



Quarterly

Winter 2017 - 2018

Letter from the President

Dear Arts Council friends and members,

September marked my fourth year of service on the Arts Council Board of Directors. This experience has been rewarding in so many ways. Among the experiences I've enjoyed most is working with a dedicated group of trustees, volunteers, and staff who work behind the scenes to make the arts in Howard County come alive! So, it is with great pleasure that I welcome three newly elected members to the Arts Council Board: David Kay, M&T Bank; Greg Lowe, Lowe Wealth Advisors; and Linda Rochelle, ADG Creative.

In June, I took over the position of Board President (one year early) as my predecessor, Buzz Bartlett, moved out of the region. I worked closely with Buzz over the years and greatly admired his thoughtful leadership style. The community relations and fundraising expertise he brought to us from his former positions as Director of Corporate Affairs at Lockheed Martin and Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations at the University of Maryland helped guide our strategic discussions and was invaluable to the capital campaign feasibility study we led in 2017. In addition, Buzz is a gifted visual artist and writer. During his tenure he frequently spoke about the virtues of the Howard County Center for the Arts—often reminding the Board and others about the importance of the center as a home for artists, a gathering place to connect people with the arts, a space for life-long learning, and an incubator for creativity. All of us wish Marylen and Buzz the best as they settle into their new West Coast home!

The Arts Council has had both a rousing and resourceful year. I am particularly proud of our efforts to support the Ellicott City artists whose livelihoods were threatened as a result of the flash flood last summer. With the help of over 100 donors, we established the Re-CREATE: Ellicott City Artist Relief Fund and awarded 34 grants to support affected artists and help re-establish the vibrant arts district in Historic Ellicott City.

I am also inspired by our stunning new website. The site features a comprehensive resource section and a county-wide online arts calendar, an amazingly powerful tool for promotion of the arts in our greater community. The calendar, a free service for artists, arts groups and audiences, provides a platform to highlight all arts and cultural events occurring at venues county-wide, keeping both the arts community and audiences informed.

In addition, a sub-committee of the Arts Council Board continued to work with the Howard County Housing Commission, Orchard Development, and Toby and Hal Orenstein on the concept of a combined cultural arts center and residential project in Downtown Columbia. We've had many conversations with artists and community leaders about the need for a state-of-the-art arts center to better serve our community and provide



Julie Hughes Jenkins, Board President

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Celebration of the Arts

Mark your calendars now for our big spring gala! On **Saturday, March 24, 2018** from 6–10pm, the Arts Council presents the 21st Annual Celebration of the Arts in Howard County at HCC's Peter and Elizabeth Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center.

Join us and *Celebrate!* Sample tantalizing delicacies from area restaurants and caterers as you bid on beautiful works of art by local artists and enjoy live musical performances during the reception. Then, at 8pm, take your seat for the presentation of the exciting Rising Star Competition and the 2017 Howie Awards.

Save the date—it's sure to be an amazing evening! Tickets will be available in January, so buy yours early and we'll see you there!

Sponsorship, volunteer, and internship opportunities are available now. 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 or call 410-313-ARTS (2787).



Howard County Executive Allan Kittleman, HCAC Executive Director Coleen West, and Robin Kittleman at the 2017 Celebration of the Arts (Photo: Lee Waxman)



Open House & Holiday Sale

Join us
Thursday, December 7
from **5:30–8:30pm**
for our annual Open House
& Holiday Sale!

Handcrafted wooden bowls on sale at the 2016 Open House & Holiday Sale (Photo: HCAC)

Shop local and support artists and artisans from your own community as you choose 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.



HCAC Annual Meeting & Grant Awards Ceremony



County Executive Allan Kittleman, County Council member Mary Kay Sigaty, State Delegate Clarence Lam, HCAC Board President Julie Hughes Jenkins, and HCAC Executive Director Coleen West with FY18 Artists-in-Education grantees. (Photo: HCAC)

Our Annual Meeting & Grant Awards Ceremony on September 15th was a time to reflect on the past year's accomplishments and to look forward to a new year fostering Howard County's artists and arts organizations. Nearly 180 guests were in attendance as \$583,593 in grant awards were presented by County Executive Allan Kittleman. Grants were awarded to 22 Howard County arts organizations, 14 Howard County public schools, and 11 Baltimore City arts and cultural organizations in support of general operations, artist residencies, and special projects in the arts.

Congratulations to all of our FY2018 grantees!

For a list of all FY2018 grant recipients and more information on the grant programs offered by the Arts Council, visit hocoarts.org.

Current Exhibits at HCCA

Gallery I: Art Howard County 2017

Gallery II: Chroma

November 3-December 15, 2017

A biennial, juried multi-media exhibit, *Art Howard County 2017* features 54 works by 36 Howard County artists. Thomas Engleman, Gallery Director and Professor of Visual Arts at Howard Community College, served as guest juror for the exhibit, selecting work from among 149 entries submitted by 56 artists who live, work or study in Howard County, Maryland.

Reality proves a fertile playground for the imaginations of the artists showcased in *Chroma*. Sabine Carlson's colorful oil paintings depict fragmented figurative imagery in abstracted landscapes, while Bob Mathews creates unsettling portraits of his 'imaginary friends.'



Bird on a Wire, Pat Dillon, from *Art Howard County 2017* (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.

Upcoming Exhibits at HCCA

Gallery I: HoCo Open 2018

Gallery II: Everyday Relics

January 12-February 23, 2018

Reception: January 19, 6-8pm
(snow date: January 26)

HoCo Open is now an annual salon-style, non-juried exhibit showcasing the talents of Howard County artists. Check out the Artists Block if you'd like to participate.

Everyday Relics features works by Charles Bowers and Pamela Crockett.

Charles Bowers creates mixed-media pigment ink transfer images, often depicting imagery of nature. Each image transfer results in a unique work of art with a distinctive textural background. Baltimore-based painter Pamela Crockett's abstract mixed-media paintings are inspired by Byzantine artifacts. Her paintings incorporate embedded objects that create areas of depth and shadow within the work, encouraging the viewer to take a closer look.

Check out our Winter Class Offerings!

Beat the winter blues by signing up for a class at the Center for the Arts! Winter classes begin January 22. Classes are available for children and adults. A complete schedule is available at hocoarts.org or by calling 410-313-ARTS (2787).



WEBSITE SPOTLIGHT

Learn more about the many resources available for artists, arts groups, and art lovers on our award-winning new website.

Resident Artists & Arts Organizations • Get to know HCCA's residents by checking out our **Resident Artists & Arts Organizations** section, accessible via the *Explore* menu on our website at hocoarts.org. You'll find photos and bios for the fourteen visual artists who maintain studios at the Center for the Arts as well as profiles of our three resident arts organizations. You can also learn more about the Arts Advancement Organizations who use the Center for meetings and workshops.



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a venue where local actors, musicians, poets and visual artists can take center stage and truly shine. In the fall of 2016, the Arts Council hired Schultz & Williams, a nationally recognized fundraising and marketing consulting firm, to conduct a capital campaign feasibility study. They spoke to community leaders in the private and public sectors, tested the project case statement, and gathered information. The resulting report will serve as a guide as we work to address critical planning issues and to secure the support needed to make this project a reality. View the report and recommendations at <https://goo.gl/7e9iy3>. We're excited about the possibilities the new cultural arts center could bring to Howard County and Downtown Columbia—and hope you are too!

Looking back on all that we accomplished, I feel tremendous pride in the remarkable work of our staff, volunteers and board members. I am incredibly grateful to our donors and our county and state officials for supporting our mission. I am also filled with immense gratitude for the artists and arts organizations who work tirelessly to inspire us. They are the heart—and soul—of our community. Together, we bring the arts to life in Howard County—thank you for supporting our efforts and making this an unforgettable year.

Let's continue to be inspired together! Looking forward, with your continued support, I know 2018 will be another banner year for the arts in our community.

Thank you,

Julie Hughes Jenkins, Board President

Looking for Summer Employment?

The Arts Council is currently accepting applications for Camp Director, paid assistant positions, and unpaid volunteer positions for Summer Camp 2018. Download an application by visiting hocoarts.org. Deadline to apply is **March 31, 2018**.

Make It a Creative Summer!



Happy campers take a break during a performing arts camp (Photo: HCAC)

Registration for our Visual & Performing Arts Summer Camps will be available **January 3, 2018**. Don't wait until the

last minute—register early and

choose from our full range of creative oppor-

tunities 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.

Artist's Block

HoCo Open 2018 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 ready-to-hang original artwork completed in the past two years to the drop-off on January 4 from 4:30–6:30pm. Artwork will be accepted for the exhibit on a first-come, first-serve basis, one piece per artist, until the gallery is full. *HoCo Open* entry forms are available at hocoarts.org.

ARTsites 2018. The Arts Council is seeking proposals from artists and sites for *ARTsites 2018*, a one-year outdoor sculpture exhibit on display from August 2018 to July 2019. Selected artists will be awarded a grant to participate in the exhibit. Deadline to apply is March 2, 2018. Submission guidelines are now available at hocoarts.org.

Arts Scholarship. Is a visual arts, theatre, music, dance, or creative writing degree in your future? If so, you'll definitely want to apply for our Arts Scholarship program. Online applications are available at hcac.gosmart.org. Deadline to apply is January 17, 2018.



HCAC exhibit applications are due January 1, 2018. 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.

ManneqART. Sculptural/wearable art entries sought for the 2018 *ManneqART: Sculpture on the Human Form Competition* featuring \$10,000 in awards for winning artists. Themes for *ManneqART 2018* are Love, Fantasy, Metro, and Mechanics. Early bird applications due April 30, 2018; final deadline for entries is May 15, 2018. Visit manneqart.org for details.

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 who create a Baker Artist Portfolio are automatically eligible for one of five Baker Artist Awards, which include significant monetary prizes, an exhibition at the Baltimore Museum of Art, as well as a feature on Maryland Public Television's *Artworks* program. Artists have until 5pm on December 21, 2017 to create or update their portfolio. Visit bakerartist.org for details and to create a portfolio.

Rybee House II by Stephen Klema, currently installed at the Howard County Center for the Arts as part of ARTsites 2017 (HCAC photo)



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TO THE ARTS**

Gallery Hours

Monday–Friday 10am–8pm

Saturday 10am–4pm Sunday 12–4pm

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

**December 23-26, 2017, December 30-31, 2017
January 1, 2018**

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

In Memoriam

We were saddened to learn of the passing of two beloved members of Howard County's arts community. **Leora 'Lee' Smith** was a resident artist at the Center for the Arts for more than twenty years. During that time Lee explored a variety of artistic styles and media, from weaving to pastels to temari, an ancient folk art form she picked up during her travels in Japan.

Our community is also mourning the loss of local dance legend **Eva Anderson**, founder of the Baltimore Dance Theatre and the Eva Anderson Dancers, known for its innovative representations of African-American culture through modern dance. Eva spent more than three decades sharing her extraordinary dance and choreography talents as an instructor in Baltimore and Howard County.

BECOME A MEMBER

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

To become a member, visit our website at hocoarts.org, or call 410-313-ARTS (2787).

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**Thursday
November 30
7-9:30pm**

Holiday Print Night

Grab some friends and join us for this holiday-themed workshop! Learn basic printmaking techniques as you create handmade custom holiday cards, gift wrap, tags, and more! \$15 per person, all supplies included. Visit the Classes section at hocoarts.org for details and to register. Registration is limited, so don't delay!

