PARTNERSHIP WITH TARGET
COMMUNITY & EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
We are delighted to have formed a partnership with the wonderful team at Target Community Services. A group of their clients and staff visit the Arts Center weekly for a hands-on art activity. The programs are led by various members of the Arts Council staff, so participants experience a wide variety of activities including painting, crafts, singing, movies, drama, and puppetry. They bring a joyful exuberance to the Arts Center each week and we are honored that Target has entrusted us with this educational program.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MCDANIEL COLLEGE
We are pleased to help celebrate the 150th anniversary of our neighbor and partner, McDaniel College. The College has sponsored our annual Foreign Film Series since its inception in 2004. This year’s series begins with a Hungarian Film, “Gloomy Sunday” in tribute to McDaniel’s sister-school in Budapest. On view in the Tevis Gallery this winter will be “Legacy: Celebrating 150 Years of the Fine Arts at McDaniel College.” The exhibit will feature works by their fine arts faculty (current and emeritus) displayed alongside works of one of the art students that they mentored at McDaniel. Together these pairings form a meaningful celebration of the strong fine arts programs offered at McDaniel. Join us for the Opening Reception on Thursday, February 1.

CARROLL COUNTY BARN QUILT TRAIL EXPANDS
In 2014 The Carroll County Arts Council partnered with several county agencies and Everybody’s Quilt Guild to install Carroll County’s Barn Quilt Trail. The 12 large panels were hand-painted with a traditional quilt pattern and hung on barns. Since then 19 more have been created using a commercial printing process and installed around the county.

For a listing of the locations of all the barn quilts, go to www.CarrollCountyTourism.org

FESTIVAL OF WREATHS
WINNERS
Thank you to our talented decorators and our generous bidders who helped make the 20th Annual Festival of Wreaths a creative and financial success. An estimated 2,500 visitors attended the event which featured 175 unique theme wreaths and raised more than $20,000 for the Arts Council. The public voted on their favorites and the winners are:

Grand Prize Winner:
Rachel Miller - Nothin’ But Knittin’


For photos of all the wonderful wreaths go to www.flickr.com/carrollartscenter/.
SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF
Meet our Performing Arts Coordinator, Tabetha White, who has been with us since 2007. She oversees our extremely successful Children’s Theatre program that has provided a professional-quality stage experience for more than 1,000 kids since it began. In addition she hires, trains and supervises our theatre technicians and handles the technical aspects of all of our live shows. Tabetha also leads a variety of theatre classes and camps for students and scout groups. She is a professional lighting designer with a B.F.A. in Theatre Design and Technology from West Virginia University. She shares her time with Maryland Ensemble Theatre as a company member and Mount St. Mary’s as an adjunct instructor. She lives in Frederick with her husband Patrick and daughter Penny.

IN MEMORIAM
Ruth Connette Gray
The Arts Council mourns the passing of one of our most beloved patrons, Ruth Gray. She was a frequent visitor, devoted Board member, enthusiastic volunteer, art collector and a joyful bon vivant. Ruth and her husband Lloyd Helt, sponsored our annual Members exhibit for years and their generosity ensured that winning artists were awarded cash prizes for their efforts. She was taken from this world far too early and her absence leaves a huge hole in our hearts. Her legacy of love for the Carroll County Arts Council will continue as she provided for the CCAC very generously in her will. We are so grateful for this magnificent bequest that will allow us to make some lovely improvements to our galleries and continue the prizes for the Members’ Shows for years to come.

(Pictured above with Board President Anne Blue)

The Arts Council lost two other friends this fall.

Dr. Pete Nickolas, a founding member of FLICC (Film Lovers in Carroll County). He was an active volunteer and generously shared his film knowledge with the group. We send our heartfelt sympathies to his wife Fran who is also one of our treasured volunteers.

Bill Palmer, a truly visionary artist and art lover will be sorely missed not only by his family, but the Arts Council. He enthusiastically participated in every “Call for Artists” that we offered and his works always exploded with color and joy. Bill was prolific with both his art as well as his support for other artists.

NEW TICKETING SYSTEM FOR MEMBERS
Our new online ticketing system automatically applies the member discount when you log in, as well as allows you to securely store and manage your own contact and payment information. To sign up, call 410/848-7272 so we can create an account for you by sending you an email with a temporary password.