



An artist painting on Main Street during Paint It! Ellicott City 2023 (photo: Ray Urena)

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### GALLERY HOURS

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

The Howard County Center for the Arts will be Closed on July 4th and 5th.



### BECOME A MEMBER

The arts need your support! Your HCAC membership will help advance and support the arts in Howard County through exhibitions, scholarships, advocacy, the Howie Awards, and so much more. To become a member, visit [hocoarts.org](http://hocoarts.org) or call 410-313-ARTS (2787).



2024 COMING SOON

Our latest public art exhibit will be on view in August. ARTsites 2024 will feature 12 new sculptures at 12 different Howard County locations. And, don't forget to catch the last month of ARTsites 2023 through July 2024. For a complete list of ARTsites 2024 and 2023 sculptures and venues visit [hocoarts.org/galleries](http://hocoarts.org/galleries).

# Paint It!

## Ellicott City 2024 / Plein Air Paint Out

**Paint It! Ellicott City 2024** is an annual event that brings artists and spectators interested in the plein air tradition to Historic Ellicott City. To paint 'en plein air' is the act of painting outside, on location, and often in the public view.

Over the course of the weekend, June 6-9, juried artists will set up their easels throughout Ellicott City's historic district and 'paint the town' as they vie for up to \$7,000 in prizes including the two coveted \$1,000 Gino Awards. Community artists are invited to join the fun as part of the Open Paint, which takes place concurrently.

On June 10, the Arts Council will host a free public reception from 6-8pm to celebrate the opening of an exhibit of the juried artists' work at the Howard County Center for the Arts. A highlight of the reception will be the presentation of the juror awards. *Paint It! Ellicott City 2024* will be on display from June 10 through August 3.

An exhibit of work created by Open Paint artists will be on view at the Howard County Welcome Center from June 14 through August 14. A reception and awards presentation will take place on June 27, 5-7pm.

*Paint It! Ellicott City 2024* sponsors include AARP Maryland, Blossoms of Hope, Howard County Historical Society, the Family of Gino Manelli, Patapsco Heritage Greenway, and the Family of Carole Zink.



An artist painting next to the Patapsco River during Paint It! Ellicott City 2023. (photo: Ray Urena)

### Paint It! Ellicott City 2024 Schedule

**Wednesday, June 5, 5:30pm, Zoom**  
Kick-off Ceremony

**Thursday, June 6-Sunday, June 9, all day**  
Paint-Out throughout Historic Ellicott City

**Monday, June 10, 6-8pm**  
Reception & Awards Ceremony at Howard County Center for the Arts

**June 10 - August 3**  
*Paint It! Ellicott City 2024* exhibit of juried artists' work on display in Gallery I at Howard County Center for the Arts

**June 14- August 14**  
*Paint It! Ellicott City 2024 Open Paint* non-juried exhibit of community members' work will be on display at the Howard County Welcome Center. Reception on June 27, 5-7pm.

## Howard County Poet Laureate & Youth Poet Laureate



(Image courtesy of Truth Thomas)

County Executive Calvin Ball announced the appointment of Truth Thomas as Howard County's first Poet Laureate!

Thomas, whose poems have appeared in over 150 publications, including "The 100 Best African American Poems" (edited by Nikki Giovanni), will serve from April 2024 through March

2026. In this new role, Thomas will advocate for and contribute to Howard County's poetic and literary legacy through public readings and participation in civic events.

Applications are also being accepted through May 30 for Howard County's first Youth Poet Laureate who will be an ambassador for literacy, arts, and youth expression. They will serve from August 2024 through June 2025 and receive an honorarium of \$500. The Youth Poet Laureate will be announced in Summer 2024.

The Howard County Poet Laureate and Howard County Youth Poet Laureate programs are a partnership with the Office of County Executive Calvin Ball, the Howard County Arts Council, and the Howard County Poetry & Literature Society.

# ARTISTS' BLOCK

## PAINT IT! ELLICOTT CITY 2024 – OPEN PAINT

Get your easels ready and join us for Paint It! Ellicott City's Open Paint, June 6-9. Paint alongside our juried artists in beautiful Historic Ellicott City. Work created by Open Paint artists will be part of an exhibit at the Howard County Welcome Center from June 14 – August 14. For more information or to register, visit [hocoarts.org/paint-it](https://hocoarts.org/paint-it).

## TEACHING ARTISTS WANTED - HCAC'S FALL CLASSES

Do you have a creative and engaging idea for a Fall 2024 class or workshop? Submit a proposal by July 1 for youth/adult classes in any performing or visual arts disciplines. Classes will run from September 14 – November 17. Learn more or submit a proposal at [hocoarts.submittable.com](https://hocoarts.submittable.com).

## MARK RYDER ORIGINAL CHOREOGRAPHY GRANT

Established at the bequest of Mark Ryder's family in honor of his life's work, the grant recognizes

individual creative expression and provides financial assistance to choreographers to create new original work. The minimum grant amount is \$500. Applications are due by June 20. To learn more, visit Grant Opportunities on our website.

## HCAC GENERAL EXHIBIT PROGRAM

We are seeking artwork in all mediums to include in upcoming exhibits. Individual artists, 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 July 1. To learn more, visit Exhibit Opportunities on our website.

## ART MARYLAND 2024

Art Maryland is a juried biennial survey show of Maryland artists living or working within 100 miles of the Howard County Center for the Arts. Artists working in any medium and style are invited to apply. Submissions are due August 1. To learn more, visit Exhibit Opportunities on our website.



# UPCOMING Exhibits at HCCA



Wave by Sookkyung Park (Image courtesy of the artist)

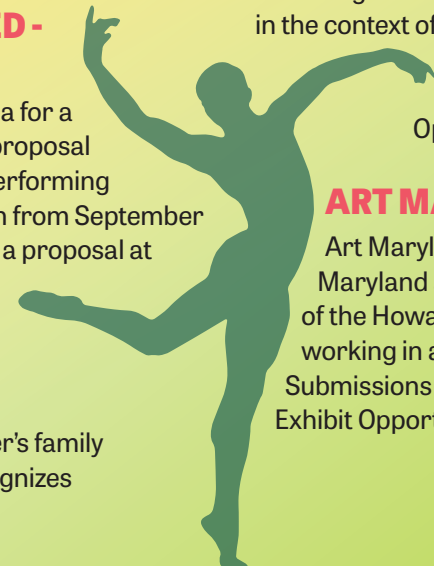
Gallery I: *Paint It! Ellicott City 2024*

Gallery II: *Boundless*

June 10-August 3, 2024 | Reception: June 10, 6-8pm

*Paint It! Ellicott City 2024* showcases artwork created by juried artists during our annual plein air paint-out in Ellicott City's historic district. The juror for this year's exhibit is Abigail McBride, who will offer remarks and present juror awards at the reception on June 10.

In *Boundless*, Christine Lee Tyler and Sookkyung Park explore themes of mortality and human emotion. Tyler layers various media and patterns to create complex compositions evocative of nature while Park's intricate paper sculptures celebrate her Korean culture and background.



Young artists show off their creations during Summer Camp 2023 (HCAC photo)

## Back to SUMMER CAMP!

Register for our Visual & Performing Arts Summer Camps today at [hocoarts.org/camp](https://hocoarts.org/camp).

## Explore HoCo's Summer Arts Happenings

Take advantage of the variety of arts events happening in Howard County this summer – from exhibits to concerts to theatre and more – you'll find them all on our online arts calendar at [hocoarts.org/events](https://hocoarts.org/events).

## HCAC Announces Scholarships

Our Arts Scholarship Program provides funding to exceptional college-bound seniors from Howard County who are pursuing a career in the arts. Congratulations to our 2024 recipients:

Adam Azrieli, *Music Composition, River Hill HS*

Matthew George, *Instrumental Music, River Hill HS*

Sebastian Hurt, *Hammond HS*

Aaron Kim, *Marriotts Ridge HS*

Naomi Ling, *River Hill HS*

Charles Norwood, *Instrumental Music, River Hill HS*

Cameron Redman, *Marriotts Ridge HS*

Valerie Sherman, *Visual Art, River Hill HS*

Alexander Stratton, *Visual Art, Long Reach HS*

Elise Varoli, *Musical Theatre, Wilde Lake HS*

## Howard County is Redesigning Its Flag!

Calling all artists, designers and flag enthusiasts! The Howard County Flag Commission is inviting submissions of original art that reflects Howard County's values and inspires future generations. OPEN TO ALL AGES – deadline is June 30. See design guidelines and more at [www.howardcountymd.gov/flag](https://www.howardcountymd.gov/flag).

## NEW Arts & Cultural Plan for Howard County to Kick Off in Fall 2024

This fall, the Arts Council will lead the charge to create a new arts & culture plan for Howard County and we need your help! HoCo's last arts plan was drafted more than 30 years ago, and a lot has changed in our communities. Be on the lookout for opportunities to share your thoughts as we will be seeking input from local artists, arts organizations, and art supporters to help us learn what your arts and culture priorities are for Howard County.

## 27th Annual Celebration of the ARTS in Howard County

TICKETS GO ON SALE AUGUST 1

Peter and Elizabeth Horowitz Visual and Performing Arts Center at Howard Community College

November 2, 6-10pm

Join us for an unforgettable evening of arts and entertainment at the 27th annual Celebration of the Arts! The Arts Council's signature event begins at 6pm with a reception featuring culinary delicacies from area restaurants, a silent auction of artworks by local artists, and live musical performances. At 8pm, guests will take their seats for the Rising Star Performing Arts Competition and the presentation of the Howie Awards. Tickets are \$50 and \$100 – get yours beginning August 1 at [hocoarts.org/celebration](https://hocoarts.org/celebration).



Image courtesy of Columbia Festival of the Arts

Friday, June 14, 5-10:30pm | Saturday, June 15, 11am-10:30pm  
Sunday, June 16, 11am-7pm

Columbia Festival of the Arts' LakeFest returns to the Downtown Columbia Lakefront this June. Enjoy a fun and inclusive free weekend event that has become synonymous with Howard County arts and culture. Highlights of the annual LakeFest include a variety of live music and arts performances, an Invitational Fine Arts and Crafts Show with more than 50 artists, entertainment for all ages, and food trucks. More info at [columbiafestival.org](https://columbiafestival.org).