Mission: To enrich our community, both culturally and economically, by presenting, promoting and supporting a wide variety of arts opportunities for our residents, visitors and artists.
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

I am honored to have my first official message as Executive Director be to present the report of this past year, which was the crowning achievement in Sandy Oxx’s long career as the Executive Director of the Carroll County Arts Council. Sandy left a thriving organization, characterized by fun, successful events that build strong community ties. Those events will continue to be integral parts of life here at the Carroll Arts Center.

The last year saw many changes besides Sandy’s departure. We completed our transition to the PatronManager database, renovated the Tevis Gallery, held 2 children’s theater productions, celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Festival of Wreaths, and once again experienced marshmallow madness with the PEEPShow. All of this happened against the backdrop of a national search for a new Executive Director and staff reorganization. The fact that things continued to run smoothly is a testament to the professionalism of the board and staff.

I have been asked repeatedly what I’m going to change as the new Executive Director. For now, the answer is, “not much.” We have updated a few policies and solidified some internal procedures, but I see no reason to make substantive changes to a beloved organization that so successfully fulfills its mission.

As always, we couldn’t have made it through this year of transition without the ongoing support of you, our wonderful members! As we look optimistically to the future, we value more than ever your participation as volunteers, board members, donors, sponsors and members. You are the lifeblood of the Carroll County Arts Council, and we appreciate you! Take a bow!

Sincerely,
Judy Morley, Ph.D.

Judy Morley, PhD
Executive Director

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Dear Friends,

Planning, transition, and change have been the working concepts for our Board of Directors over the past year.

When Sandy Oxx announced her retirement, we formed a Search Committee and worked long hours to find the right candidate to succeed Sandy and lead the Arts Council into the future.

Simultaneously, the board coordinated tributes to an executive director whose 21-year tenure included signature, quirky and profitable events that are now part of the Arts Council’s legacy.

Judy Morley, a lifelong resident of Denver, Colorado, was the committee’s unanimous choice for Sandy’s successor. In addition to a PhD in history and extensive experience with business and nonprofit organizations, Judy brings expertise in executive leadership, fund raising, and community partnerships to the CCAC. She is excited to get to know our area, build relationships in the community, and help promote the arts. If you have not yet met Judy, please stop by and introduce yourself.

The Arts Council’s dedicated staff members offered professionalism and support throughout this transition; as a result of their work and Judy’s strengths, the Arts Center remains a welcoming place for all.

We remain dedicated to exploring new ways to expand arts opportunities and further our mission in Carroll County. I am confident the community and CCAC supporters will continue to enjoy engaging, year-round concerts, movies, exhibits, and classes, as well as our annual favorites like the Festival of Wreaths, Foreign Film Festival, Art in the Park, and PEEPShow.

As we look forward, we will often be grateful for Sandy Oxx’s legacy. To advance her personal wish that the Carroll County Arts Council continue to thrive and offer multiple arts opportunities for years to come, the board established The Sandy Oxx Legacy Fund.

Please join me in making a donation.

Raise the curtains to new chapters for the arts in Carroll County. I hope to see you at a show soon.

Sincerely,

Anne Blue

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2017-2018 HIGHLIGHTS

VISUAL ARTS

SPECIAL EVENTS
Our fabulous annual events and fundraisers attracted more than 57,000 visitors to Westminster. These events include the PEEPshow, Festival of Wreaths, yART Sale, and Art in the Park.

EXHIBITS
As always, our three galleries were full of noteworthy exhibits. Some of the highlights were “The Art of the Story,” where local artists exhibited how illustrations and stories come together. The 15th Annual Members Show was a crowd favorite, as was the Gallery of Gifts, our indoor holiday art sale. We featured Youth Art Month, as well as “Metrics,” an exhibit of abstract art from Baltimore artists. The Carroll County Artists’ Guild took us “On the Road” with an artistic tour of local and exotic places through their eyes, and chuckled at “There’s a Monster in My (Thrift Store) Masterpiece,” a collection of whimsical interpretations inspired by our yART Sale.

11th Annual PEEPshow
March 29 – April 10, 2018
Marshmallow artists entered 157 incredible PEEPS creations. Over $72,000 raised

20th Annual Festival of Wreaths
November 23 – December 3, 2017
176 Amazing Wreaths donated Almost $20,000 raised

5th Annual yART Sale
August 19, 2017
Our generous supporters donated thousands of used art works, books, and art supplies. Over $5,000 raised

Art in the Park
June 2, 2018
Art in the Park has been an Arts Council tradition for more than 40 years. This year 115 local artists, makers, and musicians participated.

Youth Art Month

Gallery of Gifts
A NEW LOOK
Our galleries were beautifully refurbished with a generous bequest from the Estate of Ruth Gray.

We repainted both galleries, replaced the flooring of the Tevis Gallery, updated and expanded our picture hanging and display system, and added additional lighting fixtures. Work was finished in time for our 16th Annual Members’ Show in 2018 and the exhibits look better than ever.

We are deeply grateful to Ruth and her husband, Lloyd Helt, for their extraordinary support of the Carroll County Arts Council and our artists.

FOR THE KIDS
Summers at CCAC bring out the campers! During our 2 weeks of art camps, the building hums with creative energy generated by our budding artists. There’s never a dull moment as the approximately 75 children attended the arts camps to create their personal masterpieces.
CONCERTS AND PERFORMANCES
We had a wide variety of live performances last year, from the debut of Bailes de Mi Tierra, a talented dance troupe who serve as ambassadors to the Latino Community, to the Teelin Irish Dance Company and the ever-popular Barleyjuice, who made a return St. Patrick’s Day appearance at the Arts Center. We also hosted tribute performances to John Denver and The Beatles. Additionally, patrons enjoyed “A Christmas Carol,” “Alice in Wonderland,” and “Westminster’s Got Talent.”

CCAC produced “Junie B Jones” July 13th – 22nd, 2017. This production was open to all ages, featured 13 actors, and was performed for 553 audience members at CCAC in addition to 2 performances at the Maryland Ensemble Theater in Frederick.

FILMS
The FLICC (Film Lovers In Carroll County) group brought us fabulous cinema last year, including the documentary film series in the month of January, which culminated with a screening of “Step,” followed by a live performance from the girls of the Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women. Other highlights include “Bottle Shock,” “Hidden Figures,” and “Loving Vincent.”
CHILDREN’S PRODUCTIONS

Once again, our kids took center stage!

Shrek Jr.:
Nov. 10 – 12, 2017
48 children in 6th through 8th grade performed for 1,060 audience members!

Disney’s Aladdin Jr.:
May 25 – 27, 2018
46 children in 3rd through 5th grade entertained over 975 audience members!

THEATRE CLASSES AND CAMPS

Our summer theatre camp in June had 61 campers ages 7 to 13. They performed a show written by our very own Tabetha White, who has since moved on to “another stage.” In addition, we offered a variety of theatre classes and workshops for kids in kindergarten through high school.

Space Pirates

Color Quest
2017-2018 HIGHLIGHTS     MAKING AN IMPACT

We are pleased to have distributed over $51,000 in grants last year.

COMMUNITY ARTS DEVELOPMENT (CAD) GRANTS
We granted $46,000 to the operations of 14 local arts organizations. These gifts supported over 1,200 performers and reached over 62,000 audience members.

Organizations Receiving CAD Grants
Carroll Singers
Carroll County Public Library
Chamber Music on the Hill
Children’s Chorus of Carroll County
Common Ground on the Hill
Encore Community Music Association
JoeyDCAres Rock Orchestra
Masterworks Chorale
Old Line Statesmen Barbershop Chorus
Opus Community Music School

September Song Musical Theatre
Sykesville Main Street Association
Westminster Municipal Band
Westminster Ringers

“We thank our CAD grant...Common Ground on the Hill was able to feature the Mad River Theater Works, a theater company based in rural Ohio that brings history to life through an original assemblage of music, storytelling and drama.”

ARTS IN EDUCATION GRANTS
Last year, we gave 7 grants totaling $2,375 to support arts experiences in educational settings. One of the awards went to Dramafest, with 800 students participating, bringing the total of students benefitting from these funds to over 1,600.

MINI-GRANTS
These small awards go to organizations with total budgets of less than $10,000. We gave 6 grants totaling $2,675 to a variety of organizations, including the Carroll County Artist Studio Tour and the Ellicott City Artist Relief Fund after flooding in May.
“Sprouts” by Thomas Sterner
In conjunction with the City of Westminster, we applied to the Maryland State Arts Council for a Public Art Across Maryland grant. The winner of the formal “Call for Artists” was this beautiful piece by Thomas Sterner. It will be installed in front of the city’s newly-purchased building in the spring of 2019.

“Barn Quilt Homage” by Charlie Maiorana
Originally a contestant for the Public Art Across Maryland grant, this sculpture by Charlie Maiorana was commissioned by Carroll County Tourism, which installed two versions of it, one in front of the Carroll County Farm Museum and the other in front of the County’s Tourism Office.

“The Great Blue Heron” by Virginia Sperry
Partnering with the Carroll County Department of Recreation and Parks, CCAC commissioned a permanent piece of outdoor sculpture installed at Piney Run Park in Sykesville. Unveiled in March, “The Great Blue Heron,” is a welded steel sculpture by Sykesville artist Virginia Sperry.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT AID

Tevis College Arts Scholarships:
One senior from all 7 local high schools received a $1,000 award to attend college with an arts major. Recipients will be attending schools in Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Georgia, and New York for majors in Art Education, Music Education, Illustration, Studio Art, Photography and Film/Video Production.

From a thank you note: “Your award is so greatly appreciated and will be so helpful... I am excited to start my Studio Art Major.”

Tom Holder Memorial Scholarships:
Students in need receive free or reduced tuition for CCAC education programs. Last year, we helped 13 students with over $1,300 in tuition credits for theater, art classes, and camps.

Musical Instrument Bank:
We accept donations of old or unused musical instruments, repair them, and distribute them to students in need. Last year, we distributed over 30 instruments to local schools or nonprofits.
BALANCE SHEET
FY 2017-2018

Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents $  94,911
Investments
  Sandy Oxx Legacy Fund  224,244
  Long Term Fund  290,426
Fixed Assets  84,770

Total Assets: $694,351

Liabilities:

Current liabilities
  Accrued payroll and sales tax $18,090

Total Liabilities: $18,090

Equity:

Fund Balance $628,752
Net Income  47,509

Total Equity: $676,261

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY: $694,351

2017-2018 BUDGET

The Fiscal Year 2017-2018 was another strong year for the Carroll County Arts Council. Once again, our revenue exceeded expenses. Memberships, ticket sales, and fundraising events remained our top sources of revenue. The Board of Directors adopted a new Investment Policy, which will guide our long-term financial strategies. Overall, we are financially sound and poised for growth.
OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE THE REAL STARS!

Russell Alexander
Caitlin Allen
Robyn Allers
Dottie Ambrose
Ray Arnold
Dan Bailis
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Dale Brown
Barbara Brown

“The Arts Center draws me back again and again to wonder in the talent and artistry of all the varied exhibits and shows that make this place a ‘happy place’ for me. I also enjoy working with the extraordinary staff and interacting with the visitors of all ages and backgrounds who come to appreciate this jewel of which all citizens in our community ought to be proud.”

Paul Hastmann

Kris DeWitt
Margi DiPietro
Sue DiPietro
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Debra Doyle
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Deborah Dugan

“I love volunteering at the Carroll County Arts Council. It is an opportunity to support my community in a fun way. Volunteering here allows me to boost my creativity and feed my passion for the arts.”

Leslie Burton

Madison Gamble
Patrick Garvey
Ann Gifford
Valerie Giovagnoni
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Tim Hurley
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Mary Jackson

“I call the Carroll Arts Center my ‘Happy Place.’ Nothing but happy, fun, beautiful things happen here. Whether you are an artist, performer, visitor or volunteer, this is a happy place!”

Donna Crafton

Karen Amelia Brown
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Donna Crafton
Michelle Crouse
Kristen Davis
Janet Davis
Madi Delauter
Vince Depalmer
Nancy Desilet
“Arriving to make popcorn so that its smell fills the air; selling concessions and cleaning are a few of the things I do at Carroll Arts Center. Giving of my time to make an event EXTRA special and simply seeing people SMILE, I love it!! I enjoy volunteering at Carroll Arts, it’s a magical place.”

Deb Pujals

“I enjoy volunteering because it is fun and provides me the opportunity to interact with the CCAC staff, other volunteers, and the diverse population that attends events at the Carroll Arts Center. I especially like making visitors feel welcome.”

Ray Arnold
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This year witnessed a huge change with the retirement of beloved Executive Director Sandy Oxx. After 21 years at the helm, Sandy exited “stage left,” making way for new leadership and growth of the organization. Tributes to Sandy included Celebrating 21 Years of Oxx-cellence, held on June 22nd at the Carroll Arts Center, and extensive media coverage.

“You are the best, and you did it all with grace, respect, and a humble spirit!”

“Sandy’s vision and leadership over the years have created the lively and engaging local arts scene that enriches our community today. I am very grateful for her.”

“Congratulations on your retirement and thank you for your vision, inspiration, leadership and hard work to establish the Carroll Arts Center and build a vibrant arts community in Carroll County! Your artistic spirit and flair will be truly missed!”

FAREWELL TO A LIVING LEGEND!

SANDY OXX LEGACY FUND

The Board of Directors, with Sandy’s direction, established the Sandy Oxx Legacy Fund in honor of her long service to the Carroll County Arts Council. The purpose of this fund is to ensure the long-term financial stability of the Arts Council.

Donations received in FY 2017-2018: $ 22,593
Value of the fund: $224,244

Thank you to the donors who contributed to the Sandy Oxx Legacy Fund:

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