

MEDIA RELEASE

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Shop local this holiday season at the Carroll Arts Center's Gallery of Gifts

The Carroll Arts Center continues their annual tradition of transforming their Tevis Gallery into a festive "Gallery of Gifts" during the holiday shopping season. Gallery of Gifts is a special exhibit that resembles a boutique or craft fair rather than a traditional gallery exhibit, as over 15 artists display their unique wares.

Now in its twelfth year, the show will feature the same level of artistic quality that Arts Center visitors have come to expect while encouraging them to shop local and buy handmade. There will be a wide variety of hand-crafted creations from inexpensive stocking stuffers, holiday décor and traditional arts and crafts to truly elegant one-of-a-kind gifts. Local artists combine with regional artists for a distinctive flavor of fashion, fantasy, and whimsy. Shoppers will find an artful masterpiece for everyone on their gift list. This year's gallery will have limited capacity and social distancing is encouraged.

"Shoppers will love the array of handmade goods as much as their friends and family will love receiving them as gifts," says CCAC's Education and Visual Arts Coordinator Moriah Tyler. "Local artists have been particularly affected by the pandemic, so we're glad we can give them this space to highlight their work!"

The Gallery of Gifts will be open November 19 - December 23 during regular business hours and will also have extended hours during special events, including the Festival of Wreaths. Members Discount Day for the Gallery of Gifts is on November 19th. Current CCAC members can get 10% off their gift purchase!

Participating artists include:

JEWELRY

Joyce Fritz Ritz/Souly Joyce Jewelry - Wire and stone jewelry

Jennifer Hoff/JHoff Designs - Polymer clay jewelry, accessories

Nancy Walker/WalkerArt Studio - Fused glass jewelry, hand painted ornaments

CERAMIC, GLASS, and CLAY CREATIONS

Teri Koenig/Rosebud Studios - Hand painted porcelain

Andrea Rowinski/Andiland Studio - Hand painted glassware

Lisa Scarbath/Pieceful Designs Mosaics - Mosaic wall art, decor, furniture, and custom mosaic pet portraits

FIBER, WOOD, and BASKETRY

John Englund/Catmando Artisan Woodworks - hand crafted boxes made from reclaimed wood

Marilyn Goldstein - Cloth face masks and purses

Michael Perlin/Perlin Woodworks - Wooden cutting boards, wine racks and boxes

Sherman Reeder/Sherm's Designer Woods – Turned wooden bowls and other goods

Sharon Schaeffer/Sharon Schaeffer Baskets - Baskets

Pamela Short - Hand knitted hats, gloves, scarfs

Joseph Staup/Homestead Forge - Wood turned products and hand forged ironware

Meredith Jayne Vogel/Handmade by MJV - Bowties, baby clothes

MARVELOUS MISCELLANY

Kevin and Kathleen Clancy/CTA Artworks - Gourds, small paintings

Lori Cullen/Twindles Candle Company - Handmade all natural soy candles & tarts

Jessica Graves/JG Designs - Seaglass and copper wire sculptures, small paintings, copper wire jewelry

Lisa Hetrick/Indigojade Art - Inspirational paintings and prints

Michelle Kwiatkowski/Wild Rose Soap Company – Natural soaps, lotions, candles, and bath bombs

Michelle Loewer/Hampstead Creek - Home accessories, jewelry

Serena Pelletier/Serene Lavender Farm – Lavender culinary and home goods

The Festival of Wreaths will also be on view during the Gallery of Gifts from November 27 through December 6, 10 am – 7 pm daily. Visitors can bid on the wreaths while doing their holiday shopping!

For more information visit www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org or call 410-848-7272. The Carroll Arts Center is located at 91 West Main Street in downtown Westminster, MD.

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IMAGE CREDIT(S):

Hampstead Creek - earrings

Sharon Schaeffer Baskets

CTA Artworks - ornaments

CALENDAR LISTING (Please list under Holiday, Family Events, or related category)

Gallery of Gifts. Nov. 19 – Dec. 23. A dazzling array of fine crafts and imaginative art pieces to charm everyone on your holiday gift list. Shop small and support talented local artists. Open during regular hours plus extended hours during special events, including Festival of Wreaths. Carroll Arts Center, 91 W. Main St., Westminster, MD 21157. 410-848-7272. www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org.