



Quarterly

Winter 2019-2020

Letter from the President



Sharonlee Vogel, Board President

Dear Arts Council friends and members,

For the past six years, I have served on the HCAC Board of Directors and have come to know many of you in the arts community. The passion for arts and culture in our community is undeniable and I look forward to working with all of you in my new role as Board President.

I want to take this opportunity to thank County Executive Calvin Ball and the County Council for their continued trust in, and commitment to, the Arts Council. One of our most important responsibilities is the administration of public and private funds designated for grants, awards, and scholarships. These investments help ensure the stability and growth of the arts community, which in turn nurture creativity and diversity, preserve cultural traditions, and provide access to and encourage greater participation in the arts. By approving and increasing the Arts Council's FY2020 arts appropriation, our public officials continue to affirm the essential role the arts have in a healthy, vibrant community. We truly appreciate the confidence and support County Executive Ball and the Council confer on our work.

I would also like to thank my predecessor, Julie Hughes Jenkins. Julie is a thoughtful leader, great communicator, and a passionate supporter of the arts. I cannot overstate how valuable her guidance and leadership has been. Among her many outstanding qualities, Julie's positive outlook, deep sense of responsibility, and personal commitment to the arts are paramount. In addition, she is a good listener and a creative problem solver. During her tenure as President, Julie oversaw our Board strategic planning process, which led to the adoption of a new 5-year strategic plan in June 2018. The process included an external listening tour with 10 local arts groups; dozens of one-on-one interviews with staff, current and former Board members, and key external stakeholders; a Board bus trip to two local arts councils; and a full-day retreat. She has also been an active member of our Physical Campus Committee, meeting with Orchard Development, the Howard County Housing Commission, and Toby and Hal Orenstein to review the space development plans for the proposed New Cultural Center. She served as the Chair of the Celebration of the Arts gala for the past two years and provided essential Board leadership during the Downtown Columbia arts and culture mediation process last spring. Through these efforts, she helped solidify HCAC's position as "the voice" of the arts in Howard County. I look forward to building on her success.

Strong leadership will continue to be key to the Arts Council's ability to enrich our community and foster the arts. HCAC would not be the responsive, effective

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Celebration of the Arts

Mark your calendars for Howard County's signature arts event! On Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 6–10pm, the Arts Council presents the 23rd Annual Celebration of the Arts in Howard County at HCC's Peter and Elizabeth Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center.

Join us for a sumptuous reception featuring culinary delicacies from area restaurants, a gala art auction of beautiful works by local artists, and live musical performances. Then, at 8pm, take your seat for the presentation of the thrilling Rising Star Performing Arts Competition and the 2019 Howie Awards.

Save the date for what's sure to be a memorable evening! Tickets will be available in January—get yours early and we'll see you there!



HCAC Development Manager Stephanie Schuster, HCAC Executive Director Coleen West, HCAC Board member Jordana Guzman, HCAC Board President Julie Hughes Jenkins, and HCAC Board member Ellen Flynn Giles at the 2019 Celebration of the Arts (HCAC photo)

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).



Holiday Maker-Mart

Join us
Thursday, December 5
from **5:30-8:30pm**
for our annual
Holiday Maker-Mart!

◀ Shoppers explore the wares at the 2018 holiday sale. (HCAC photo)

Shop local and support community artists and artisans as you choose from an array of unique and affordable art and hand-crafted items for sale. And don't forget to visit our galleries and meet our Resident Artists, whose studios will be open to visitors during the event. Entertainment and light refreshments will be provided.

HCAC Annual Meeting & Grant Awards Ceremony

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Annual Meeting & Grant Awards Ceremony on September 13th was an opportunity to share our achievements of the past year while looking ahead to another great year of supporting local community artists and arts organizations. More than 160 guests

were in attendance as \$626,192 in grant awards was presented by County Executive Calvin Ball. Grants were awarded to 22 Howard County arts organizations, 19 Howard County public schools, 12 Baltimore City arts and cultural organizations, and 1 individual artist in support of general operations, artist residencies, and special projects in the arts.

Congratulations to all of our FY2020 grantees!

For a list of FY2020 grant recipients and more information on the grant programs offered by the Arts Council, visit hocoarts.org.

FY2020 Outreach Howard Grantees with HCAC Board President Julie Hughes Jenkins, Howard County Executive Calvin Ball, HCAC Executive Director Coleen West, and Maryland State Senator Clarence Lam (HCAC photo)



Gallery I: **Art Maryland 2019**

Gallery II: **New Media: Poetry in Motion**

November 1–December 13, 2019

A biennial, juried multi-media exhibit, *Art Howard County 2019* features 59 works by 40 Howard County artists. Robin Holliday, owner and curator of HorseSpirit Arts Gallery in Savage, served as guest juror for the exhibit, selecting work from among 172 entries submitted by 64 artists who

live, work, or study in Howard County, Maryland.

In Gallery II, *New Media: Poetry in Motion* transforms the space into a screening room to showcase recent video works by Vin Grabill, Brandon Morse, and Joon Sung. These artists experiment with time-based media to create unique works of art that double as visual poems.



Jardin du Luxembourg 1 by Daniel Heifetz, from *Art Howard County 2019* (Photo courtesy of the artist)

Gallery I: **HoCo Open 2020**

January 10–February 21, 2020

Gallery II: **It Is What It Is**

January 17–February 21, 2020

Reception: January 17, 6–8pm
(snow date: January 24)

HoCo Open is our annual, non-juried exhibit showcasing local artists. Presented in a salon-style format, this immensely popular show is open to artists of all skill levels who live, work, or study in Howard County. Check

out the **Artist's Block** if you'd like to participate.

In Gallery II, Deidre Argyle creates an immersive installation composed of fabric cubes, projections, and sound. *It Is What It Is* explores questions about time and repetition, bringing to our attention the cycles that govern us: creation, decay, and transformation.

Current
Exhibits at HCCA

Upcoming
Exhibits at HCCA

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.

Get CREATIVE this Summer!

Registration for our Visual & Performing Arts Summer Camps will be available **January 3, 2020**. Sign up early and choose from a wide variety of engaging 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.



Need a Summer JOB?

The Arts Council is currently accepting applications for paid camp counselor positions and unpaid volunteer positions for our 2020 summer camps. To apply, visit hocoarts.org. Application deadline is **March 30, 2020**.

HCAC summer campers proudly display their finished creations (HCAC photo)

Letter from the President

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organization that it is without the passionate and committed volunteers who serve on our board and committees. I am pleased to welcome three new members to the Board: Thomas Engleman, a visual artist and Assistant Professor and Director of the galleries at Howard Community College; Julia Kovacs, partner at DLA Piper; and Sabina Taj, Advisor to the Braitmayer Foundation and member of the Howard County Public School System Board of Education. They will join Ellen Flynn Giles, Jordana Guzman, Mary Kay Kenney, Greg Lowe, Brian Rosenberg, Dami Soh Schlobohm, Tracey Pullo Schutty, Adam Stull, George Wilson, and me. Linda Rochelle and Janet Schreiberstein are leaving the Board, we will miss them both and are glad that they will stay involved on committees.

Please take a moment to review our FY2019 Annual Report, which highlights our accomplishments and the positive impact the Arts Council has in the lives of thousands in our community. Our role—to foster the arts and enrich our community—continues to grow and is more important than ever!

Thanks to ALL of you for your good work and for being a partner in our mission. With your continued support, the creative, impactful work of the Arts Council will continue—the best is yet to come.

Sincerely,

Sharonlee Vogel, Board President



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

Celebration of the Arts • Our Celebration of the Arts page is your all-in-one source for everything you could possibly want to know about our annual fundraising gala, the not-to-be-missed arts event of the year! Whether you'd like to become a sponsor, purchase tickets, submit a Howie Award nomination, or learn about the Rising Star Performing Arts Competition, you'll find it all at hocoarts.org/celebration.

Artist's Block



HoCo Open 2019, on display in Gallery I (HCAC photo)

HoCo Open 2020 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 drop off one piece of ready-to-hang original artwork completed in the past two years on January 3 (snow date: January 6) 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 2020* 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.

ARTsites 2020. The Arts Council is seeking proposals from artists and sites for *ARTsites 2020*, a one-year outdoor sculpture exhibit on display from August 2020 to July 2021. Selected artists will be awarded a grant to participate in the exhibit. Deadline to apply is March 1, 2020. Submission guidelines will be available December 1 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 15, 2020.

ManneqART. Wearable art entries are sought for the 8th Annual ManneqART Sculptural Artworks Competition. Up to \$10,000 in total awards will be presented to participating artists. Entry applications are available January 1 at manneqart.org. Early Bird application deadline is April 28; final deadline for entries is May 28, 2020.

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 20, 2019 to create or update their portfolio. Visit bakerartist.org for details and to create a portfolio.

HCAC General Exhibit Program. Visual artists and curators—are you looking for a place to exhibit your work? We are seeking artwork in all mediums to include in upcoming exhibits. Individual artists, as well as curators and arts groups interested in presenting a group show, are encouraged to apply. Exhibits are selected and presented in the context of multi-disciplinary, thematic, juried, and invitational exhibits. Applications are due **January 1, 2020**. Details and application information are available in the Exhibit Opportunities section at hocoarts.org.



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See inside for details

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THANK YOU!

Howard County Government,
Maryland State Arts Council, PNC Foundation, The Isadore
& Bertha Gudelsky Family Foundation, Art in Ellicott City,
Corporate Office Properties Trust, Howard Bank, Howard
County General Hospital, Elizabeth & Ken Lundeen, M&T
Bank, Steve Teller, and Wells Fargo.



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Check Out Our Winter Class Offerings!

A sure cure for cabin fever is a
class at the Center for the Arts!
Winter classes begin January
27, 2020. Classes are available
for children and adults. A
complete schedule is available
at hocoarts.org/classes or by
calling 410-313-ARTS (2787).

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Looking for a fun night out and the chance to cross a
few items off your holiday to-do list? Join us for The
Most Wonderful Print Night of the Year! Bring friends & a
bottle of wine, and get ready to learn basic linoleum cut
printmaking techniques as you create your own holiday
cards, gift wrap, tags, and more. \$25/per person; supplies
included. Register at hocoarts.org/classes.

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, 2019

January 1, 2020

January 20, 2020

February 17, 2020

*The Howard County Center for the Arts
will be open from 9am–5pm
on December 23, 26, 27, 30, & 31.*