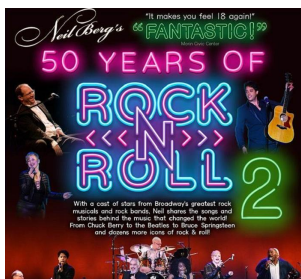
https://marylandwriters.org/Notable_Maryland_Authors by the 25th of the month and receive an MWA Fun With Words submission certificate. Selected responses will be published with next month's article.

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.

marylandwriters.org



The Weinberg Center remains closed. For information on upcoming events, visit weinbergcenter.org.



Neil Berg's 50 YEARS OF ROCK N' ROLL 2
SAT MARCH 20, 2021 | 8:00 PM

The performance scheduled for October 11 has been moved to March 20, 2021. [More Info](#)





marylandensemble.org

Visual Art Exhibits

THE DELAPLAINE *arts* CENTER



Washington Wax Works
Melting Point
Encaustic
February 6-28



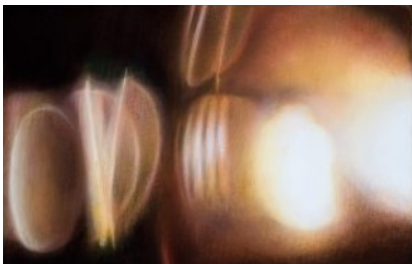
Christopher Corson
Visible
Pit-fired sculpture
January 2-February 28



Jim Roberts
Anatomy of a Lie
Mixed Media
February 6-February 28



Maryland Pastel Society
Symphony in Color
Pastel
February 6-March 28



Janet Seifert
Lightscapes
Oil paintings
February 6-February 28

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



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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

GALLERY 322



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

322 North Market Street, Frederick, MD 21701

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

Gallery322.com

gallery322.com

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.

NOMA
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Steven Dobbin

266 Days and Counting

Richard Schellenberg



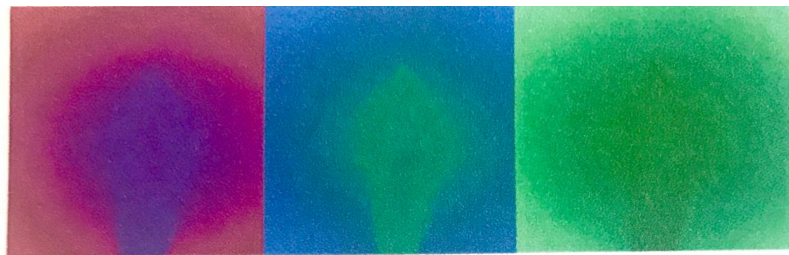
December 4–27, 2020

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

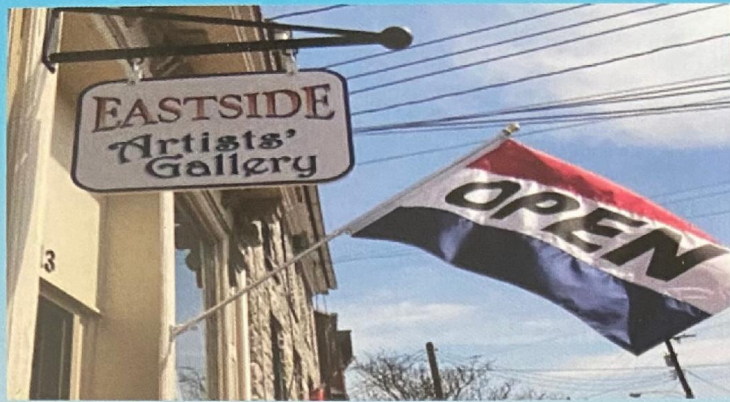
Griffin Art Center, Side Gallery

6 West 5th Street, Frederick, MD 21701

***www.luminaireartexhibition.com**

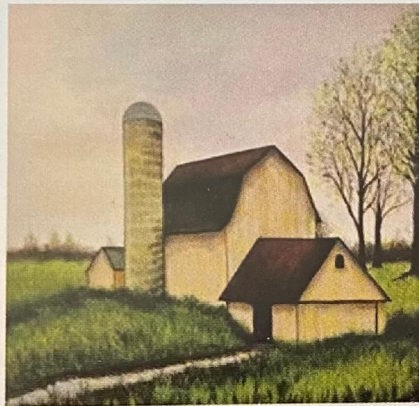
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Eastside Artists' Gallery



313 East Patrick Street
Frederick, MD 21701

Upcoming 2021 Shows



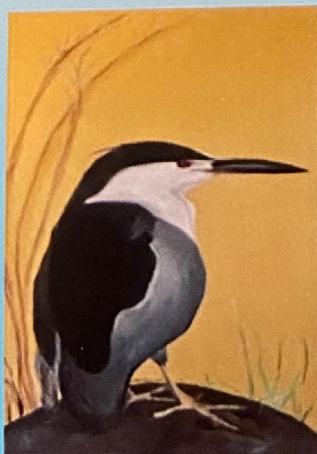
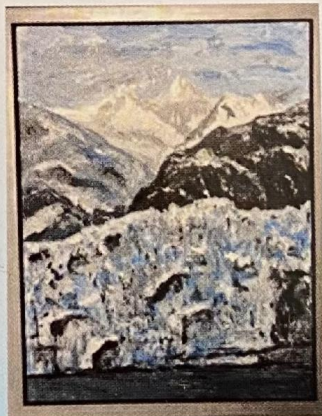
January

All Members
Show

February

Celebrating

"Fire & Ice"



March

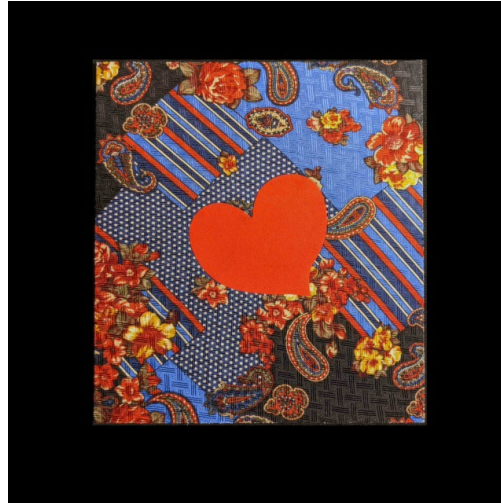
Special Guest
Artist

Mary Waldhorn

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

eastsideartistsgallery.com

Blanche Ames Gallery: "Quilters on the Edge"



February - March 2021

Art Quilters on the Edge (AQE) was formed in 2019 by members of the Four County Quilters Guild to explore fiber art, mixed media, contemporary quilting and creativity. The current 12 members are: Della Aubrey, Ann Brakob, Karen Amelia Brown, Kay Campbell, Dawn Cynamon, Elsie Dentes, Neani Mee, Olga Schrichte, Etta Stewart, Janie Tegeler, Joan Watkins and Carol Yonetz. Members bring a variety of styles, techniques, and skills to their art. Machine stitching, hand stitching and beading embellish their quilts with artful touches.

Hand dyed, painted, and inked fabrics make their art unique. Members' art has been juried into national and international shows, displayed in galleries, museums, public and government facilities, and traveling exhibits. Multiple awards have been earned by this talented group.

[Online Gallery](#)

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on Facebook at Frederick Figure Drawing, natch!



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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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