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Howard County Arts Council Hosts Award-Winning Evening for the Arts

Ellicott City, MD – On September 11, 2009, The Howard County Arts Council will be hosting its Annual Meeting and FY10 Grant Award ceremony with County Executive Ken Ulman, from 6-8 p.m. at the Howard County Center of the Arts.

Opening remarks will be made by Arts Council President, Brian Walter, followed by the presentation of the Grant Awards by County Executive, Ken Ulman. Local and state public officials and leaders in the arts community will be in attendance to recognize and celebrate Howard County's commitment to the arts.

The evening will feature the announcement of the FY2010 Howard County Arts Council grant awards totaling \$343,779.00 and two new exhibits: Gallery I: "Delineations" and in Gallery II: "Metals Guild of Maryland". The Howard County Center for the Arts' Resident Artists will also have open studios from 7-8 p.m.

To learn more about the award ceremony, exhibits and other Arts Council programs call 410-313-ARTS (2787) or visit www.hocoarts.org.

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The Howard County Arts Council is a non-profit organization whose mission is to serve the citizens of Howard County by fostering the arts, artists and arts organizations. The Howard County Arts Council receives major grants from the Howard County Government and the Maryland State Arts Council and sustaining annual support from corporate, foundation and individual sponsors. Howard County Arts Council offices are located at the Howard County Center for the Arts, 8510 High Ridge Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043. The Howard County Center for the Arts is an accessible facility encouraging the full participation of individuals with disabilities. For information, call 410.313.ARTS (2787), fax 410.313.2790, or email info@hocoarts.org. TDD: 711