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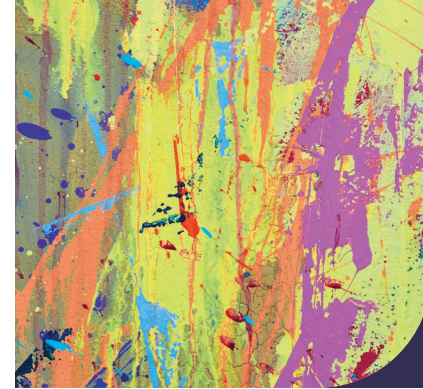


Paint It! Ellicott City June 5-8, 2025

(See inside for details)

Paint It! Ellicott City 2024
Juried Artist Amanda Milliner
(HoCo Arts photo)

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SUMMER 2025 QUARTERLY

ARTsites 2025 Coming Soon – Our latest public art exhibit will be on view in August! ARTsites 2025 will feature 12 new sculptures at 12 sites in Howard County. And don't forget to catch the last month of ARTsites 2024 through July 2025! For a complete list of ARTsites 2024 and 2025 sculptures and locations visit hocoarts.org.

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Gallery Hours

Monday-Friday 10am-8pm
Saturday 10am-4pm | Sunday 12-4pm
CLOSED: July 4

Become a Member – The arts need your support more than ever! Help advance and support the arts in Howard County through exhibitions, scholarships, advocacy, and more by becoming a member at hocoarts.org.

Paint the Town! Paint It! Ellicott City 2025

Paint It! Ellicott City 2025 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 5-8, juried artists will set up their easels throughout Ellicott City's historic district and 'paint the town' as they vie for more than \$5,000 in prizes including the two coveted \$1,000 Gino Awards.

On June 9, the Arts Council will host a free public reception from 6-8pm to celebrate the opening exhibit of the juried artists' work at the Howard County Center for the Arts. A highlight of the reception will be the presentation of awards by juror Crystal Moll. *Paint It! Ellicott City 2025* will be on display from June 9 through August 2.

Due to venue renovations in 2025, there are no plans for an Open Paint exhibition at the Welcome Center, however artists who are not juried in are encouraged to come to Ellicott City for the weekend and participate in the Paint-Out. Registration is not required.

Paint It! Ellicott City 2025 sponsors include the Family of Gino Manelli, AARP Maryland, Howard County Historical Society, Patapsco Heritage Greenway, Blossoms of Hope, Ellicott City Partnership, and the Family of Carole Zink.

SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, June 4 | 5-5:30pm | Zoom
Kick-off and Orientation for Artists

Thursday, June 5 - Sunday, June 8 | All-day
Paint-Out throughout Historic Ellicott City

Monday, June 9 | 6-8pm
Reception and Awards Ceremony at
Howard County Center for the Arts

Monday, June 9 - Saturday, August 2
Paint It! Ellicott City 2025 exhibit of juried artists' work on display in Gallery I at Howard County Center for Arts

Paint It! Ellicott City 2024 Juried Artist Oleg Shvets
(Photo by Ray Urena)



Make Your Voice Heard with the Arts & Culture Plan Survey – The Howard County Arts & Culture Plan aims to inventory existing arts and cultural assets in the county, identify strategies to grow and engage creative resources, guide future investments in the sector, and address the changing needs of the diverse local arts communities. Through active engagement with the Howard County community, we will develop a collective vision for the role of arts and culture in our county. Weigh in on the state of the arts in Howard County by taking the Arts & Culture Plan survey. Scan the QR code to take the survey and visit hocoarts.org/support to learn more about the Arts & Culture Plan.



HoCo Arts & Cultural Plan rack cards (HoCo Arts photo)

Artists' Block

Teaching Artists Wanted
HoCo Arts Fall Classes

Do you have a creative and engaging idea for a Fall 2025 class or workshop? **Submit a proposal by July 1** for youth and/or adult classes in any performing or visual arts disciplines. Classes will run from September 13-November 16. Learn more or submit a proposal at hocoarts.submittable.com.

Mark Ryder Original
Choreography Grant

The Mark Ryder Original Choreography Grant (MROC) was established at the bequest of Ryder's family in honor of his life's work. This grant recognizes individual creative expression and provides financial assistance to choreographers to create new and original work. The minimum grant amount is \$500. **Applications are due June 19.** Learn more and apply at hocoarts.org/grants.



HoCo Arts General Exhibit Program

Are you a visual artist or curator looking for a place to exhibit your work? The Arts Council is seeking artwork in all mediums to include in upcoming exhibits. Individual artists, curators, and arts groups interested in presenting in a group exhibit 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 and apply visit the Exhibit Opportunities section at hocoarts.org.

Art Howard County

Art Howard County is a biennial, multi-media juried exhibit showcasing the impressive depth of artistic talent right here in our community. Visual artists, 18 years of age or older, who live, work, or study in Howard County, Maryland, are eligible to apply. **Submissions are due July 30.** To learn more and apply visit the Exhibit Opportunities section at hocoarts.org.

Roe Scaliase in Flight choreographed by 2024 MROC grantee Susan Mann (photo courtesy of artist)



Arts for All in Elkridge

County Executive Calvin Ball announced several impactful investments in the Elkridge community in his FY2026 Capital budget including the creation of a new Elkridge Community and 50+ Center. The proposed 67,000 square-foot facility will feature a gym, a pool, and spaces for older adults. As part of the \$25 million budget for the community center, County Executive Ball designated \$500,000 to commission a permanent, public art installation at the new center through **Arts for All**, a public art program launched in partnership with the Howard County Arts Council. The Arts Council is working with MIG, Inc., a nationally recognized public art and creative placemaking firm, to assist with this project and will be looking for feedback from the Elkridge community very soon!

Colleen West (left) and County Executive Calvin Ball at the Elkridge Community Center Press Conference (photo courtesy of Howard County Government)

Howard County
Announces New
County Flag Design



County Executive Calvin Ball unveiled the new flag design for Howard County on Wednesday, March 18th after a year-long, community-driven design process. Designed by Ellicott City resident Esen Paradiso, the flag features a blend of gold, white, green, and blue, symbolizing the county's rich agricultural history, cultural diversity, and vibrant future. Ms. Paradiso has been a resident of Howard County for nearly 50 years and received a \$1,500 honorarium for her design – Congratulations Esen!

The Howard County Council passed Bill 22-2055 and County Executive Ball signed legislation establishing the new flag on May 5.

New Howard County Flag designed by Esen Paradiso (photo courtesy of Howard County Government)



Two patrons at the No Boundaries 2024 exhibit reception (HoCo Arts photo)

Upcoming Exhibits at HoCo Arts

Gallery I: Paint It! Ellicott City 2025
Gallery II: No Boundaries: Unrestricted Artistry

June 9 - August 2 | Reception: June 9, 6-8pm

Paint It! Ellicott City 2025 will showcase 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 Crystal Moll, who will offer remarks and present juror awards at the reception on June 9.

No Boundaries is an annual exhibit presented in partnership with the Howard County Recreation and Parks' Department of Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Services. The exhibit will feature work by youth and adult artists with developmental disabilities created in the Exploring Art and Focus on Art programs offered by the Department of Therapeutic Recreation and Inclusion Services. In these programs, artists with developmental disabilities have opportunities to explore a variety of media, styles, and methods of creating art.



28th Annual Celebration of the Arts

Saturday, October 25, 2025 | 6-10pm
Peter & Elizabeth Horowitz Visual & Performing Arts Center
at Howard Community College

Join us for an unforgettable evening of arts and entertainment at the 28th 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.**

HoCo Arts Announces
Scholarship Recipients

The Arts Council's Scholarship program provides funding to exceptional college-bound seniors from Howard County who are pursuing a career in the arts. Congratulations to our 2025 recipients:

- Alice Chen, Visual Arts, River Hill High School
- Margaret Cipriano, Instrumental Music, Centennial High School
- Rishab Jain, Instrumental Music, River Hill High School
- Eric Liu, Instrumental Music, Centennial High School
- Violet Nelson, Instrumental Music, Glenelg High School

There's still time to
register for Summer
Art Camp!

Join us for a fun and creative summer from June 23-August 22. Camps are open to students entering grades K-7 and campers are grouped by age. Week-long full- and half-day sessions are available. **For complete details and to register, visit hocoarts.org.**

Check out some of the great camps that still have spots available:

In My Modern Era (Grades 4-7) | Session 3 (July 7-11) AM
Design Masters (Grades 4-7) | Session 4 (July 14-18) AM
Mixed Media Exploration (Grades 2-5) | Session 4 (July 14-18) PM



A 2024 Summer Art Camper works on a project (HoCo Arts photo)