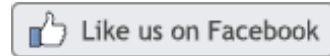


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Artist Alley

August 9, 2016
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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



Community Calendar

Add your local events to the WCAC Community Calendar and learn about upcoming events in your area.

[Learn more.](#)



Artist Registry

Join the artist registry and showcase your work for everyone to see!

[Learn more.](#)



Special Events

Features special local events that are not to be missed!

[Learn more.](#)

Helpful tip: In most cases you can click on a graphic to activate a link!

August 2016 Exhibits

The exhibits "Luis Vega: Expressing Culture" and "Linda Barnhart: Encountering Creation"

continue from July 29, 2016 through August 23, 2016.



July 29, 2016 - August 23, 2016



Opening Reception:

Friday, July 29, 2016 5pm - 7pm

In the Hall Gallery

Linda Barnhart:
Encountering Creation

HAGERSTOWN arts & entertainment district

Maryland is one of the first states in the country to develop Arts and Entertainment Districts on a statewide basis as a way to stimulate the economy and improve quality of life. Hagerstown's Arts and Entertainment District was one of the first designated in the State of Maryland.

Incentives offered through the Arts and Entertainment District include:

- **Real Property Tax Credit.** The City and County will provide a 50% property tax credit for 10 years on the increase in assessment which results from a renovation project to create artist housing or space for Arts and Entertainment enterprises.
- **Admissions & Amusement Tax Exemption Program.** Enterprises dedicated to visual or performing arts located within the Arts and Entertainment District are exempt from the collection of the State of Maryland's Admissions and Amusement Tax.
- **Income Tax Subtraction Modification Program.** Qualifying artists who own or rent residential real property in the county where the Arts and Entertainment District is located and who conduct business in the District, may be eligible for a Maryland personal income tax subtraction modification to eliminate state and local income tax on their income from the sale, publication or production within the District of their artistic work that is written, composed or executed within the District.

For additional information on these incentive programs, visit [Hagerstown's Arts and Entertainment \(A&E\) District](#) webpage or contact Amanda Whitmore, A&E District Manager, at (301) 739-8577 ext. 822 or awhitmore@hagerstownmd.org.



PERFORMING ARTISTS: ATTENTION

As an artist residing in Maryland, you are exempt from paying MD income tax on your fee for this live performance which takes place in an designated Arts & Entertainment District.

To take advantage of this benefit, just complete Maryland tax forms 502 and 502AE when you submit your tax return.

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ATTENTION ARTISTS!

PAY NO INCOME TAX

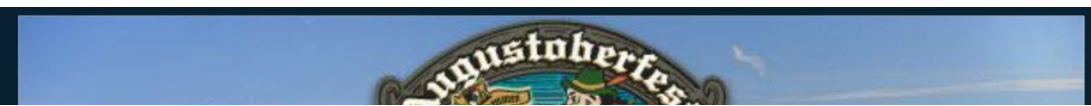
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Volunteers are a major part of what makes Augustoberfest so successful. They see that guests have a positive experience and they ensure many aspects of the event run smoothly. We are still looking for individuals and corporate teams of volunteers to help fill specific shifts for this year's Augustoberfest:

Saturday, August 27:

Needs for Food Runner, Cashier, and Food/Beverage Sales
20 volunteers from 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
15 volunteers from 6:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 28:

Needs for Food Runner, Cashier, and Food/Beverage Sales
15 volunteers from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
20 volunteers from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

You can sign up to volunteer during one of these shifts at:
augustoberfest.org/volunteer. Volunteers receive free event admission for the day they volunteer and a volunteer t-shirt.

Thanks for the continued support of Augustoberfest!

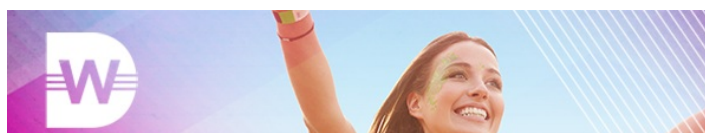
Our annual festival pays tribute to the area's rich German heritage
and supports scholarships for exchange students to Hagerstown's Sister City—Wesel, Germany.
This exciting event is run by the nonprofit organization, the Augustoberfest Charitable Foundation.

Visit www.augustoberfest.org for more information.

City Park Fall Fest Call for Artist Vendors
Hagerstown City Park and
Washington County Museum of Fine Arts
Saturday, September 17, 2016

The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts invites artists and art vendors to apply as exhibitors for the City Park Fall Fest on Saturday, September 17, 2016. The event will be held rain or shine from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Guidelines and an application form can be found at <http://wcmfa.org/fall-fest-2016/>. The deadline to register is August 23, 2016!

The City Park Fall Fest is an annual event located in Hagerstown City Park. The event is a collaboration between the City of Hagerstown; Washington County Museum of Fine Arts; Mansion House Art Center; the Jonathan Hager House and Museum; and the Hagerstown Railroad Museum and Engine 202, all located in City Park. In past years, City Park Fall Fest has had attendance of 3,000 - 5,000 people. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.





Summer Lovin'

August 12, 2016

Summer Lovin'--Wind Down Hagerstown

We're headed back to the days of Danny and Sandy with this Wind Down! Grab your favorite poodle skirt and saddle shoes for a Grease costume contest! Grab some fresh-made lemonade and Antietam Dairy ice cream for the hot summer night. Live music features Made in the 80's.

Friday, August 12, 2016 * 6:00pm to 9:00pm (301) 790-3500 | www.mdtheatre.org

Meet the Artists!

Join artists
Linda Barnhart &
Luis Vega
at the
Washington County Arts Council

WIND DOWN
DOWNTOWN HAGERSTOWN

Friday,
August 12, 2016
6pm - 9pm

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34 S. Potomac St.
301-791-3132

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Review Panel meeting.

Panelists are appointed for one-year terms (which may be renewed), and receive a modest honorarium for service. Panelists are also reimbursed for travel expenses.

GRANTS REVIEW PANELIST NOMINATIONS

Each year, the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) relies on a diverse array of arts professionals to assist with the important work of evaluating grant applications. These qualified experts have experience in the field and an understanding of artistic and organizational standards in their artistic categories.

Panelists appointed by the MSAC, review grant applications, conduct on-site interviews and evaluations, submit written reports regarding assigned organizations and present their findings during a spring Grants

To learn more, read [Panelists Responsibilities](#).

Submit a completed [Grant Review Panel Nomination Form](#) (along with a resume or brief biography of the nominee) by email to msac.commerce@maryland.gov.

Type "Panelist" and the name of the nominee in the subject line, e.g. "Panelist-John Doe. Self-nominations or nominations without resumes or bios will not be considered. **Deadline for Nominations: August 12, 2016.**

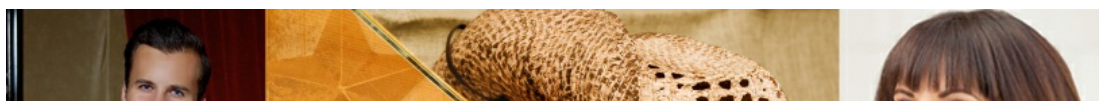


Mid-Atlantic Fiction Writers Institute at Hagerstown Community College

Are you an aspiring novelist eager to write your first novel? Or a writer looking to forge lasting connections with other writers and publishing professionals? Join us for the Mid-Atlantic Fiction Writers Institute at Hagerstown Community College on August 12-13, 2016. We know that it takes more than words on a page to craft a story and build a successful writing career. The annual MAFWI summer conference offers workshops and breakout sessions by bestselling authors, college faculty, and experienced industry professionals. From story fundamentals like plot and point of view to seasoned advice on how to market your work, there is something for writers of every genre at MAFWI. This year's keynote speaker is Brad Parks. Brad is the only author to have won the Shamus, Nero and Lefty Awards, three of crime fiction's most prestigious prizes. His next novel, *Say Nothing*, releases from Dutton in March 2017. A Dartmouth College graduate, Brad is a former journalist with *The Washington Post* and *The (Newark, N.J.) Star-Ledger*. Now a full-time novelist, he lives in Tidewater, Virginia with his wife and two school-aged children. See the conference schedule, learn more about the speakers, and register for the conference on the [MAFWI website](#). Questions? Email mafwi@hagerstowncc.edu. Contact: Hagerstown Community College, 11400 Robinwood Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21742.

Comic Con [Washington County Free Library](#) August 13, 2016 | 11am to 4pm

Main Street Hagerstown is joining forces with the Washington County Free Library Comic Con event on August 13th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Comic Con is happening at the Fletcher Branch on South Potomac Street and will have a costume contest, vendors, gaming, guest speakers and more! Main Street will have vendors and music on the square and is working with downtown restaurants to provide Grab and Go lunches so you don't miss any of the excitement!





"Country Legends" Vocal Competition

The Maryland Symphony Orchestra is looking for talented, local country singers to provide backup vocals during our upcoming performance of "Country Legends" at the Maryland Theatre.

Rising Nashville stars Rachel Potter (The X Factor) and Patrick Thomas (The Voice) guest star in a tribute to the greatest performers in country music.

With selections from famed singers and songwriters like Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, Faith Hill and Tennessee Ford, this show will leave your boots knocking, your heart pumping, and your country soul content. Classics such as "Crazy," "Jolene," "On the Road Again," "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," & "Ring of Fire" will be performed.

Three winners will be selected, 2 female (soprano and alto) and 1 male (low tenor/high baritone). Winners will be notified by August 29th. BEFORE entering, please visit the official contest website by [CLICKING HERE](#) for complete rules and information.

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University of Maryland, Baltimore,
Health Science III Building
Request for Qualifications

The Maryland State Arts Council and the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) are now accepting applications for the **Health Sciences Facility III** public art project. Artists residing in the United States are eligible to apply. The artwork will be a three-dimensional sculpture sited on the exterior public plaza of the Health Sciences Facility III on the downtown UMB campus, located adjacent to the schools of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy. Project completion date: September 2017. Up to four semi-finalist artists or artist teams will be selected for proposal development and receive a \$2000 honorarium. One artist or artist team will be selected. **Total project budget: \$400,000.**

Request for Qualifications deadline: Wednesday, September 14, 2016, NOON EDT. For project guidelines and application instructions click here. To apply online: CaFÉ, www.callforentry.org

For project questions: Liesel Fenner, Public Art Program Director, Maryland State Arts Council, liesel.fenner@maryland.gov. Technical questions related to CaFÉ: <https://www.callforentry.org/cafehlp.phtml> or cafe@westaf.org.



St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore Holds
Photography Contest to Highlight
Homelessness



HOMELESSNESS

Flash a Light on Homelessness is a subsidiary competition of St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore's Flashlight event. This is a skill-based juried competition. In a world desensitized by the visual imagery of the plight of homelessness, we challenge you to capture the story, cultivate the emotion, and convey the issue through your lens. There will be one winner. The prize is valued at \$1,500. There is a \$500 cash prize, and the opportunity to be hired as the official paid

photographer of the event OR photography equipment. Please visit our website to learn more about Flashlight, an all-night sleep out event on Saturday, November 5, 2016 on the infield of the Maryland State Fairgrounds that challenges individuals and teams to sleep out and raise awareness and funds to help Baltimore's homeless. Entry Deadline: 10/1/16. Entry Fee: \$25. Winner Announced: 10/15/16. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



MSAC 2016 Maryland Performing Artist Touring Artist Roster Guidelines and Application Now Available

Maryland Performing Artist Touring Roster guidelines and application are now available. One of the two components of the Maryland Presenting and Touring Program, the Roster is designed to promote the artistic collaboration between Maryland artists and Maryland presenters therefore further enhancing the cultural landscape of the State.



The Maryland Performing Artist Touring Roster is a juried group of Maryland artists who have a demonstrated history of professional touring engagements on a consistent basis. Artists on the Roster are selected through a peer review process in which they are rated on artistic merit and recommendations from presenting organizations where they have previously performed, among other criteria. The application and guidelines can be found on the MSAC website, <https://www.msac.org/touring-artists-roster>.

New applicants who want to be added to the Roster must submit the full application by September 16, 2016 at 5pm. Current Roster artists whose name begins with the letters A - G must also submit the full application by September 16, 2016 at 5pm.

All other current Roster artists whose name begins with the letters H - Z must submit the renewal application by September 2, 2016 at 5pm.

The second component of the program is the Maryland Touring Grant, a grant program designed for Maryland presenters who may apply for funding to help subsidize costs associated with engaging Roster artists for performances at their venues. For FY17, over \$70,000 was awarded in Maryland Touring Grants to 31 presenters in 18 counties across Maryland. The application and guidelines for this grant program will be made available in early 2017.

More information about the Program is available on the MSAC website at www.msac.org. MSAC accepts applications to the Roster annually.

About Maryland State Arts Council

A part of the Department of Commerce, Division of Tourism, Film and the Arts, the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) is dedicated to cultivating a vibrant cultural community where the arts thrive. Maryland State Arts Council grantees generate \$1 billion in economic activity and support more than 12,155 jobs and \$49 million in state and local tax revenue. (Source: Economic Impact of the Arts in Maryland: FY 2014) For information, call (410) 767-6555 or TTY (410) 333-4519.



Annual Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2016

The Washington County Arts Council, Inc. invites local artists working in any medium to submit their best new works for WCAC's "Annual Community Art Show: The Best



Local Art of 2016." The juried community art exhibit will run from December 2, 2016 through January 3, 2017 with an opening reception on Friday, December 2 from 5pm to 7pm.

Artists are encouraged to submit up to three entries. No works previously shown at WCAC will be considered. Images must be submitted in a .jpg format and files should be labeled: "Last Name_First Name_Title of Work."



Please email images of the works to be considered with the completed entry form to: gallerymanager@washingtoncountyarts.com. Include full name, address, telephone and email address.

[Guidelines/Entry Form](#)

The Washington County Arts Council, Inc. is funded by a grant from the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC), an agency of the Department of Business & Economic Development.



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