



# MEMBERS MARQUEE

Carroll County Arts Council Newsletter

SUMMER 2020

## THEATRE RENOVATIONS ARE UNDERWAY!



Dylan Slagle/Carroll County Times

What was one benefit of having our building closed due to COVID-19? Our theatre renovations could get started ahead of schedule! The walls and the proscenium have new paint, but there's still more to come, like new carpeting, new house lights, and new stage curtains. We can't wait for you to see the final product! Donations are still being accepted to meet our fundraising goal. Any amount is appreciated!

## NEW BANNERS FOR THE BEST MAIN STREET IN AMERICA



Photo by Amber D. Schlossnagle

Last summer, the Arts Council granted funds to the Downtown Sykesville Connection to help replace their faded Main Street flags.

The new flags were installed in June 2020 after a delay due to the coronavirus pandemic. They highlight Sykesville's unique events like the farmers market, local businesses, and historic sites like the Historic Colored Schoolhouse. The new additions add some extra flair to their already vibrant downtown, especially now that Sykesville's Main Street has been named Best Main Street in America!

## A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Happy summer! I hope you've all remained healthy and safe during the past few months. As you can imagine, this has been a period of adjustment at the Arts Council! Though our programming was canceled and our building was closed, we aimed to continue to keep the arts alive in Carroll County. In this time of quarantine, the arts kept many of us grounded (myself included!). You can read more about our past and present at-home programs on page 2.

While our gift shop, box office, and galleries have reopened, we can't welcome people into our theatre yet. But I can assure you that we are actively preparing for the day we can! We are dedicated to making our building as safe as possible in the midst of this public health crisis.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our audience survey about our plans for reopening. The results provided some vital insight that shaped our current plans. The most crucial conclusion was that a majority of our patrons not only want health and safety policies in place, they also want to be sure that CCAC staff and volunteers enforce those policies. We heard you and we'll be enforcing new policies that make you excited and confident about returning to the Arts Center!

Here are the current policies we have implemented in our daily operations:

1. Face coverings are required while in the building, for patrons, staff, and volunteers.
2. Hours for vulnerable populations will be from 10am - 12pm on Tuesdays - Thursdays.
3. Hand sanitizer stations are in place throughout the building.
4. Increased professional cleaning of the building in addition to daily sanitizing by staff.
5. Floor markings indicating 6 feet of distance between patrons.
6. New credit card system allowing for a touchless interaction.

In response to your survey feedback, we've also been busy brainstorming how to reopen our theater in a safe manner.

New theater procedures will include the following:

1. All parties in our theatre will be spaced 6 feet apart by an usher.
2. Our brand new HVAC system will efficiently circulate the air throughout the building (including the theatre).
3. Patrons will scan their own tickets.

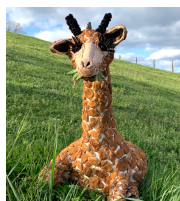
Most excitingly, we are currently working with the Community Media Center of Carroll County to prepare our theatre for live-streamed events, giving you the chance to experience our 2020/2021 season's live programs from the comfort of your home! Further updates on this process to come.

With your cooperation as we navigate these new procedures, the Arts Council's programs will continue to culturally enrich Carroll County!

Stay safe, stay creative, and we hope to welcome you back soon,  
Judy Morley, PhD

# THE ARTS KEPT US TOGETHER WHILE WE WERE APART

When our doors closed, we brought the arts to you!



## Virtual PEEPshow

Our online PEEPshow was a sweet success, raising \$12,968, exceeding our goal! Featuring 86 photo and video entries that ranged from the unique to the jaw-dropping. Thanks to all who participated and voted for keeping the PEEPshow spirit alive! Entries can still be viewed at MarshmallowPEEPshow.org.



## Thread

Our previously scheduled gallery show became our very first online catalog exhibition this past spring! A diverse collection of mediums and stories, this Call for Artists show featured over 20 artists' interpretations of the theme, "thread." The catalog can still be viewed on our website in the Exhibit Archive.



## Carroll County Creates

Within our new Facebook group, we held the Make Art Together Challenge in May. Members interpreted a new prompt every day using their medium of choice. (Pictured is Lisa Parkinson Scarbath's "A Posy for Your Thoughts" for the prompt "Flowers"). Join this active friendly group and be inspired by local artists or add your own artworks.

And don't miss our current offerings...



## Summer Camp Activity Box

In light of our summer camp programs being canceled, we're offering the Summer Camp Activity Box! It features the supplies needed for various theatre, music, and art activities. These boxes are on sale now through August 14. For ages 5-12.



## Quarantined: Creating While Stuck

This online-only Call for Artists exhibit features works made during the COVID-19 shutdown. Featuring paintings, mosaics, and even some poetry, this exhibit encapsulates this significant moment in time. It's now on our website until the end of August!



## WWII: The Soldiers from Westminster

Our Tevis Gallery is currently housing this photo exhibit that features the graduation portraits of over 200 Westminster High School alumni that served in WWII. This exhibit is made possible by the research of Steve Bowersox. Now on view through August 3.



## UPCOMING EXHIBITS:

Carroll County Camera Club (Aug 10 - Sep 14)  
18th Annual Members Show (Sep 28 - Oct 31)

Register for the Members Show online or contact the box office for assistance



## 20/21 Season Pass Update

Talks are still underway about the status of this year's Season Pass. Stay tuned to our website and social media for official announcements!



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