



# Quarterly

Winter 2016 - 2017

## Letter from the President

Dear Arts Council friends and members,

**I**t gives me great pleasure to write my first official message as President of the Howard County Arts Council (HCAC). I'm honored that the Board of Directors has selected me to lead such a vital and respected organization and I look forward to working with them in my new role.

In 2016, the Arts Council celebrated its 35th year of fostering the arts and bringing the arts to life in our community.

Over the years we've grown from a grassroots advocacy group to a model multi-purpose local arts agency cited by the Maryland State Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and others for excellence. One of our most important responsibilities is administering public funds for grants. In the first year we were eligible to administer grants for the county, we awarded \$37,000. Last year, we awarded nearly \$720,000 in operating and project grants to organizations and over \$50,000 to individual artists in the form of scholarships, grants, and honorariums. Both the Council and the arts community have come a long way....

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor, Mark Coates. Mark served with great dedication, care, and compassion. Among his many outstanding qualities, Mark's deep sense of responsibility and personal commitment to the arts are paramount. Having grown up in Howard County and spending 36 years of his professional life working in the county's public school system as an art teacher and Fine Arts Coordinator, Mark was involved with HCAC as an artist, educator, and a community partner since we were established 35 years ago. As an artist and educator, he inspires students to see and develop their creative potential; as HCAC President, he inspired Board members to excel as well. His passion for the arts, combined with his down-to-earth leadership style, engaged and guided the Board as it explored a potential move, developed a new website, and piloted ARTreach, a free, family-friendly outdoor arts festival. He was also instrumental in making Paint It! Ellicott City a "fan" favorite with both artists and audiences and one of our most successful outreach programs to date. Throughout his tenure, Mark enthusiastically supported the Arts Council's mission and constantly underscored the Howard County Center for the Arts' importance as a valuable community resource where creative ideas are incubated and where local artists and community groups develop and thrive. All of us wish Mark the best as he settles into his new home in Maine!

I would also like to acknowledge the rest of the HCAC Board, who, as dedicated volunteers, work throughout the year to support the arts. Special thanks goes to Mary Peitz, Community Liaison, Margaret Kim, AllCare of MD, and Steve Poynot, Howard Bank and HCAC's Immediate Past President, for their outstanding contributions as Board members whose terms have now come to an end.

As we come to the close of 2016 and the Arts Council's 35th anniversary, it's time for both reflection and looking ahead. The Arts Council is not the same as it was in 1981. What was once a fledgling start-up is now an established, multi-purpose arts council recognized for its excellence, accountability, and service.

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## Celebration of the Arts

Mark your calendars now for our biggest event of the year! On **Saturday, March 25, 2017** from 6–10pm, the Arts Council presents the *20th Annual Celebration of the Arts in Howard County* at HCC's Peter and Elizabeth Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center.

Come help us *Celebrate*—sample tantalizing delicacies from area restaurants and caterers, bid on beautiful works of art by local artists, and enjoy live musical performances in the Studio Theatre. Following the reception, join us in the Smith and Studio Theatres for a special 20th anniversary presentation of our annual Rising Star Competition as previous winners perform for the chance to claim the Rising All-Star title. The evening will also include the presentation of the 2016 Howie Awards.

We hope to see you there! It's sure to be an amazing evening, so buy your tickets early—they'll be available in January—and **SAVE THE DATE!**

*Sponsorship, volunteer, and internship opportunities are available. Celebration tickets are \$100 (reception and live performance in Smith Theatre) and \$50 (reception and simulcast in Studio Theatre). For more information, visit us online at [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org) or call 410-313-ARTS (2787).*



Steven & Lee Sachs, Charles & Lesley Schwabe, & Taylor Schwabe at the 2016 Celebration of the Arts (Photo: Lee Waxman)

**WE'VE GOT  
A NEW  
LOOK**

Welcome to the first edition of the new Arts Council Quarterly! Our totally revamped newsletter (now in full color!) is a little smaller in size, but still delivers all the latest Arts Council news. You'll notice that our community arts calendar is no longer inside but don't worry, it isn't gone. It's been relocated to our brand new website! Visit [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org) to check out the Arts Council's amazing new online home, a one-stop source for up-to-date information on all of our programs, as well as arts and cultural events throughout Howard County. Bookmark the site today and check back often to stay current on all things art!

**... AND A NEW WEBSITE!**

# HCAC Annual Meeting & Grant Awards Ceremony



Howard County's commitment to the arts was reflected in the wonderful turnout at the Arts Council's Annual Meeting & Grant Awards Ceremony on September 16, 2016. Nearly 250 guests were in attendance as \$559,209 in grant awards were presented by County Executive Allan Kittleman. Grants were awarded to 20 Howard County arts organizations, 14 Howard County public schools, and 12 Baltimore City arts and cultural organizations in support of general operations, artist residencies, and special projects in the arts.

Congratulations to all of our FY2017 grantees!

For a list of all FY2017 grant recipients and more information on the grant programs offered by the Arts Council, visit [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org).



County Executive Allan Kittleman, County Council Chair Calvin Ball, HCAC Executive Director Coleen West, and HCPSS Board members Ellen Flynn Giles and Sandra French with FY17 Community Arts Development grantees. (Photo: HCAC)

## Artist's Block

**HoCo Open 2017** is a non-juried exhibit open to artists (aged 18 years and older) who live, work, or study in Howard County. Local artists are invited to bring one piece of original artwork completed in the past two years to the drop-off on January 5 from 4:30–6:30pm. Artwork will be accepted for the exhibit on a first-come basis, one piece per artist, until the gallery is full. *HoCo Open* entry forms are available at [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org).

**ARTsites 2017.** The Arts Council is seeking proposals from artists and sites for *ARTsites 2017*, a one-year outdoor sculpture exhibit on display from August 2017 to July 2018. Selected artists will be awarded a grant to participate in the exhibit. Deadline to apply is February 15, 2017. Submission guidelines will be available December 15 at [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org).

**The Baker Artist Awards** recognize artists from the Baltimore metro region who exemplify a mastery of craft, artistic excellence, and a unique and compelling vision. Artists with active Baker Artist Portfolios will automatically be submitted for award consideration on January 20, 2017. One artist per discipline will be selected to receive monetary prizes, an exhibition at the Baltimore Museum of Art, and a showcase on Maryland Public Television's *Artworks* program. Visit [bakerartist.org](http://bakerartist.org) for details and to create a portfolio.

**Arts Scholarship.** Do you know a college-bound Howard County high school senior planning on pursuing a visual arts, theatre, music, dance, or creative writing degree? Encourage them to apply for the Arts Council's Arts Scholarship program. Online applications are available at [hcac.culturegrants.org](http://hcac.culturegrants.org). Deadline to apply is January 18, 2017.

**HCAC exhibit applications** are due January 1, 2017. Exhibits are selected and presented in the context of multidisciplinary, thematic, juried, and invitational exhibits. Curators and artists are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org).

**ManneqART.** Sculptural/wearable art entries sought for the 2017 *ManneqART: Sculpture on the Human Form* competition featuring \$10,000 in awards to winning artists. Themes for *ManneqART 2017* are Ocean, Eco, Energy, and Aviation. Early bird applications due March 31, 2017; final deadline for entries is May 15, 2017. Visit [manneqart.org](http://manneqart.org) for details.



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What hasn't changed is our passion and commitment to fostering the arts and ensuring the arts are accessible to all. Today, our friends and neighbors enjoy equity theatre productions, classical Chinese dance, poetry readings, Broadway musicals, outstanding exhibits, world class concerts, public art, hip-hop classes, and much, much more—right here, right now, close to home.

We're looking forward to another 35 years of supporting the arts and increasing access to the arts for all Howard Countians—but we can't do it alone. Please join us in our efforts to nurture and advance the arts in our community!

Thank you,  
Buzz Bartlett, Board President

### re-create

#### ELLICOTT CITY ARTIST RELIEF FUND

## Re-create Update

We would like to thank everyone who generously donated to our Re-create: Ellicott City Artist Relief Fund in support of the artists impacted by the flooding in Ellicott City. As we go to press, we are pleased to report we have raised \$41,000 from 102 donors. Learn more at [hocoarts.org/explore/opportunities-artists-arts-groups/grants/](http://hocoarts.org/explore/opportunities-artists-arts-groups/grants/).

## Current Exhibits at HCCA

### Gallery I: *Art Maryland 2016*

October 28–December 9

A biennial, juried multi-media exhibit, *Art Maryland 2016* features work selected from nearly 400 entries submitted by 135 artists from around the region. Juror Christopher Bedford, Director of the Baltimore Museum of Art, selected a mixture of abstract and representational paintings, photography, sculpture, and prints.



*Holding Pattern (Orange Float)*, Sabine Carlson, from *Art Maryland 2016* (photo courtesy of the artist)

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10am–8pm, Saturday 10am–4pm, and Sunday 12–4pm. To learn more about Arts Council programs and exhibits, call 410-313-ARTS (2787) or visit [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org).

## Looking for Summer Employment?

The Arts Council is currently accepting applications for paid assistant positions and unpaid volunteer positions for Summer Camp 2017. Download an application by visiting [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org). Deadline to apply is **March 31, 2017**.

Working at HCA's summer camps is rewarding and fun! (Photo: HCA)



Summer campers proudly display their completed projects (Photo: HCA)



Registration for our Visual & Performing Arts Summer Camps will be available **January 3rd**. Don't wait until the last minute—register early and choose from our full range of creative opportunities for your child. Camps are open to students entering grades K–7. Full- or half-day sessions and before- and after-care are available. For complete details or to register, visit [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org).

## Get a Jump on Planning Your Summer!

## Upcoming Exhibits at HCCA

### Gallery I: *HoCo Open 2017*

### Gallery II: *Phantasmagorical*

January 13–February 24

Reception: January 20, 6–8pm

*HoCo Open* is a salon-style, non-juried exhibit showcasing the talents of Howard County artists. Check out the Artist's Block if you'd like to participate. *Phantasmagorical* features collage works by Barbara Marley and sculptures by Brad Blair. Both artists create highly detailed, imaginative worlds in their respective media.



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Support the arts and enjoy a whole year of class, camp, and gallery shop discounts; invites to special events; and a subscription to our monthly e-newsletter!

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## THANK YOU!

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## Check out our Winter Class Offerings!

Just because it's winter doesn't

mean you have to hibernate—try something new instead, like a class at the Center for the Arts! Winter classes begin January 23. Classes are available for children and adults. A complete schedule is available at [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org) or by calling 410-313-ARTS (2787).

### Gallery Hours

Monday–Friday 10am–8pm  
Saturday 10am–4pm • Sunday 12–4pm

Howard County Arts Council will be closed on the following holidays:

**December 24–26, 2016 • January 1–2, 2017  
January 16, 2017 • February 20, 2017**

*The Howard County Center for the Arts will be open from 9am–5pm on December 27, 28, 29 & 30*

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## Open House



## Holiday Sale

Handcrafted jewelry, always a popular item at the Holiday Sale (Photo: HCAC)

Join us **Friday, December 2**  
from **5:30–8:30pm**  
for our annual Open House  
& Holiday Sale!

Support local community artists and artisans as you select from a wide variety of unique and affordable art and handcrafted items for sale. And don't forget to visit our galleries and meet our Resident Artists, whose studios will be open to visitors from 7–8pm. Entertainment and light refreshments will be provided.