



# Quarterly

Winter 2018 - 2019

## Letter from the President



Julie Hughes Jenkins,  
Board President

Dear Arts Council friends and members,

As I look forward to the promise of a new year, it is worth pausing to reflect on my first year as President. Among the Arts Council's many outstanding accomplishments, two stand out to me.

Last spring, I was part of a group of community leaders that embarked on a listening tour to discuss common goals and identify areas that need to be strengthened to advance the arts and build a more connected, creative community. We met with the directors and board presidents of ten organizations involved in the production and promotion of the arts. Communications and marketing along with collaborations and partnerships (including shared back office services and infrastructure) were the top areas cited by participants. These discussions resulted in a new cooperative online marketing opportunity launched by Howard County Tourism and a new capacity-building grant opportunity to develop partnerships through the Arts Council.

Last spring, the Arts Council also began its strategic planning process. Led by consultants Schultz & Williams, the intensive, in-depth process was informed by insights gleaned from the listening tour; one-on-one interviews with staff, current and former Board members, and key external stakeholders; a Board survey; a review of past program, financial, and historical materials; a Board bus trip to two local arts councils; and a full-day Board retreat. In June 2018, the Board approved our five-year strategic plan and set goals focusing on:

- Community Arts Development
- Community Engagement
- Financial Sustainability
- Programs and Services
- Organizational Capacity

As Board President, I found both of these activities extremely valuable. Having served on the Board for the past five years, I believed I had a good understanding of the county's arts community. However, with each discussion and each moment spent listening, I gained deeper insights into the challenges and opportunities for both the Arts Council and the wider arts community.

What is clear to me is how passionate our community arts leaders are about producing challenging, meaningful, and high-quality programs; how hard they work to engage audiences; and how vital and diverse the organizations they operate, and the programs they produce, are. Also clear is how much the arts community values the Arts Council's advocacy, leadership, and support.

As Howard County continues to grow and thrive, there is no doubt that the arts must continue to be an important part of community planning and growth, public education,

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## Celebration of the Arts

Mark your calendars for the arts event of the year! On **Saturday, March 23, 2019** from 6–10pm, the Arts Council presents the 22nd Annual Celebration of the Arts in Howard County at HCC's Peter and Elizabeth Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center.

Come help us *Celebrate!* Indulge in an array of mouthwatering delicacies from area restaurants as you bid on wonderful 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 Performing Arts Competition and the 2018 Howie Awards.

Save the date for this incredible evening! Tickets will be available in January—get yours early and we'll see you there!



Elizabeth Bobo and Lloyd Knowles enjoy the reception at the 2018 Celebration of the Arts (Photo: John Wisor)

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](http://hocoarts.org) or call 410-313-ARTS (2787).

## Open House & Holiday Sale

Join us  
**Thursday, November 29**  
from **5:30-8:30pm**  
for our annual Open House  
& Holiday Sale!

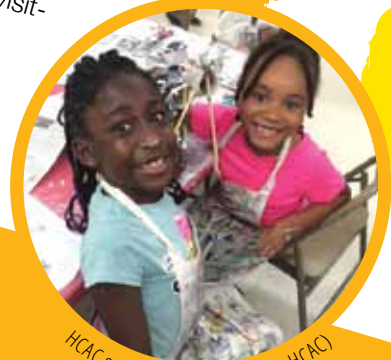
Shop local and support community artists and artisans as you choose from a wide variety of unique and affordable art and handcrafted items for sale. And don't forget to visit our galleries and meet our Resident Artists, whose studios will be open to visitors from 7–8pm. Entertainment and light refreshments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

Handcrafted jewelry is displayed for sale at the 2017 Open House & Holiday Sale (Photo: HCAC) ▶



## Looking for Summer EMPLOYMENT?

The Arts Council is currently accepting applications for paid camp assistant positions and unpaid volunteer positions for Summer Camp 2019. Download an application by visiting [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org). Deadline to apply is **March 29, 2019**.



HCAC Summer campers (Photo: HCAC)

## HCAC Annual Meeting & Grant Awards Ceremony

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our Annual Meeting & Grant Awards

Ceremony on September 14th we celebrated the accomplishments of the past year while also looking ahead to an exciting new year of fostering our local community's artists and arts organizations. More than 150 guests were in attendance as \$590,931 in grant awards were presented by County Executive Allan Kittleman. Grants were awarded to 19 Howard County arts organizations, 21 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 FY2019 grantees!

For a list of all FY2019 grant recipients and more information on the grant programs offered by the Arts Council, visit [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org).



Maryland State Arts Council Executive Director Ken Skrzysz, HCAC Board President Julie Hughes Jenkins, and HCAC Executive Director Coleen West with FY19 Community Arts Development grantees (Photo: HCAC)

## Make It a CREATIVE Summer!

Registration for our Visual & Performing Arts Summer Camps will be available **January 2, 2019**. Sign up early and choose from a full range of fun and creative opportunities for your child. Camps are open to students entering grades K-7. Full- or half-day sessions and extended care are available. For complete details or to register, visit [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org).

## Current Exhibits at HCCA

Gallery I: *Art Maryland 2018*

Gallery II: *Director's Choice*

November 2–December 14, 2018

A biennial juried exhibit, *Art Maryland 2018* is a premier showcase for regional artists. This year's guest juror is Cara Ober, a Baltimore-based artist, writer, and founding editor of *BMoreArt*, Baltimore's online art magazine and print journal. Ober made her selections from 385 entries submitted by 133 artists working in a wide variety of styles and mediums.

In Gallery II, *Director's Choice* is an exhibit curated by HCAC Executive Director Coleen West featuring artwork selected from *Art Maryland* entries.



*Swan Lake* by Nancy Hannans, from *Art Maryland 2018* (Photo courtesy of the artist)

Gallery I: *HoCo Open 2019*

Gallery II: *Fiber Redux*

January 11–February 22, 2019

Reception: January 18, 6–8pm  
(snow date: January 25)

*HoCo Open* is our annual salon-style, non-juried exhibit showcasing the diverse talents of Howard County artists. Check out the **Artist's Block** if you'd like to participate.

*Fiber Redux* features mixed-media artists Kelly Boehmer and Meg Schaap. In her colorful sculptural work, Boehmer entangles symbols of fantasies with metaphors for anxieties while Schaap expresses a contemporary portrait of France's iconic Queen Marie Antoinette in her work.

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).

## Upcoming Exhibits at HCCA

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civic engagement, and economic development. There is also no doubt that the Arts Council's role—to foster the arts and connect people of all ages and abilities to the arts—is more important than ever!

Effective governance has been, and will continue to be, key to the Arts Council's ability to enrich our community and foster individual and collective creativity. To assist us in our work, I am pleased to welcome two new Board members—Tracey Schutty, a musician and arts advocate; and Adam Stull, Vice President of Sales at Howard Bank. They will join Ellen Flynn Giles, Jordana Guzman, David Kay, Mary Kay Kenney, Greg Lowe, Linda Rochelle, Brian Rosenberg, Janet Schriebstein, Dami Soh, Sharonlee Vogel, George Wilson, and me.

All of us at the Arts Council believe the arts matter and are an essential component of a healthy community. We know the arts are a catalyst to personal creativity, growth, and connection. Every day in the Center for the Arts' studios, galleries, and classrooms, we see the power that the arts have to transform lives. And, we know that supporting the arts will propel our culture forward and ensure that future generations have the critical skills to imagine, innovate, create, and make change.

Please take a moment to review our FY2018 Annual Report, which highlights our accomplishments and the positive impact the Arts Council makes in the lives of thousands in our community. I feel tremendous pride in the remarkable work of our staff, volunteers, and Board. I am incredibly grateful to our donors and our county and state officials for supporting our efforts. I am filled with immense gratitude to the artists and arts organizations who work tirelessly to inspire us—they are the heart and soul of our community.

Thanks to ALL of you for your good work and for being a partner in our mission. I look forward to growing our creative community together in the new year!

Sincerely,

Julie Hughes Jenkins, *Board President*

## WEBSITE SPOTLIGHT

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

**Grant & Scholarship Recipients** • The Arts Council awards more than \$500,000 annually through a variety of grant programs. It's one of the key ways that we foster a vital arts community. Learn more about our grant recipients—from Community Arts Development grantees to arts scholarship recipients to Rising Star winners and more—in the **Grant & Scholarship Recipients** section of our website, accessible via the *Explore* menu at [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org).

# Artist's Block



Prisms by Becky Borlan, currently installed at Merriweather Park at Symphony Woods as part of ARTsites 2018 (Photo: HCAC)

**HoCo Open 2019** is a non-juried exhibit open to artists (aged 18 years and older) who live, work, or study in Howard County. Eligible 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 3 (snow date: January 4) 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. A highlight of *HoCo Open 2019* will be the presentation of the \$500 Covington Emerging Artist Award, established by local gallery owner Robin Holliday to recognize and support an emerging artist at a pivotal time in their career. *HoCo Open* entry forms are available at [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org).

**ARTsites 2019.** The Arts Council is seeking proposals from artists and sites for *ARTsites 2019*, a one-year outdoor sculpture exhibit on display from August 2019 to July 2020. Selected artists will be awarded a grant to participate in the exhibit. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2019. Submission guidelines will be available December 1 at [hocoarts.org](http://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](http://hcac.gosmart.org). Deadline to apply is January 16, 2019.

**ManneqART.** Wearable art entries are sought for the 7th Annual ManneqART Sculptural Artworks Competition. Themes for 2019 are Insects, Amphibians, Objects, and Aliens. \$10,000 in artist awards will be given to the best of each theme, to student winners, and to an overall Master Award winner. Entry applications are available January 1 at [manneqart.org](http://manneqart.org). Early Bird application deadline is March 31; final deadline for entries is May 15, 2019.

**Baker Artist Awards** recognizes artists from the Baltimore metro region who exemplify a mastery of craft, depth of artistic exploration, and a unique 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, 2018 to create or update their portfolio. Visit [bakerartist.org](http://bakerartist.org) for details and to create a portfolio.

**HCAC exhibit applications** are due January 1, 2019. 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).



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### Gallery Hours

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

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

December 24–25, 2018,  
December 31, 2018  
January 1, 2019  
January 21, 2019  
February 18, 2019

*The Howard County  
Center for the Arts  
will be open from 9am–5pm  
on December 26, 27 & 28*

## 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 28. 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).

**Wednesday,  
December 12  
7–9:30pm**

**The Most Wonderful Print Night of the Year**

For some artistic holiday fun, join us for **The Most Wonderful Print Night of the Year!** Bring friends & a bottle of wine, and check a few things off your holiday to-do list. Learn basic print-making techniques as you make your own holiday cards, gift wrap, tags, and more. \$20/person, all supplies provided. Register at [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org).



## 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](http://hocoarts.org), or call 410-313-ARTS (2787).

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