

MEMBERS MARQUEE

Carroll County Arts Council Newsletter

WINTER 2021

FOREIGN FILM FUN



FLICC Foreign Film Zoom Chat The 400 Blows (NR, France) Friday, Feb 19 at 7:30pm

Rant and rave with FLICC about this vital movie in cinema history! Explore your thoughts and gain new cultural insights. Participants are expected to watch the film on their own before the meeting. Register for free on our website to receive the Zoom link.



FLICC Foreign Film Zoom Chat Pain and Glory (R, Spain) Friday, Feb 26 at 7:30pm

Former McDaniel professor Thomas Deveny leads this conversation about acclaimed director Pedro Almodóvar's latest masterpiece starring Antonio Banderas. Participants are expected to watch the film on their own before the meeting. Register for free on our website to receive the Zoom link.

PEEPSHOW REGISTRATION



EVENT DATES March 26 -April 5, 2021

Registration for the 14th Annual PEEPShow is now open!
This year's show will be both LIVE and VIRTUAL!

See the included insert for more details about these changes.

A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



This time last year, the Carroll County Arts Council was finding creative ways to program the 20/21 season while in the midst of a theatre renovation. Then the pandemic hit and we went back to the drawing board to find new ways to keep the Arts Council going. Several factors have allowed us to keep our doors open. The most important one is YOU – our unwavering supporters. We can't thank you enough for the donations, memberships, volunteer hours, and attendance at the few events we were able to pull off.

The hybrid version of Festival of Wreaths was quite the success and we "sold out" all three Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas shows (at limited capacity of course). By 2020 standards, it was a successful holiday season! We also applied for several grants of various sizes to help cover the losses we sustained since our fabulously renovated theatre sat mostly empty in 2020. Thanks to federal, state, and county grant programs, we have been able to continue our operations. We don't know what the future holds, but for now, we're holding our own!

One of the most exciting upcoming innovations is a new venue for PEEPshow. Yes, we will be holding the 14th Annual PEEPshow in person at TownMall of Westminster! Thanks to a generous sponsorship from the mall, we are able to proceed with the live event in a space that will allow for wider spacing of the displays and one way traffic flow. But more importantly, you'll get to see the marshmallow masterpieces up close! We will also feature an online PEEPshow for those who want to enjoy the show from home. More details are available at MarshmallowPEEPshow.com.

And if you haven't been in the Arts Center lately, come see our newly revamped gift shop! Our new displays accommodate more artists and allow patrons to browse more easily. If you're looking for the perfect gift or just a new, spring-themed face mask, come in and check it out.

Thanks for being our biggest fans, Judy Morley, PhD

THE 23RD FESTIVAL OF WREATHS

Thank you to the talented decorators, generous bidders, and our devoted volunteers!

The 23rd Annual Festival of Wreaths was a success in spite of pandemic restrictions. The event was a bright spot in our holiday season and raised more than \$15,000 for the Arts Council!

The 10 Audience Choice Winners are:

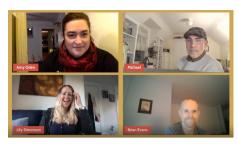
- 1. "2020 Needs Killin" by Jutz Moreland (below)
- 2. "Crabby Christmas" by Brightview Westminster Ridge Independent Living



- 3. "Exceptional Education" Formed in Faith by Carroll Lutheran School
- 4. "Farm Greens" by George B. Maurer
- 5. "Favorite and Dissent: Tribute to RBG" by Amber Farran
- 6. "Merry Chickmas" by Wendy Miller
- 7. "Not a Creature Was Stirring..." by Rachel Miller
- 8. "Once There Was a Snowman" by Sykesville Painting Club
- 9. "Seeds of Christmas" by Cassie McCraken and Lynn Forman for Baughers
- 10. "Wintergreen" by Iris Elaine.

DOC TALKS SERIES HIGHLIGHTS

Free virtual events that went with FLICC's at-home January Doc Series



For Antarctica: A Year on Ice, we held a live panel discussion featuring people who have visited and worked on the frozen continent. A fascinating discussion about a fascinating place!



On MLK Day, spoken word group DewMore Baltimore performed a powerful poetry revue of profound black stories in celebration of the doc John Lewis: Good Trouble.



Four local musicians gathered for a conversation about the 60s folk-pop movement at the center of the musicfilled doc. Echo in the Canvon. They also played some tunes from the era!



Our panel discussion for Dealt (a doc about Richard Turner, a blind card magician) featured MPT's Day-Al Mohamed, Chris Nusbaum (National Federation for the Blind), and some magic from local magician Dave Thomen.

All the Doc Talks are available to view anytime on the Carroll Arts Center Facebook page and YouTube channel!



OUR 2020 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Debbie Titus!

Debbie is so devoted to the Arts Council, that even during a global pandemic, she was always reaching out to ask if we needed volunteers. When we were finally able to hold events again, Debbie was one of the first to sign up! Her outgoing personality, dependability, and willingness to help have made Debbie a treasured member of our volunteer crew.

HAPPY TRAILS TO ANDY!

Andy Woodward, our Director of Programs, moved on from the CCAC at the end of January. We'll miss his engaging storytelling, his foodie sensibilities, and his steadfast dedication to the Arts Council. We wish him the best of luck with his future career!





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