







Artist Alley

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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.

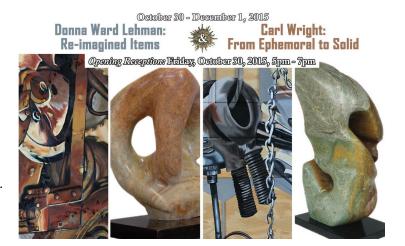
WCAC welcomes your ideas and support as it continues to take the lead in bringing together the community's art organizations to strengthen our region's arts culture.

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

The Washington County Arts Council presents two exhibits in November 2015: "Donna Ward Lehman: Re-Imagined

Items" and

"Carl Wright: From Ephemeral to Solid". The exhibits run through December 1, 2015.





December 4, 2015 - December 30, 2015



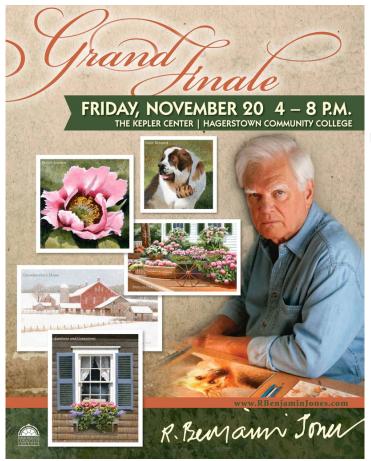
The Washington County Arts Council, Inc. hosts its

"Annual Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2015."

The juried community art exhibit will run from December 4, 2015 through December 30, 2015 with an opening reception on Friday, December 4 from 5pm to 7pm.

Jurors were **R. Benjamin Jones** and **Benita Keller**.

Awards sponsored by the Hagerstown Arts & Entertainment District and supported by The City of Hagerstown.

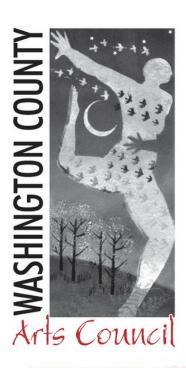


Maryland artist R. Benjamin Jones is an accomplished painter portraying scenes from his native Maryland, the state's Eastern Shore, the Amish of Lancaster County (PA), New England, and a trip to Florence and Tuscany, Italy. He seeks to portray the gentle beauty of the world in his paintings of delicate flowers, New England streets and harbors, Amish faces, rough Chesapeake Bay watermen and rose-covered cottages along island roads. Born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, Mr. Jones studied at the Maryland Institute of Fine Arts in Baltimore,

the University of Maryland and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Mr. Jones' works have been shown in many galleries and museums including the Lockwood Mathews Mansion Museum in Norwalk, Hurlbutt Gallery in Greenwich, Greenwich Art Society, Greenwich Workshop in Southport, McBride Gallery in Annapolis, The Greenbrier, Washington County Museum of Fine Arts, Washington County Arts

Council, Baltimore Museum of Arts and The Smithsonian.



Supporting Local Artists

...books, glass, jewelry, pottery, stationary, textiles, visual arts, wood, and more...

Saturday, November 28, 2015

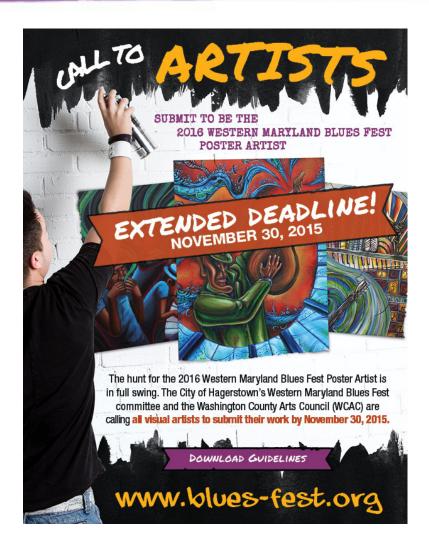
Enjoy a 10% discount on Small Business Saturday! (No other discounts apply. This date only.)





For sponsorship information contact Mary Anne Burke at 301-791-3132 or maryanneb@washingtoncountyarts.com.

Click on the picture for more information!



The Washington County Arts Council (WCAC), along with the committee members of the Western Maryland Blues Fest (WMBF), are pleased to invite visual artists, including local artists of Western Maryland and the surrounding area, to answer a "Call to Artists" for the opportunity of becoming the 2016 Blues Fest Poster Artist.

Extended Deadline: November 30, 2015 @ Noon.



2016 Community Arts Development Grant Recipients

Front Row (left to right): Sam Little, (Maryland Entertainment Group); Alyssa Little (Maryland Entertainment Group), Pat Wishard, (Washington County Free Library) and Mimi Dickinson (Barbara Ingram School for the Arts Foundation) Rear Row (left to right): Michael Jonnes, (Maryland Symphony Orchestra); Pieter Bickford (Maryland Symphony Orchestra); Barry Harbaugh, (Potomac Playmakers); Chaz Rittenhouse, (Potomac Playmakers); Charles Sekula, (Augustoberfest Charitable Foundation); Jim Zuna, (Potomac Playmakers); Kathy Herr, (Ballet and All That Jazz and Hagerstown Housing Authority): Charlotte Trout, (Hagerstown Choral Arts, Inc.); Rebecca Massie Lane, (Washington County Museum of Fine Arts); Mary Newby, (WCAC-CAD Chair); and Jessica Green, (The Maryland Theatre).

Not pictured: Vicki Willman, (Maryland Symphony Orchestra); Gaela Shoop, City of Hagerstown-Blues Fest; and Dave Peters, (Hagerstown Community Concert Association).

The Community Arts Development program of the Maryland State Arts Council "provides funds and technical assistance to the local arts councils of the 23 counties of Maryland and Baltimore City. The purposes of the program are to better serve artists, arts organizations and audiences throughout the State and to encourage local decision-making, arts activity and funding for the arts at the local level."

WCAC awarded grants to the following organizations:

Organization Project FY2016

Augustoberfest Charitable Foundation The Augustoberfest event

Ballet & All that Jazz The BTJ Dancers--Hagerstown Housing Authority

Barbara Ingram School for the Arts Foundation Summer Arts Academy--Summer 2016

City of Hagerstown-Blues Fest Blues Fest

Hagerstown Choral Arts, Inc.

Concert support

Hagerstown Comm. Concert Association

Operating Grant

Maryland Entertainment Group 2015-2016 Season

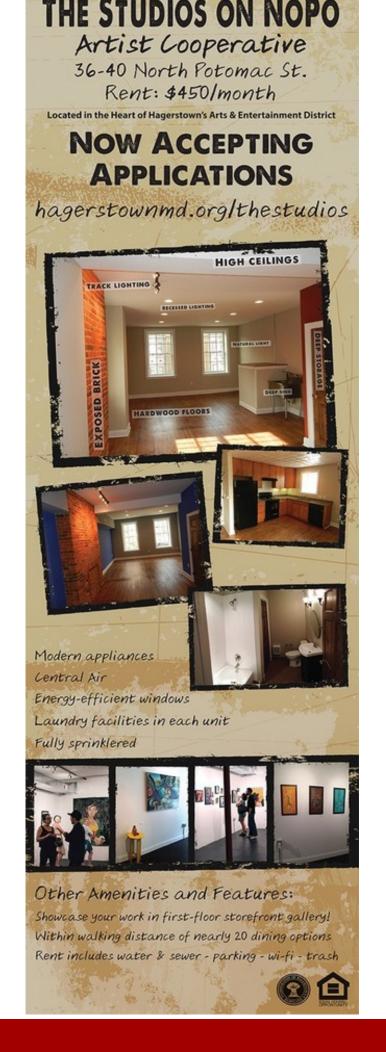
The Maryland Theatre Wind Down in Downtown Hagerstown

The Potomac Playmakers Production of "The Laramie Project"

Washington County Free Library Noteworthy Sundays @ your library Concert Series

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts Washington County Public School Art Exhibition

FOR ARTISTS ONLY:



MARYLAND SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA RENEWS MUSIC DIRECTOR ELIZABETH SCHULZE'S CONTRACT THROUGH 2019-2020 SEASON

The Board of Directors of the Maryland Symphony Orchestra has announced the renewal of Music Director Elizabeth Schulze's contract through the 2019-2020 Season.

"The accomplishments that Elizabeth has already achieved have resulted in an extraordinary improvement in the artistic quality of the Maryland Symphony Orchestra," stated Brendan Fitzsimmons, president of the MSO's Board of Directors in making the announcement. "However, the Board feels that her work is not yet done here and is thrilled that she has agreed to continue that work with us over the next four seasons. On a personal note, I am very excited to be able to continue to work with Elizabeth as the organization continues to grow and find new ways to serve our community."

Schulze began her tenure with the MSO during the 1999-2000 Season after a nationwide search was conducted for a music director to replace Barry Tuckwell.





Christmas at Antietam Recreation-"The Christmas Experience"

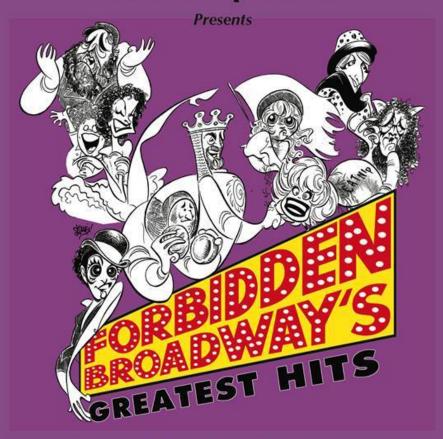
November 13, 2015 through December 29, 2015

Prices range from \$16.50 to \$38,75 depending on age and date selected.

Tickets are required. Purchase by calling 301-797-7999 or

www.antietamrecreation.com

The Barbara Ingram School for the Arts Theatre Department



Created and Written by Gerard Alessandrini

November 14, 15, 20, 21, & 22, 2015

Friday & Saturday - 7:30 p.m. Sunday Matinee - 2:30 p.m.

Call for Information and Reserved Tickets 301-766-8840 • Weekdays 11-3

Black Box Theatre

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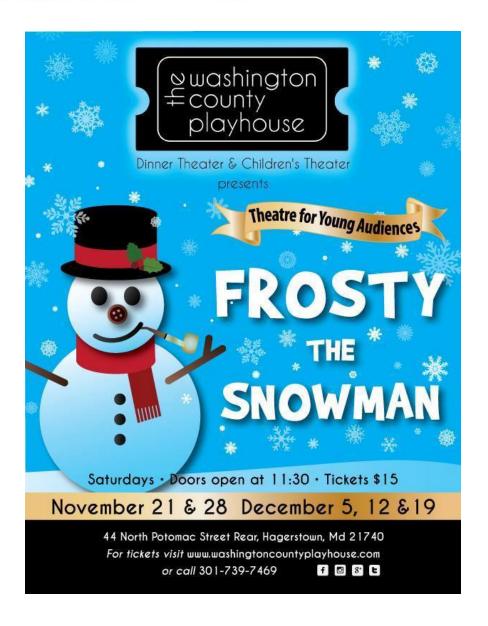
Maryland Theatre -- Holly Fest

Friday, November 20, 2015 * 8:00pm

Local musical groups and dance groups will perform following the annual tree lighting in City

Square. This is a free event provided by the City of Hagerstown. No tickets required.





FROSTY THE SNOWMAN (Theatre for Young Audiences) opens Saturday, November 21, 2015!

Washington County Playhouse Dinner Theater and Children's Theater.

www.washingtoncountyplayhouse.com or 301-739-7469 for tickets.

Broadway Style Show, Salad Bar, Hot Buffet, Dessert and Cash Bar.

The Laramie Project

by Moisés Kaufman

and the Members of Tectonic Theater Project



In 1998, Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old gay college student, was tied to a cattle fence, beaten, robbed, and left to freeze on a bitterly cold night in October. He died several days later due to his head injuries. Two local young men were charged with the crime.

The play is based on more than 400 interviews with about 100 Laramie residents, as well as journal entries from the members of Tectonic Theater Project and Kaufman, as they reflect on their own reactions to the crime and to the interviews they carried out. Structured as a documentary, it attempts to reenact the events that occurred on that fateful night.



Director Chas Rittenhouse

Featuring the acting talents of:

Sandra DeRocha Kimberiy Jones Angle Mason Raiph Mauriello Gerry McCarney Jerry Palmer Nic Sigman Jayn Stewart Tod Williams Wanda Dittman, Narrator

November 20, 21 & 22, 2015

Friday & Saturday @ 8pm, Sunday @ 3pm

Tickets: \$10 pre-purchase online or \$12 at the door

The Women's Club 31 South Prospect Street Hagerstown, MD 21740

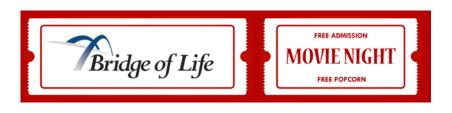
www.potomacplaymakers.org or (240) 382-7269

Parental Advisory - Adult Language and Themes.

The Laramie Project was developed by the Tectonic Theater Project and is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York, NY

Order your ten dollar advance tickets at www.potomacplaymakers.org, get your twelve dollar tickets at the door, or buy your five dollar CASH ONLY student discount ticket at the door with a valid student ID.

For information contact 240-382-7269





Disney "Inside Out" showing November 21, 2015 at Bridge of Life

The free movie starts at 7 PM with free drinks and popcorn available in the lobby.

Bring the kids! Bring the neighbors!

For information contact:

On the Web: http://www.bridgeoflife.org/our-ministries/movie-night/

Email: movienight@bridgeoflife.org

Phone: 301-791-1674



You're invited to join us for the ELIZABETHTOWNE FEASTE & FROLIC

Feaste at Yuletide

Dine on Renaissance-inspired fare while delighting in the merriment of the Elizabethan era!

December 4th, 2015

6 - 9 p.m. Potomac Walk • S. Potomac St., Hagerstown (Adjacent to Bulls & Bears Restaurant • Please note the change in venue)

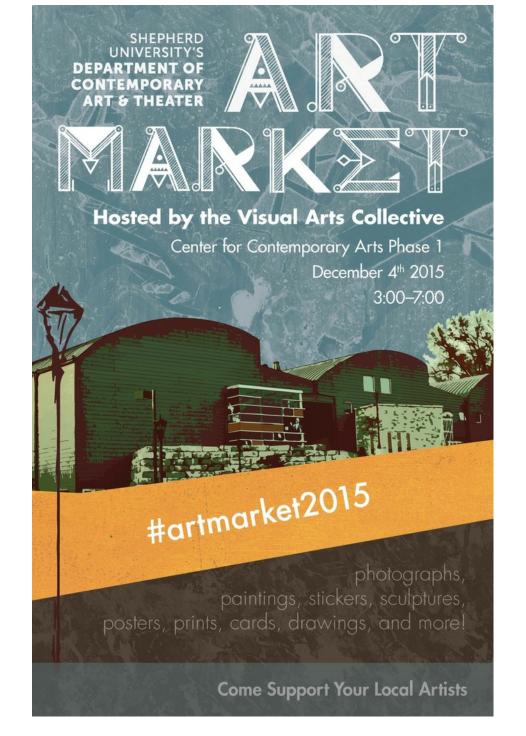
Cocktail or Renaissance Attire

Cocktail hour from 6 - 7 p.m. • Dinner to follow Cash bar • 2 complimentary drink vouchers per ticket

All proceeds benefit the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown Scholarship Fund

Return your check made payable to University System of Maryland Foundation, Inc. with this response card or buy your tickets online at:

2015feasteandfrolic.eventbrite.com



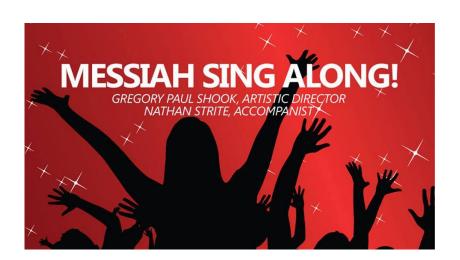


Dinner Theater & Children's Theater



The Best Christmas Pageant Ever to play Limited Engagement at The Playhouse!

For information contact Laura Martin 301.739.7469 (theater) or wcplaura@gmail.com



Choral Arts perform the Hallelujah Chorus of Handel's glorious Messiah at Trinity Lutheran Church

15 Randolph Avenue, Hagerstown, MD 21740 7:30PM

Come and sing the Christmas choruses and the Hallelujah Chorus of Handel's glorious Messiah with Hagerstown Choral Arts. Start the holiday's right! Please bring a canned good for the Trinity Lutheran Church Food Bank. Download the score at www.hagerstownchoralarts.org. Some copies will be available for use at the concert. For information call 301-733-2878





Antietam National Battlefield Memorial Illumination

Saturday, December 5, 2015

Location: Antietam National Battlefield.

Driving tour begins at entrance to the park off Route 34 east of Sharpsburg, MD 21782

Volunteers place and light over 23,000 candles on the Battlefield, each representing a casualty from the bloodiest single-day battle in American history. Tour begins at 6pm. In case of inclement weather call 301-791-3246.

Buses go to the FRONT of the line, so no wait, and it's the green way to go!

Call RoadRunner Services, LLC at (301) 573-1930.



The City Ballet School presents

The Nutcracker

at the Maryland Theatre
Saturday, December 5, 2015 * 2pm
& 7:30pm
Sunday, December 6, 2015 * 3:00pm

http://www.mdtheatre.org/holidayevents.php

Historical Society Reception

Kick off your holiday season at the Miller House! Our theme this year is "The Nutcracker Suite," and we're celebrating the classic holiday tradition in decorations, food and music! Enjoy beautiful displays throughout the entire house, created by members of local garden clubs. There will be refreshments and live musical entertainment. Admission is free for members and \$5 for non-members.

December 6, 2015 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Washington County Historical Society 135 W Washington Street, Hagerstown, MD 21740





Tickets to the after-party are \$10 and include 1 drink ticket, Christmas cookie dessert bar, photo-both, tree contest and door prizes! After-party space is limited, pre-register here to guarantee your spot-

https://ugly-christmas-sweater-stroll-after-party.eventbrite.com/



The Maryland Symphony Orchestra at the Maryland Theatre

Home for the Holidays

December 12, 2015 * 7:00pm December 13, 2015 * 3:00pm

"Home for the Holidays" is the most anticipated concert of the year in the MSO season. This longtime holiday crowd-pleaser has become a tradition for many families throughout the four-state



region. Guest artists and local choirs join the MSO in offering a delightful mix of carols, seasonal favorites, and the popular sing-a-long, led by Santa Claus! The concert is the perfect way for the young and young-at-heart to usher in the most magical time of the year.



Kenny Rogers: Once Again It's Christmas

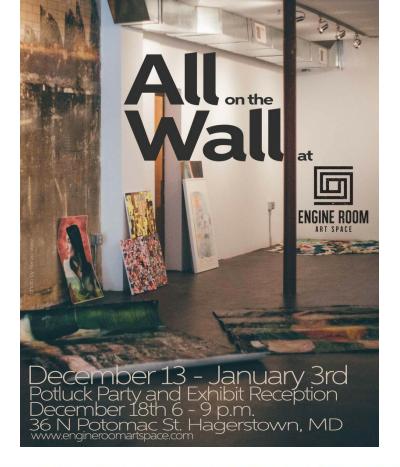
Maryland Theatre

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 * 7:30pm

Grammy® Award-winner Kenny Rogers has delivered hit after hit for more than five decades, covering everything from country and soul to rock and pop. His hits include "Lady," "Ruby Don't Take Your Love to Town," "The Gambler," "She Believes in Me,"



"Islands in the Stream," "We've Got Tonight," and "Buy Me A Rose." See Kenny live as he performs an evening of classic Christmas songs and his most famous hits. Joining Kenny for this holiday performance is special guest, Grammy® Award-winning Country singer Linda Davis ("Does He Love You").





Barbara Ingram School for the Arts

BISFA Holiday Spectacular

At The Maryland Theatre

Friday, December 18, 2015 * 7:30pm

This special, one-night only production will feature the diverse talents of the entire student body. Colorful costumes and seasonal sets complement a montage of songs, dances, stories, and visual images that warm the heart and inspire everyone to remember what the holiday season is truly about.

This is an event the whole family will enjoy!





An Irish Christmas at the Maryland Theatre Saturday, December 19, 2015 * 7:00pm

An Irish Christmas brings just about everything to the table - joy, hope, laughter, friendship, and celebration of life.

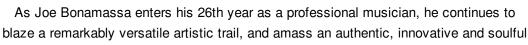
Take a journey through Christmas in Ireland and celebrate the great traditions of Irish mythology, enjoy superb music-making, singing of Christmas carols and great

storytelling, all led by an award-winning cast of Irish dancers.

Joe Bonamassa All-acoustic Performance

Maryland Theatre

January 8, 2016 * 8:00pm





body of work. Bonamassa's career began onstage opening for B.B. King in 1989, when he was only 12 years old. Today, he is hailed worldwide as one of the greatest guitar players of his generation, and is an ever-evolving singer-songwriter who has released 17 solo albums in the last 15 years, all on his own label, J&R Adventures. He founded and oversees the non-profit Keeping The Blues Alive Foundation to promote the heritage of the blues to the next generation, fund music scholarships, and supplement the loss of music education in public schools. In 2013, Bonamassa earned his first GRAMMY ® nomination for Best Blues Album and in 2015 his fourteenth #1 Billboard Blues Album (more than any other artist) with the release of Muddy Wolf At Red Rocks. 2014's new studio album Different Shades Of Bluedebuted at #8 on Billboard's Top 200 and was his highest charting album, first top 10, and biggest sales week ever. Bonamassa will fulfill a childhood dream when he headlines two shows at the iconic Stern Auditorium / Perelman Stage at Carnegie Hall in New York City.



21st Annual
Western Maryland
Blues Fest
2016

SUBMIT TO BE THE 2016 WESTERN MARYLAND BLUES FEST **POSTER ARTIST**

The hunt for the 2016 Western Maryland Blues Fest Poster Artist is in full swing.

The City of Hagerstown's Western Maryland Blues Fest committee and the Washington County Arts Council (WCAC) are calling all visual artists to submit their work by November 30, 2015 @ Noon.

Download the Guidelines @ www.washingtoncountyarts.com



The Beach Boys

at the Maryland Theatre

Thursday, February 18th at 7pm

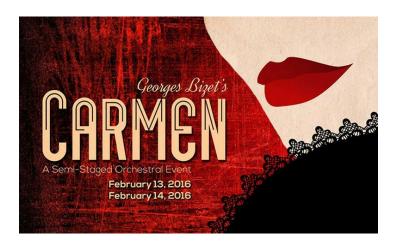
An Evening with The Beach Boys.
On sale Friday, December 4th at 11am
More info to come!



Ira Levin's DEATHTRAP

The Washington County Playhouse Dinner Theater and Children's Theater, 44 N. Potomac St., REAR, Hagerstown, MD.

Deathtrap is directed by Shawn R. Martin and runs January 15 - Feb 20 2016. Most roles are non-union paid. Service staff opportunities are also available. For Character Descriptions: Contact Laura Martin at 301-739-7469.



Carmen-with MSO

SAVE THE DATE! Hub Opera Ensemble is excited to be partnering with the Maryland Symphony Orchestra to present a semi-staged production of George Bizet's Carmen at the Historic Maryland Theater!

Two performances only - Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, February 14, 2016 at 3:00 pm.



WASHINGTON COUNTY Council







(301) 791-3132

34 South Potomac Street, Suite 100, Hagerstown, MD 21740

Tues-Fri: 11am-5pm

Sat: 10am-4pm or by Appt

Sun-Mon: closed



Supporting Local Artists!

Artist Registry Exhibit Gallery Art Calendar Gallery Shop

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The Washington County Arts Council, Inc., one of Maryland's 24 arts councils, has been a partner in the Hagerstown-Washington County Community since it was formed in 1967 and has maintained a downtown presence supporting the A & E District.

The WCAC Gallery hosts monthly exhibits and opening receptions for local artists in addition to maintaining The Gallery Shop which has become a retail destination location in the downtown (heart) of the City of Hagerstown. "The Gallery Shop" has come to life to provide a venue for the show and sale of unique jewelry, pottery, painting, textiles, books, blown & fused glass, wood art and photography produced by local artists. Each piece of art for sale tells a one of a kind story of the talent and skill of our regional artists. WCAC currently exhibits the work of more than 125 local artists!

The Washington County Arts Council provides support for many Hagerstown-Washington County art organizations through its Community Arts Development grants (CAD) and awards.

WCAC is a partner with the art organizations of Washington County supporting local artists, downtown, education initiatives, music, dance, etc. and promoting greater arts, education, & entertainment activities.

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2016 Exhibits

January - Thursday, January 07, 2016 - Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Main & Hall Galleries - Donna Bingaman: Romancing the Canvas

and Denny Bingaman: Wild Eyes Photography

RECEPTION: Friday, January 8, 2016 from 5-7pm

February - Friday, February 5, 2016 - Tuesday, March 1, 2016 6th Annual Washington County Art Educators 2016 RECEPTION: Friday, February 5, 2016 from 5-7pm

March - Friday, March 4, 2016 - Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Main & Hall Galleries - Potomac River Artists Guild: Visions of a Group

RECEPTION: Friday, March 4, 2016 from 5-7pm

April - Thursday, March 31, 2016 - Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Main & Hall Galleries - Robert & Kitty Nalewaik: Gallery Odyssey
and Beth Carey: Réves/Dreams

RECEPTION: Thursday, March 31, 2016 from 5-7pm

May - Friday, April 29, 2016 - Tuesday, May 31, 2016

Main & Hall Galleries - Ricky Havens: Spiritual Warfare

and Steve Wright & Students: All Fired Up — Clay Artists of Wright Hand Studio

RECEPTION: Friday, April 29, 2016 from 5-7pm

June - Thursday, June 2, 2016 - Tuesday, June 28, 2016
Main Gallery - 2016 Blues Fest Poster Artist
Hall Gallery - 2016 Blues Fest T-Shirt Contest
RECEPTION: Thursday, June 2, 2016 from 5-8pm

July - Thursday, June 30, 2016 - Tuesday, July 26, 2016 Main & Hall Galleries -

Jeff Driscoll: Scenes of Snow, Soldiers & Assorted Subjects and Ceramic Art by Cookie Redding RECEPTION: Thursday, June 30, 2016 from 5-7pm

August - Friday, July 29, 2016 - Tuesday, August 23, 2016
Main Gallery - Luis Vega: Expressing Culture
Hall Gallery - Linda Barnhart: Encountering Creation
RECEPTION: Friday, July 29, 2016 from 5-7pm

September - Friday, August 26, 2016 - Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Main Gallery - Rebecca Grace Jones: New Paintings

Hall Gallery - Stephen Sheredy: Artwork Selection

RECEPTION: Friday, August 26, 2016 from 5-7pm

October - Friday, September 30, 2016 - Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Main & Hall Galleries - Paintstravaganza: Works by Goodloe Byron

RECEPTION: Friday, September 30, 2016 from 5-7pm

November - Friday, October 28, 2016 - Tuesday, November 29, 2016

Main & Hall Galleries
Benjamin McAfee: Red

and Erica Kempler: Rhythms, Changes, & Transformations RECEPTION: Friday, October 28, 2016 from 5-7pm

December - Friday, December 2, 2016 - Tuesday, January 3, 2017

Annual Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2016

RECEPTION: Friday, December 2, 2016 from 5-7pm

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The Washington County Arts Council is a proud member of County Arts Agencies of Maryland, Maryland Citizens for the Arts and Americans for the Arts.



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Your information was obtained from at least one of the following methods: signing our guest book, becoming a member, donating, entering a contest or exhibiting with us.

You may text **WCAC** to **22828** on your mobile device to join our mailing list or click the button below - Thank you!



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