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# WASHINGTON COUNTY Arts Council



## Artist Alley - First Newsletter!

November 16, 2013

### Welcome

Welcome to **Artist Alley**, Washington County Arts Council's electronic newsletter. We hope this publication will engage you with the arts in your community.

The Washington County Arts Council has worked to enrich the cultural, social and economic life of the community through nurturing the arts since 1968. The WCAC serves residents of all ages in this diverse and growing county in the Cumberland Valley, nestled in the gently rolling mountains of western Maryland.

The WCAC provides a wide variety of programming; technical assistance; funding opportunities; and encouragement to arts organizations and individual artists, developing connections between them and those who desire to have art in their lives.

With the expiration of its former lease, the WCAC board made a concerted effort and commitment to remain in the heart of the A & E District and in January 2013 moved to the first block of South Potomac Street. The space is larger and completely ADA compliant.

The new location of the Washington County Arts Council encourages a wide mix of customers and reinforces "City Center" as the region's economic, cultural and institutional center and a regional tourist destination with a focus on history, arts and culture.

Washington County Arts Council, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 organization funded in part by the Maryland State Arts Council; the Commissioners of Washington County; the City of Hagerstown, memberships, sponsorships, donations and fundraisers. WCAC is governed by a 10-Member volunteer Board of Directors and staffed by an executive director, gallery manager and volunteers.

WCAC welcomes your ideas and support as it continues to take the lead in bringing together the community's art organizations to strengthen our region's arts culture.

For artist information, arts events, calls for art and more visit WCAC's web page....

[www.washingtoncountyarts.com](http://www.washingtoncountyarts.com)



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**Executive Director**

Mary Anne Burke  
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*Chris Brewer*

**Gallery Manager**

Chris Brewer

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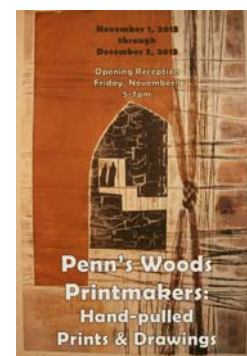
### The Art of Cooking

Join us for **The Art of Cooking** on January 25, 2014 at 6pm at Fountain Head Country Club.



### December Exhibit

**Main & Hall Galleries**  
We are pleased to announce the December 2013 exhibit,



### November Exhibit

**Main & Hall Galleries**  
The current exhibit -  
**"Penn's Wood Printmakers:**

Celebrity chefs prepare their dishes in the kitchen while you watch on large TV screens! Co-Emcees are Lou Scally and Mary King. There will be a limited silent auction during the event. Proceeds benefit Washington County Arts Council, Inc. (WCAC's only fundraising event of the year!).

For any questions contact Executive Director, Mary Anne Burke at (301) 791-3132 or [maryanneb@washingtoncountyarts.com](mailto:maryanneb@washingtoncountyarts.com) [Learn more.](#)

**"The Best Local Art 2013: Community Art Show".** The exhibit will run Dec.6, 2013 through Dec. 31, 2013. An Opening Reception will be held on Friday, Dec.6, 2013 from 5-7pm at the Gallery located at 34 South Potomac St. in the Arts & Entertainment District in downtown Hagerstown.

For any questions contact Gallery Manager, Chris Brewer at (301) 791-3132 or [gallerymgr@washingtoncountyarts.com](mailto:gallerymgr@washingtoncountyarts.com) [Learn more.](#)

**Hand-pulled Prints & Drawings"** runs through December 3, 2013.

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Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

### Why "Artist Alley"?

The City of Hagerstown, along with Bowman 2000 and 28 South Potomac, LLC the property landlords agreed to change the name of the pathway that borders WCAC's new gallery and exhibit space located between 28 S Potomac Street and 34 S Potomac Street. The new name is **Artist Alley**. The alley is the gateway from the Arts & Entertainment Parking Deck and entrance to the main block of City Center's Arts & Entertainment District.

### Your Arts Community

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