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.

Installation by Artist Larry Cook Jr. to be Featured At Sky Stage

Larry Cook Jr., a conceptual and installation artist who has shown at the National Gallery of Art, MOMA, the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery, and the Baltimore Museum of Art (among others), is creating one of his backdrop installations at Sky Stage. He employs aspects of pictorial realism and fantasy to explore broader issues of status, individualism and realism in black culture.
Larry Cook preparing the Sky Stage installation

An example of Cook's past backdrop work

201 S. Market Ready for Mural
The building at 201 S. Market Street has been painted blue to serve as a uniform canvas for artist Gera Lozano, who arrives next week to begin her mural. This project, aligned with Frederick's public art master plan, will bring images of flowers and nature into Downtown.

Gera Lozano

Member Spotlight and Virtual Artist Market Feature

We are featuring members in our weekly Member Spotlight (on social media and in 72 Hours) and in our upcoming Individual Artist Market (featuring the work of individual artists, with links to artist website to purchase online). To request placement in either program, email info@frederickartscouncil.org with the subject line "FAC feature" to make it in the queue.
Give to the Frederick Arts Council’s Artist Relief Fund

www.gofundme.com/manage/give-to-the-frederick-artist-relief-fund

IF YOU LOVE THE ARTS IN FREDERICK, please consider pitching in to our relief fund. The arts have been very good to this community. If you take care of the arts, the arts will take care of you.

(photo courtesy of National Cherry Blossom Festival)
Frederick artist Matthew Long working on one of his many creations for the National Cherry Blossom Festival

The Frederick Arts Council’s Artist Relief Fund will award grants of $250–$500 to individual artists who live in Frederick County and whose creative practices and incomes are being adversely impacted by Coronavirus 2019 (COVID–19). This fund is for individual artists.

To donate, go to www.gofundme.com and Search Frederick Artist Relief Fund.

To apply or to get more information write to info@frederickartscouncil.org and visit www.frederickartscouncil.org.

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Go to the GoFundMe
MSAC's Independent Artist Awards (IAAs) recognize achievement by Maryland artists who are working independent of an institution or organization. The awards are accompanied by grants of $2,000, $10,000, and $15,000 that encourage artistic growth and sustained practice.

2021 IAAs will recognize artists in the Visual/Media Arts Artistic categories rotate in a three-year cycle. Literary Arts applications will be accepted in 2022, and Performing Arts applications will be accepted in 2023. Eligible artists may apply to the category they feel best represents their work.

For further details and information, including IAA Guidelines, please visit our website here.

Questions? Contact Program Directors Emily Sollenberger (emily.sollenberger@maryland.gov) or Laura Weiss (laura.weiss@maryland.gov) for assistance.

Deadline: Friday, July 24, 2020 at 11:59pm.

Application Link
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

Coming Up at Sky Stage

ATTENTION: Regrettably, Sky Stage is currently closed due to Covid-19 until further notice. We will reschedule performances and events to later in the season where possible. Stay tuned for further updates and be safe everyone!

Coming Up:

Virtual Literature Night -- Poetry & Dance, Slant Light Poets & Lucid Beings, Wednesday June 10th, 7:30 pm

Virtual Dance Performance -- Dance & Poetry, Slant Light Poets & Lucid Beings, Friday June 19th, 7 pm
More Info on June 19th Event:

LucidBeings Dance in collaboration with Slant Light Poets present:

Interior Monologues: LIVE Watch Party through Zoom
Friday, June 19, 2020, 7pm EST
Hosted in virtual space by Sky Stage Frederick
This performance is supported in part by the Frederick Arts Council

Tickets: FREE, register to receive Zoom link on the morning of the event at www.lucidbeingsdance.com or skystagefrederick.com.

Program Description:
Gather with the artists of LucidBeings Dance and Slant Light Poets for a FREE virtual screening of their most recent collaboration, Interior Monologues! The performance features movement and poetry exploring the emotional resonance of our lived spaces fueled by the moments of introspection created in isolation. The watch party will feature a screening of the pre-recorded performance with an artist talk-back immediately following.

Grab a glass of wine and join us on Zoom on Friday, June 19, 2020, at 7pm EST. A link to the Zoom event will be emailed to registered patrons the morning of the performance.

Follow Sky Stage on Facebook for updates

59 South Carroll Street
skystagefrederick.com
EVENTS: Please check with all venues before visiting to identify whether they are open given current Pandemic-related closures.

UPDATED: Active Arts Jobs in DC Metro Area

FAC has put together a short list of active arts job postings in the Baltimore/DC Metro Area.

Click here to see the list with application links.

The Potters' Guild of Frederick -- Monthly Events

'Take a Turn At The Wheel' - Due to the current COVID-19 situation, in Maryland, we have postponed Turn At The Wheel classes until further notice. As Maryland begins its phased re-opening we will notify everyone when classes will resume.

The Potters' Guild holds monthly General Membership meetings - Due to the current COVID-19 situation, in Maryland, we have postponed any of our in-person General meetings until further notice -- however, we have been holding online meetings via Zoom. As Maryland begins its phased re-opening we will notify everyone when the physical meetings will resume. Please visit the Potters' Guild website (www.pottersguildoffrederick.com) for details and explanation of scheduled activities.

The Potters' Guild offers gift certificates and accepts tax-deductible donations.

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- Professional Instructors
- Performing Companies
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- Musical Theatre Factory
- Video Observation
- Daytime Programs
- Classes for 18mos to Adult
- 5 Studios & OVER 120 Classes
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Jeff Kinney was born (1971) and raised in Fort Washington, Maryland, graduated from Bishop McNamara High School, and attended the University of Maryland, College Park. It was in college that Kinney created a popular comic strip, Igdoof, which ran in the school newspaper. It was also in college that he knew he wanted to be a cartoonist. However, Jeff was not successful in getting his comic strip syndicated after college and in 1998 he came up with the idea for Diary of a Wimpy Kid, a story about a middle-school weakling named Greg Heffley. Jeff worked on the book for six years before publishing it online in daily installments on Funbrain.com. It was another two years before he felt comfortable showing it to a publisher.

The Diary of a Wimpy Kid, published in 2007, and became an immediate success. There are now fifteen books in the series, as well as four additional books. The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series has won regional and national awards including two Children’s Choice Book Awards and six Nickelodeon Kids’ Choice Awards for Favorite Book.

Since Jeff started as a cartoonist and most cartoons portray jokes, Jeff thinks in jokes and then writes the stories. He says, “I write in reverse. Rather than come up with a narrative and write jokes for that narrative, I write jokes independently of the narrative and then I try to fit them in.”

In 1995, Jeff left the Washington, D.C., area and moved to New England. He lives with his wife and two sons in Massachusetts, where they own a bookstore, An Unlikely Story. Find out more about Jeff at his website: wimpykid.com.

Genre: Children’s Books – Children’s literature or juvenile literature includes stories, books, magazines, and poems made for children. Modern children’s literature is classified in two different ways: genre or the intended age of the reader. Kinney writes for middle school (ages 11-13)


Fun With Words - Maryland Writers’ Association (MWA) invites you to have fun writing children’s literature for middle school kids. Using a 100 words select a middle school aged protagonist and write about an issue they might have to deal with. Submit your Fun With Words response to https://marylandwriters.org/Notable_Maryland_Authors by the 20th 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

Theater

**THE WEINBERG CENTER REMAINS CLOSED. VISIT WEINBERGCENTER.ORG FOR MORE INFO**
**THE MET HAS SUSPENDED OPERATIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. VISIT MARYLANDENSEMBLE.ORG FOR MORE INFO**
**CLOSED UNTIL (AT LEAST) JUNE 14TH**

THE DELAPLAINE arts CENTER

2020 NATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITION
Works in a variety of media
May 2 – Jun 14

DONG KYU KIM
Consuming Memories
Fiber and mixed-media
May 2 – Jun 28

JENNY WU
YUGE Dilemma
Wall sculptures
May 2 – Jun 28

MAY EXHIBITIONS • PROGRAMS • WORKSHOPS

Polka Dot Fundraiser
We've remade the annual gala into an online giving opportunity this year!

Summer Classes for Teens & Adults
We're enrolling now! Check out our classes and workshop listings

Summer Camps for Kids & Teens
July and August are filled with creative art adventures! Registration is open!

Art Experiences
Register now for the free Hip Hop Lecture Series: Mass Incarceration Zoom Webinar on June 11!

Artobus: Join us for our bus trip to the National Museum of Women and the Arts on October 9

See what other great programs are coming up at the Delaplaine!

For Kids & Families
Kids ages 6-8 and 9-12 can participate in our monthly Helen Smith Free Workshops
Join us for Creative Outlet every First Saturday!

delaplaine.org
Hello Frederick! We are open again!

"Parkdale" by Susan McCurdy Yonkers

The works of 36 local, regional and national artists are on display!

Open Wed.-Sun. at noon each day

15 N. Market St • Frederick, MD
DistrictArts.com
districtarts.com

**CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**
While we are in transition and without a physical gallery at the moment, our members are still making art— in fact, we are working harder than ever.

Virtual exhibitions of members’ artwork will be updated the first Friday of each month. Check it
If you have any questions or are interested in purchasing pieces, please email tagfrederick@gmail.com. To get updates, click on "Subscribe to our monthly newsletter" on our webpage.

theartistsgalleryfrederick.com

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**Restart the Art ............**

Gallery 322 will reopen on Friday, May 22 at 5pm, with transition hours: Friday 5-7pm; Saturday and Sunday 1-5pm, and of course, open by appointment.

The gallery is limited to six visitors at any given time and masks need to be worn as required by Frederick County COVID-19 restrictions.

Gallery322.com gallery322@gmail.com 240-815-7777

gallery322.com
June Exhibition

NOMA gallery has reopened. We will have a limit of five visitors to the gallery at any given time, until government restrictions regarding COVID-19 are lifted.

427 N. Market St. | Friday 4-8 pm, Saturday 12-8 pm, Sundays 12-4 pm | 240-367-9770
nomagalleryfrederick.com | nomagallery2@gmail.com
“Birds of a Feather & Things of that Nature”
A Show by Michalina Eisenberg

EastSide Artists’ Gallery
June 6th - June 30th
Open Sat. - Sun. 1pm - 5pm

313 E. Patrick St, Frederick, Md. 21701
GWC Gallery
Two floors of Fine Art, Photography and Crafts

Location: 328 East Patrick Street, Frederick MD 21701
Hours: Tuesday through Saturday– 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Tel: 301-639-6657
Email: condon@msn.com
Website: gwc-artwork.com

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We do offer Virtual Art Classes
Goldfinch Studio
Middletown, Maryland

Walt Bartman will teach a number of virtual online classes from his Goldfinch Studio this summer. Enroll if you want to explore and learn from a master teacher. Enroll at goldfinchstudio.art.

VIRTUAL PAINTING CLASSES

Paint the Historic Train Station in Point of Rocks, Maryland $220
Saturday, Sunday, 10am-4pm
May 16 - 17

Cow Painting Workshop South Mountain Creamery, Frederick County $220
Saturday, Sunday, 10am-4pm
May 30 - 31

Flower Painting Workshop $230
Middletown, MD
Saturday, Sunday, 10am-4pm
June 20 - 21

Walterbartman.com
Info: alex.yellowbarn@gmail.com

7215 Mountain Church Rd Middletown, Maryland 21769

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

Click to learn more.

Fridays, 6-9 pm • $15

Mostly nudes, occasional costume. Different professional model every week. Bring your supplies (pencil, paper, paints, charcoal, pastels, tablet, wine, etc. We have easels.)

Run by artists, for artists

Moderated by Gnarl Artly: gnarlyartly@gmail.com 240-529-7814
on Facebook at Frederick Figure Drawing, natch!

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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