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### **Carroll Arts Center Gift Shop to reopen in June**

With the recent announcements from both Governor Hogan and the Carroll County government, the Carroll County Arts Council is delighted to share that the Carroll Arts Center's Gift Shop will be reopening to the public next week for in-store shopping! The shop will reopen on Wednesday, June 3 with limited temporary hours of Wednesday through Saturday from 10am to 4pm. The Arts Center will resume their normal operating hours on June 29.

In addition to the usual selection of unique handmade wares by local artists, the Gift Shop is also currently full of various PEEPS® merchandise like puzzles, coffee mugs, coloring books, and plush PEEPS® – perfect gifts for belated Easter celebrations. Though there will be no in-person PEEPshow in 2020, the virtual PEEPshow last month and these PEEPS® gifts ensure that the spring did not go completely PEEP-less!

To protect the Arts Council staff and its patrons, the following policies will be implemented:

- Up to 10 people will be allowed in the building at a time, including staff.
- All customers need to maintain social distancing practices while in the store and will be required to wear face coverings.
- All customers are encouraged to sanitize their hands upon entering the building. The Arts Council will have hand sanitizer readily available by the door.
- Though cash payments will still be accepted, credit card and check purchases are preferred.

Members of vulnerable populations who are not comfortable being around other shoppers can reach out to the CCAC by phone or email to schedule a private appointment. In addition, the Arts Council will continue to follow strict daily sanitizing guidelines, including wiping down all common surfaces and high traffic areas and consistent employee hand-washing. Events happening in the Arts Center's theater are currently on hold as both the State of Maryland continues the reopening process and the Arts Council works to make the theater safe for public gatherings.

“It's been an uncertain and stressful few months, but we're so grateful for the community's continued support of the arts!” says CCAC Executive Director Judy Morley, “We know that with our patrons' cooperation, the Arts Council will find the way to a healthy new normal.”

The Carroll County Arts Council is located in Downtown Westminster at 91 W Main Street. Call the Box Office at 410-848-7272 or email [info@CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org](mailto:info@CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org). Visit [www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org](http://www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org) or follow the Arts Council on social media for more updates about scheduled programming.

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