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.

Join the FAC in Calling for American Rescue Plan Funding for the Arts

We are calling for American Rescue Plan monies -- of which up to $95 million are expected to come to Frederick County and Municipalities in the next 3-24 months -- to go in part toward a significant boost to the arts. Now is the time to think big about how to sustain the arts so that this funding has a legacy impact for our community.

Be a part of the initiative and sign the petition HERE!
Coming Soon: Shuttered Venue Operators Grant Program

The Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program was established by the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Venues Act, and amended by the American Rescue Plan Act. The program includes over $16 billion in grants to shuttered venues, to be administered by SBA’s Office of Disaster Assistance.

Eligible applicants may qualify for grants equal to 45% of their gross earned revenue, with the maximum amount available for a single grant award of $10 million. $2 billion is reserved for eligible applications with up to 50 full-time employees.

The online application portal is temporarily closed due to technical difficulties, but prospective applicants may continue to register.

Eligible entities include:

- Live venue operators or promoters
- Theatrical producers
- Live performing arts organization operators
- Relevant museum operators, zoos and aquariums who meet specific criteria
- Motion picture theater operators
- Talent representatives
- Each business entity owned by an eligible entity that also meets the eligibility requirements

For more information, click here to watch a virtual roundtable on the grant program hosted by MD Congressman Jamie Raskin and featuring Gerard Gibbs of New Spire Arts.

Upcoming Artist Talk with Christian Benefiel, interviewed by FNP journalist Lauren LaRocca

Saturday, April 17th, 1 pm
Facebook Live
Join us for a live-streamed artist talk with FAC Gallery featured artist Christian Benefiel, interviewed by FNP journalist Lauren LaRocca.

Benefiel currently has an installation on view at the 11 W Patrick Street FAC Gallery entitled, "Trying to make Aurica without Breaking Pangea." 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.

To join the event, simply navigate to FAC's Facebook page.

Mike Shaffer Exhibition Continues
Check out Mike Shaffer coverage in the Frederick News-Post:

Mike Shaffer presents 'Intersections' at Frederick Arts Council

‘Intersections’ exhibit by Mike Shaffer
Visit the Online Shop
The 2021 Frederick Festival of the Arts is still accepting sponsors! The Festival attracts thousands of visitors annually, both local and from around the region, and presents a great visibility opportunity for your business.

Learn more about sponsor benefits and download the sponsorship form here.

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, and we plan to publish an e-magazine version of the portal.

Frederick Arts Council Member Spotlight

New Spire Arts

Summary of Artwork/Mission:
New Spire Arts creates engagement in our community through performing arts programming in the Ausherman Black Box Theatre. This versatile and intimate performance space inspires creativity from the presentation of professional touring artists to partnerships with local and aspiring artists. We strive to make all levels of this programming accessible to our entire community.

Favorite Artist:
The one(s) with whom we are presently working!

Fun Fact:
Some of our visitors still remember when Stages was McCrory’s Dime Store. Our offices are right around the corner from where the lunch counter used to be.

Contact info:
Address: 15 W. Patrick Street
Frederick, MD 21701
Phone: 301-620-4458
Email: play@newspirearts.com
Website: http://www.newspirearts.org/
Opening Day is Coming Up on Saturday, May 1st!

Opening Day Events:

Sky Pop! Artist & Maker Market -- 11 am-3 pm

Concert (Jazz): Eric Byrd Trio -- 8 pm

Returning series include music and literature open mics, comedy, drum circles, salsa dances, and yoga. New series include swing dances and live jazz! (Some events require pre-registration and COVID safety protocols will be in place.)

Details and more events at www.skystagefrederick.com/project/calendar

Clean Up & Prep Day at Sky Stage

Saturday, April 17
Shifts from 11am (rain date April 18)

Please email skystage@frederickartscouncil.org if you’d like to volunteer to get the venue ready for the 2021 season. Tasks may include leaf-blowing, sweeping, water-sealing bleachers, touch up painting, weeding, mulching, distributing posters and rack cards to nearby businesses. **Attention high-schoolers--great for earning service-learning hours!** Bring your paperwork to be signed for non-profit volunteer hours.

skystagefrederick.com
Yoga
all-levels, Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30pm
sign up w/yogamour.org
$10 donation (drop-ins if room)

Literature Night
w/ Open Mic
2nd Wednesdays, 7:30-9:30pm
Free

Salsa Under the Stars
3rd Wednesdays, 7-10pm
starts w/brief lesson
$5 donation, reg w/Frederick Salsa

Swing Dance
1st Thursdays, June-Oct, 7-10pm
Starts w/brief lesson
Reg. @RevolutionModernDance.com

Drum Circle
w/ Notable Progressions
1st Fridays, 5:30-6:30pm
Free/$5 suggested donation

Comedy Night
Standup & Improv
Most* 4th Fridays, 7:30-9:30pm
$5-10 Eventbrite/door

SkyPop!
Pop-up artist & maker market
1st Saturdays, 11am-3 or 4pm

Theater
Variable days/times* June-Sept
Shakespeare Fest, July-Aug
Tix online/door/donations

Sky Stage Presents
live bands & ensembles
varied* Fridays or Saturdays
most $10 Eventbrite/door

Frederick Jazz Festival presents
Summer Nights Series
4th Saturdays, June-July-Aug
7:15-9:30pm
$20 Eventbrite/door; $45 pkg.

F.A.M.E. Open Mic
Frederick Acoustic Music Enterprise
2nd Fridays, 7-9pm
Free, reg. w/FAME

Jazz Jams
w/ Valley Jazz Collective
Sundays, Aug-Oct, 4-7pm,
varied host bands
$10 door to play or listen

*For details & more events, visit us at:
SKYSTAGEFREDERICK.COM

Be a part of your community's art.
Join the FAC! FrederickArtsCouncil.org
MSAC announced that $266,000 has been awarded to 66 Maryland artists through the 2021 Independent Artist Awards (IAA). With this year’s awards focused on visual and media arts, 2021 awardees represent a wide range of artistic talents from all across the state, from painting, ceramics, and works on paper to digital media, film, and installation.

Among the winners was Thomas Faison, who presented his 2019 exhibit "Phase Change" at FAC’s 11 W Patrick Street Gallery.

“As Maryland continues to recover from the global pandemic, it is important to recognize just how important a role the arts play in our lives,” said First Lady Yumi Hogan. “As we look to brighter days ahead, we know the arts community will be there to help us reflect, heal, and celebrate. All the artists in Maryland contribute to this creative ecosystem. I want to congratulate all the awardees for their incredible contributions to the arts and our communities.”

State of Maryland Announces 2021 Heritage Award Winners

Maryland Traditions, the traditional arts program of MSAC, has announced the winners of its 2021 Heritage Awards, which recognize long-term achievement in the traditional arts. Three Heritage Awards are given annually: one each in the categories of Person or People, Place, and Tradition. Each award comes with a $5,000 grant. This year’s winners are:

Person or People: Phil Wiggins of Montgomery County is a master harmonica player in the tradition of the Piedmont blues, a delicate, lyrical style of blues originating in Black communities in the eastern United States in the 1920s and 1930s. Phil has taught thousands to both play and value the Piedmont blues and is the recipient of many awards, including the National Endowment for the Arts’ National Heritage Fellowship, the nation’s highest honor in the folk and traditional arts.

Place: The historic Dentzel carousel has been a fixture in Montgomery County’s Glen Echo Park since 1921. Crafted by the Dentzel Carousel Company, the amusement has for 100 years served as the site of community gathering, including a 1960 civil rights protest to open the park to Black visitors. The desegregation effort was ultimately successful, and the carousel has remained the centerpiece of the park and a cherished attraction for all guests.

 Tradition: Arabbing is the name for the Baltimore City tradition of selling fruits and vegetables by horse-drawn cart. Those practicing the tradition, known as arabbers, alert their customers to the availability of fresh food through unique hollers. For 150 years, arabbing has been recognized as a tradition primarily upheld by and for Baltimore’s Black communities, as well as an entrepreneurial economic system serving neighborhoods across the city.

“The Maryland State Arts Council’s Heritage Awards highlight what’s best of Maryland’s folklife and community-based cultural traditions,” said Maryland Department of Commerce Secretary Kelly M. Schulz. “The award recipients have shown significant and long-term achievement, and help tell the world about Maryland’s great heritage.”
Frederick Book Arts Center is excited to announce our new Spring course catalog. We have classes in papercutting, bookbinding, calligraphy, printmaking, collage, pop-up books, photo transfer, and more. We are currently offering all of our classes via Zoom, so you can take them from the comfort of your home!

To learn more about classes please go to: www.frederickbookarts.org/zoomclasses

New Podcasting class to start April 30 at
Have you ever wanted to start your own podcast? This class, for ages 14+, will show you how to develop an idea for a podcast and the steps you need to know to launch it! It is a creative and fun way to learn about the world of podcasting!


frederickymca.org
DANCE WITH US!
SUMMER CLASSES

5 WEEK EVENING CLASSES
Ages 18 Mo. - Adult
June 28 - July 30

SUMMER CAMPS

WILLY WONKA KIDS
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 6 - 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
Princess Camp

Camp A July 5 - 9
Camp B July 26 - 30
9:00-12:30pm
Ages 3-6

482 A Prospect Blvd. Frederick, MD
301-846-4247

24-7danc estudio.com
The Frederick Art Club’s larger-than-life sculpture of iconic fashion designer Claire McCardell is progressing beautifully. In February, after months of work, sculptor Sarah Hempel Irani made a few minor tweaks to the full-size clay version of Claire at the Project Steering Committee’s suggestions.

Then Claire was carefully transported, in sections, to the mold-maker in Baltimore, where the reassembled statue is being cast into a plaster mold from which it will be removed when the plaster has dried. Next, the mold will travel cross-country to the Colorado foundry where it will be cast in bronze.

We'll welcome Claire home to Frederick in September. Her bronze image will then be displayed on an inscribed granite pedestal at the eastern end of Carroll Creek Linear Park within view of the former Union Knitting Mills building.
The plan is to unveil the sculpture in October 2021 with a gala celebration. Following that, the Frederick Art Club will present the statue to the City of Frederick.

Learn More

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:

Friday, 11am - 5pm
Saturday, 11am - 5pm
Sunday, 12pm - 5pm

pottersguildoffrederick.com
Gary Jobson was born (1950) and raised in Toms River, New Jersey, where he excelled in two things: sailing where he was crowned Barnegat Bay’s #1 sailor at age 16 and writing where he became editor of the Toms River High School Paper. He continued both passions at the State University of New York (SUNY) Maritime College where he won the Men’s Singlehanded National Championship in 1972 and 1973 and was editor of the college’s newspaper. His adult life has continued his excellence at these two passions. In 1977, he won the America’s Cup as tactician for Ted Turner in Courageous and his catalogue of books lists 21 with four more under contract. Jobson also continued his studies by attending Graduate School at CW Post College (Political Science) and receiving a Doctor of Letters from the State University of New York and a Doctor of Humane Letters by Lakeland College.

Jobson started his career as a sailing coach at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, and later at the U.S. Naval Academy. Since then, Jobson has authored 21 books on sailing, narrated or produced 1,200 television programs and films, has given over 2,800 lectures, and has competed in 5,700 races. His articles appear regularly in Sailing World magazine, Cruising World magazine, and What’s Up Annapolis. Jobson is currently Chair of the Board of Trustees of Luminis Health and Chair of the Chesapeake Bay Trust. He is Chair of Visit Annapolis & Anne Arundel County. Jobson spent 31 years with ESPN covering nine America’s Cup events and producing many documentaries. He has covered seven Olympics (including the upcoming Tokyo 2021 Olympics) and an America’s Cup for NBC. For his work in television, Jobson has been presented with two Emmys, four Tellys and an ACE Award.

For many years, Jobson has been actively involved with education, environmental issues and healthcare. From 1993-2017, he served as Chair of the Leukemia Cup Regatta Series, which has raised over $60 million. Jobson spent 15 years on the Board of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Virginia. In 2012, the Gary Jobson Professorship of Medical Oncology was established at the University of Maryland Medical School for Dr. Aaron Rapoport. (Jobson survived a two-year battle with lymphoma in 2003-04).

Jobson is a Trustee Emeritus at St. Mary’s College of Maryland, a committee member of the Friends of St. John’s College and served on the Fales Committee at the U.S. Naval Academy. He is also a past President of US Sailing, America’s governing body of sailing, and Past Vice President of World Sailing. Jobson was inducted into the National Sailing Hall of Fame (2011) and the America’s Cup Hall of Fame (2003) by the Herreshoff Marine Museum. In 1999, he won the Nathanael G. Herreshoff Trophy, US SAILING’s most prestigious award.

Gary and his wife, Janice, have three grown daughters and five grandchildren. The Jobsons have lived in Annapolis, Maryland since 1977.

Genre: Sportswriter - a person who writes about sports especially for a newspaper. Specialty: Sailing


Fun With Words - Maryland Writers’ Association (MWA) invites you to have fun being a sportswriter like Gary. With just 100 words, pick any sport and write about an event or occurrence (real or imagined) in that sport. Remember to answer who, what, where, when, and why. 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 33-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 Washington County Museum of Fine Arts in Hagerstown, MD is now accepting applications for the Jean Cushwa College Internship. This position is offered to one qualified college student who is majoring in Fine Art, Art History, Art Education, Museum Studies, or a similar field of study.

The intern will conduct curatorial work to support art collections, exhibition planning and management, and/or art education program activities. The intern will receive a stipend of up to $1,000 for about 80 hours of work. The selected intern will be able to create their schedule with staff. **Please note this position is most likely a virtual position.**

**Important dates:**
- Deadline for Application: Friday, April 30, 2021 by 11:59 p.m.
- Notifications of Interview: Beginning on Tuesday, May 11, 2021

[Download Application Instructions](#)

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"Via Italia" at New Spire Arts

Six musicians specializing in Baroque music as played on instruments of the period and historically informed performance practice will be gathering in Frederick to present “Via Italia” - a program of eighteenth-century music inspired by Italy.
The program will demonstrate the far-reaching influence the art and culture of Italy had on Germany in particular. “Via Italia” begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 24 at the Ausherman Theatre, 15 W. Patrick St. and online at newspirearts.org. Tickets are $20 in-person and $25 for the livestream.

Program
Antonio Vivaldi: Concerto for recorder, oboe, violin, bassoon and basso continuo RV 99
Christoph Förster: Sonata for oboe and basso continuo
Johann Sebastian Bach: Sonata for violin and harpsichord BWV 1016
Johann Friedrich Fasch: Sonata for bassoon and basso continuo FaWV N:C1
George Friedrich Handel: Sonata for recorder and basso continuo HWV 369
Johann Friedrich Fasch: Sonate for recorder, oboe, violin and basso continuo FaWV N:B1

Geoffrey Burgess, oboe; Stephanie Corwin, bassoon; Amy Domingues, cello; Gerard Gibbs, recorder; Margaret Humphries, violin; Leon Schelhase, harpsichord.

Purchase Tickets

The Weinberg Center remains closed. For information on upcoming events, visit weinbergcenter.org.
**NUNSENSE**
A Musical Comedy

Book, Music & Lyrics by
Dan Goggin

**MAY 14, 15, 21, 22 at 8:00 p.m.**
**MAY 16, 23 at 2:00 p.m.**

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301-662-3722
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244 South Jefferson St. Frederick, MD

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Visual Art Exhibits
APRIL 2021  EXHIBITIONS ● PROGRAMS ● WORKSHOPS

FIRST SATURDAY, APR 3
Exhibition Openings | On-site & online | FREE
Art Matters Artist Talk | 2 pm | Zoom Webinar
Artists participating in the Bug Invitational exhibition will discuss their work.
Delaplaine at Home: Creative Outlet | YouTube | FREE
Kids can view the “Nesting Birds” online video debuting on April 3, then create their own with materials they can pick up from our Art Cart or find at home!

ART AT NOON: ART FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION
Friday, APR 9 • 12-1 pm | Zoom Webinar | FREE
Dr. Laura Perovich, Assistant Professor at Northeastern University, will discuss research into combining art, technology, and community to move towards collective action on environmental challenges.

SPRING WORKSHOPS
Experimenting with Observational Drawing | Sat & Sun, APR 10 & 11 • 1-3 pm
Variations on Linocut Printmaking | Saturday, APR 10 • 10 am-4 pm
Absolutely Riveting | Wednesday, APR 14 • 6-9 pm
Metalworking Basics: Bobbles & Adornments | Wednesday, APR 21 • 6-9 pm
Intro to the Visual Journal | Sat, MAY 1 • 10 am-12 pm & Sun, MAY 2 • 1-3 pm
Night Photo Walk | Saturday, MAY 8 • 7-9 pm
View all our Springs Classes, Summer Art Camps for Kid & Teens, and more at delaplaine.org
DISTRICT Arts
presents
"Naturally Abstract"

Passion for color and texture in contemporary abstracts and landscapes by Jenny Wilson

March 31 - May 2, 2021

(Masks and social distancing required)

15 N. Market St • Frederick, MD
CALL TO ARTISTS
“Ordinary Objects, Extraordinary Times”

DISTRICT Arts is pleased to present “ORDINARY OBJECTS, EXTRAORDINARY TIMES,” an independently juried themed exhibition that features works that reflect changes made in the past year and that speak to incredible loss, adversity, despair and, yes, joy, regeneration, gain and the New Normal. Your take on this theme should reflect what the past year has meant to you either personally or in the context of larger society.

Entries must be received by end of day April 12.

Details are available at: https://dasubmissions.com/exhibitions/

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
THE ARTISTS GALLERY IS MOVING!
Our new location will be at 501 N. MARKET STREET

Our first show is scheduled to open in April, in the meantime, please enjoy selections from TAG’s March online show.

While we are in transition
please visit our virtual exhibition of members’ artwork updated the first Friday of each month.

For our latest news and updates on our new gallery space
visit our website:
theartistsgalleryfrederick.com

theartistsgalleryfrederick.com
NOMA GALLERY has reopened!
Join us for a Third Thursday Artists' talk, via Zoom, on April 15 at 7pm. Check our Facebook page for the link.

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

nomagalleryfrederick.com

Eastside Artists' Gallery
Upcoming 2021 Shows

April
Jill Hossler
Acrylics
Gouache

May
Arden McElroy
Acrylics

June
Kathryn Phebus
Sonja Mishalanie
Various Mediums

313 East Patrick Street
Frederick, MD 21701
BLANCHE AMES GALLERY

virtually presents

“Painted with Light”

The Photography of

Christopher B. Fowler

“Cherry Blossoms”

Visit homepage of FrederickUU.org
Tap “Online Art Gallery”

Easy to peruse and easy to purchase.
Show runs April 4 through April 25.
Meet the Artist on Zoom April 18, 11:45
Link on Frederickuu.org homepage

Online Gallery

4880 Elmer Derr Road, Frederick MD
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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