

# HoCo Open 2022

## Prospectus & Information

All Howard County artists are invited to participate in HoCo Open, HCAC's annual, non-juried exhibit showcasing local artists. In lieu of a one-day drop-off, entries will be accepted online beginning November 1st on a first-come basis, one entry per artist, until 100 submissions have been received. All media are welcome and there are no entry fees. Accepted artists will be provided with instructions for scheduling a specific day and time to drop off their artwork at the Center for the Arts.

**Eligibility:** Adults (18 years+) who live, work, or study in Howard County or are Howard County Arts Council (HCAC) members are invited to submit one piece of original artwork, completed in the last two years, and not previously shown in the HCAC galleries. No reproductions (including commercially-printed or computer-generated reproductions of paintings, drawings, and other non-digital work) are allowed. All work must fit appropriately into the Gallery I space. Gallery dimensions: 68' x 22' x 9' 5". The gallery entrance is 5'8" x 8'.

**Entry:** This is a non-juried exhibit and there is no entry fee. The first 100 eligible artists to register are guaranteed a space - afterward, artists can sign up to be on a waitlist. Work must be delivered in person during the times designated; once eligibility is confirmed, artists will receive instructions to schedule a drop-off time and deliver their work. Artists and artwork not meeting eligibility requirements will not be accepted. To register and reserve your space, complete the [online form](#) including artwork information. Any requests to substitute artwork listed at the time of registration must be made in writing by 5:00pm on December 6 and must be the same size or smaller than the original artwork registered.

**Drop-Off:** Accepted artists will be provided with instructions for scheduling a 15-minute drop-off time slot on a specific day and time to drop off their artwork at the Center for the Arts. Loan agreement forms and submitted artwork information will be printed in advance and ready for artists to sign at drop-off. Artwork must be wired, framed, and ready to hang; no space will be available to make adjustments to artwork or complete the form. Artists must follow HCAC's COVID-19 guidelines and requirements for visitors including wearing a mask and maintaining a 6-foot distance from others.

**Sales:** A 20% commission will be retained by HCAC on all sales. Work will be sold at the price listed on the entry form. Work that is not for sale should be marked "NFS," and an insurance value must be included.

**Awards:** Back by popular demand, the \$500 Covington Emerging Artist Award, given by HorseSpirit Arts Gallery in honor of Ms. Mable Covington Holliday, recognizes an emerging artist whose work reflects the power of the creative spirit. For more information & eligibility restrictions, visit [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org).

**Presentation:** All work must be delivered ready for hanging and installation. Upon drop-off, there will be no space available to frame artwork or make adjustments; artwork not ready to hang will be rejected. 2D wall work must be wired for hanging – sawtooth hangers are not allowed. Installation instructions should be included where necessary. A limited number of pedestals are available for sculptural work. For artwork with specific display requirements, the artist may need to provide their own pedestal or technology. Artists are responsible for installing and de-installing objects that have complex installation requirements and/or need more than one person to install/de-install.

**Photography:** Artworks will be professionally photographed for inclusion in the virtual exhibit. Artists will receive copies of their photographed artwork for use on their website, social media, etc. Credit must be given to the photographer wherever used.

**Liability:** All work is insured against physical damage or loss, less the 20% commission, from time of receipt by HCAC through the designated date and time of pick-up. A \$25 per day late fee will be charged for any work left after February 7, 2022.

**Agreement:** Exhibited work may not be removed before February 5, 2022. HCAC reserves the right to photograph any accepted work for publicity or educational purposes. HCAC reserves the right of final editorial review of all exhibitions and their contents, and work may be withdrawn by HCAC. Submission of work constitutes an understanding of an agreement with all of the conditions set forth in this prospectus.

**Calendar:**

- November 1 – [Online registration](#) opens for submissions.
- Tuesday, December 14, 1-6pm – **Artwork drop-off\*** at the Center for the Arts. Artists are required to sign up for a 15-minute drop-off timeslot in advance. Instructions to sign up for a timeslot will be shared after artists are accepted.
- Saturday, December 18, 10am – **Exhibit opens** to the public.
- Friday, January 7, 2022, 6-8pm – **Reception**; free and open to the public. (Snow Date: January 14)
- Saturday, February 5, 2022, 4pm - **Exhibit closes**.
- February 6-7, 2022 - **Pick-up artwork**. Instructions to schedule a pick-up time will be sent to artists after being accepted.

***\*Drop-off times are non-negotiable.***

Visit <https://bit.ly/hocoopen> to submit your entry.

Questions? Contact us at [exhibits@hocoarts.org](mailto:exhibits@hocoarts.org) or (410) 313-2787.