CARROLL COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL



2020 2021

from the Executive Director



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"Peep-ola Jukebox"
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DEAR FRIENDS,

I think the best thing we can say about the 2020-2021 season, mostly cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, is that we survived it. In light of the State of Maryland's public health orders, we canceled the majority of our programming in the theatre. But through it all, you, our loyal patrons, continued to renew memberships, send donations, and purchase artwork. For that we are so grateful!

We did take advantage of the theatre being closed to complete the renovations that had been planned in 2019. From March - August 2020, we replaced the carpet, removed the wallpaper, painted the walls, installed a new stage floor, hung new stage curtains, and got all new house lighting. It's all ready to welcome you back to the theatre!

While our theatre remained closed most of the year, our galleries were able to reopen last summer, giving us the opportunity to present several exhibits this year. We had old favorites, like our 18th Annual Member Show and Youth Art Month, but we also branched out with fresh exhibits like "WWII: The Soldiers from Westminster," which featured senior portraits of local veterans, as well as "Mobiles and Stabiles," which showcased a kinetic sculpture wonderland.

An improved relationship with technology made reaching audiences during this uncertain year easier than ever! We held a hybrid Festival of Wreaths thanks to a new online auction platform and we live-streamed several events on our Facebook page and YouTube channel, including panel film discussions and a poetry revue from spoken word group, DewMore Baltimore.

This year also marked the start of a great partnership with TownMall of Westminster. In August, we developed an outdoor event where kids and adults could create chalk "Mallsterpieces" on the sidewalks around the mall, and in April they generously donated an empty department store space for us to hold a COVID-friendly, socially-distanced PEEPshow. Our peeps were very grateful!

Thankfully, we also secured generous grants that kept us going. We received two Paycheck Protection Plan grants, an MSAC Emergency Grant, and a large grant from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for shuttered theatres. These grants allowed us to keep most of our staff and continue operations as normally as possible.

As we launch into a new, and definitely better, fiscal year, I have mixed emotions about leaving my role as Executive Director in September. I am excited for my new entrepreneurial adventure, but I am sorry to leave the fabulous patrons, artists, performers, staff, volunteers, and board members that make up the Carroll County Arts Council. It is thanks to all of you that we survived the past year and have come out poised for a powerful new season. You're all appreciated and we couldn't do it without your help!

Sincerely,

Judy Morley, Ph.D.

Executive Director
Carroll County Arts Council

from the Board President

THANK YOU CARROLL COUNTY COMMUNITY

As our community recovers from the pandemic, we are excited to fully reopen the Arts Center and continue the Arts Council's activities to support Carroll County and advance our mission "to enrich our community, both culturally and economically, by presenting, promoting, and supporting a wide variety of arts opportunities for our residents, visitors, and artists." We began our next fiscal year in July with renewed enthusiasm for the future

With 4 new board members joining, and interviewing candidates for a new executive director, there is a lot of excitement and optimism for the future. Change can be scary, but brings with it a renewed vision and resolve. The board wishes Judy the best in her future endeavors, and a heartfelt thank you for her tremendous leadership during a very difficult time, and positioning the Arts Council to be stronger than ever.

Welcome back to old friends and supporters of the arts; enjoy the familiar and new programs at the Arts Center. We look forward to making new friends and helping arts organizations recover and advance the arts in Carroll County. There is a tremendous opportunity as we emerge from the social restrictions that affected all of us so much.

The Arts Council learned a great deal as it negotiated the new landscape, creating virtual programs and adapting by offering new things like activity box kits, while continuing popular events like the PEEPshow, it's first time held virtually in 2020, then successfully hosted off-site in 2021 for the first time. None of this could have been accomplished without the dedication and creativity of the Arts Council staff. Thank you JoAnna, Claudia, Lindsay, Rosalyn, Moriah, Stacy, and Judy for everything you've done. And thank you, our community, donors, volunteers and supporters for attending and helping!

Please continue to support the arts and bring friends to grow our community.

Thomas Sterner President

Carroll County Arts Council Board of Directors



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Exhibits

After closing our building due to COVID-19, our first exhibit back at the Arts Center in June 2020 was "WWII: The Soldiers of Westminster." This unique photo project, researched by Steve Bowersox, displayed the senior portraits of Westminster High School alumni who served in World War II. Later in the summer, we also had "Capture," our annual exhibit from the Carroll County Camera Club and "The Art of Protest," a community-sourced exhibit of protest signs from a variety of social causes. The rest of our 2020 exhibit season consisted of our annual Members Show and our Gallery of Gifts holiday boutique.

In the new year, our Tevis Gallery was home to "To the Tune of..." a call-for-artists exhibit that asked participants to create a work inspired by music. These artists took inspiration from various singers and composers, like Mozart, Johnny Cash, and Bruno Mars. This past spring, we showcased more local artists with Youth Art Month; "A Little Bit of Locality," an exhibit from the Carroll County Artists Guild; "Viewfinder," a show featuring photography from John Carter and Mark Dodd; and "Mobiles and Stabiles," a unique collection of fantastical kinetic sculptures created by local artists Charlie Maiorana and CCAC Board President, Thomas Sterner.

TOP TO BOTTOM, L TO R: WWII; Capture; Members Show; Gallery of Gifts; The Art of Protest; Youth Art Month; To the Tune of: "Pink Moon" by Katherine Taylor; A Little Bit of Locality: "Stitch in Time" by Suzanne Hill; Viewfinder: "Patapsco Stream in Fall" by Mark Dodd; Mobiles and Stabiles



Art Classes

With our usual in-person class schedule suspended due to COVID, our staff had to adapt our educational programs to a virtual or at-home format. After the success of last year's Summer Camp Activity box, a Halloween Activity box full of spook-tacular crafts was offered this past fall. Additionally, we offered a virtual wreath-making workshop in preparation for the Festival of Wreaths and a virtual youth theatre class.

Special Events

Mall-sterpiece

August 21, 2020

This outdoor community chalk event attracted 70 participants to the TownMall of Westminster. Together, they beautified the mall's sidewalks with uniquely colorful chalk mosaics!

23rd Annual Festival of Wreaths

Nov 27 - Dec 6, 2020

The 2020 Festival of Wreaths silent auction was revamped this year to be a hybrid event. Over 100 wreaths were on display at the Arts Center, but all the bidding (whether in-person or online at home) took place through Handbid, a mobile auction platform. Not only did this redux make the event safe for our visitors, it made the bidding process easier than ever! The Arts Council raised over \$15,000 from this beloved holiday event.

PEEPshow

Mar 26 - Apr 5, 2021

2021 was the year that our annual PEEPshow fundraiser returned to the community! Hosted both in person at the TownMall of Westminster and online, thousands of our loyal peeps were thrilled to see this year's marshmallow masterpieces. The big winner was "Elvis Peepsley is in the Building" by Kelly Soverns, winning all three top Audience Choice prizes! Thanks to our visitors' generosity, the Arts Council raised a total of \$80,000.

Art in the Park

June 5, 2021

Our annual free arts and crafts festival returned to the grounds of Westminster City Hall with 42 vendors, live music, and hundreds of shoppers.

TOP TO BOTTOM: Halloween Activity Box; Wreath-making Workshop; Mall-sterpiece; Festival of Wreaths: "2020 Needs Killin" by Jutz Moreland; PEEPshow: "Elvis Peepsley is in the Building" by Kelly Soverns; Art in the Park.











highlights | Live Performances | Virtual Events & Films





TOP: Urban Artistry ABOVE: A Charlie Brown Christmas BELOW: Could You Hug a Cactus?

Concerts

Live events finally returned to our theater for a brief time in the fall and winter of 2020. Our first live event in over six months was Silver Spring-based dance troupe Urban Artistry, who performed a powerful original program entitled "Love in a Time of Pandemic: Meaningful Movement for Uncertain Times." Our stage also hosted classic rock cover group the Sagamore Band, jazz from the Leister Quartet, and our perennial holiday favorite, A Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas with the Eric Byrd Trio. Though capacity was limited, our audiences were grateful to be back at the theater!

Children's Theatre

The Arts Council's children's theatre troupe hasn't been on our stage since fall 2019, but they did perform their first virtual musical in May 2021! "Could You Hug a Cactus?" was a whimsical music revue that was pre-recorded and released on our Facebook page and YouTube channel for all to enjoy for free. Featuring 10 local youth, this short production of songs and poems kept their love of performing alive.





FLICC (Film Lovers in Carroll County)

Unable to hold their usual monthly film screenings, our resident movie club had to adapt to the times. After making the difficult decision to not host FLICC's 2021 Documentary Series and Foreign Film Festival in person, we developed free virtual events that could still engage audiences with both series' selected films. In place of the January Documentary Series, we hosted Doc Talks, weekly live-streamed events that further explored the themes of this year's documentary picks. Highlights from the series included a Martin Luther King Jr. Day poetry performance from spokenword troupe DewMore Baltimore for the film John Lewis: Good Trouble, and a conversation between four local musicians about the 60s folk-pop movement at the center of the musicfilled doc, Echo in the Canyon. Over 150 people tuned into these live events and the recorded broadcasts are still available to view at any time on our Facebook page and YouTube channel!

In place of February's Foreign Film Festival, we hosted free FLICC Foreign Film Zoom Chats. Folks were encouraged to watch this year's foreign film selections on their own and then tune into a Zoom meeting where they could rant, rave, and learn more about the movie. Discussion topics included the Hitchcockian nature of Bong Joon-ho's Parasite, the history of romantic comedies like Romantics Anonymous, the French New Wave movement exemplified by The 400 Blows, and the cultural and autobiographical context of Pedro Almodovar's Pain and Glory. Each chat averaged around 23 participants, making for some lively discussions.

Also virtual this year were the Oscar Nominated Short films. 103 patrons were able to rent and view the films through the Arts Council's virtual screening room!

Thankfully, the FLICC film hiatus ended this past spring. One of the most popular spring FLICC screenings was the Beatles-themed comedy, Yesterday.

highlights | Community Support







Scholarships

Tevis College Arts Scholarship

Seniors from our local Carroll County high schools are awarded \$1,000 to pursue an arts major in college.

- 7 scholarships totalling \$7,000 total

 The Class of 2021 recipients are pursuing majors in Theatre Arts, Music Education, Music Performance, Music Therapy, Fashion Design, and Television and Film.

Tom Holder Scholarships

Students in need can receive free or reduced tuition for CCAC education programs.

 A total of \$250 was awarded to 5 local youth to give them free Summer Camp and Halloween Activity Boxes.

Grants

Community Arts Development (CAD) Grants

Large grants that support either the general operations of local arts organizations or help non-arts organizations complete arts-related projects.

- 11 grants totaling \$50,000

 One CAD Project Grant went to the Downtown Sykesville Connection to create and produce a Sykesville coloring book that involved local photographers, cartoonists, and graphic designers.

Mini-Grants

Small grants that support other various arts projects.

4 grants totaling \$3,100

 One project supported by a mini-grant this year was the mini Art Galleries for Everyone from artist collective, 5x7 Underground.

> THIS PAGE, TOP TO BOTTOM: Halloween Activity Boxes; Fashion design scholarship (stock photo); Art Galleries for Everyone

OPPOSITE PAGE: Svkesville Colorina Book

The old B&O Railroad Station, designed and built by E. Francis Baldwin

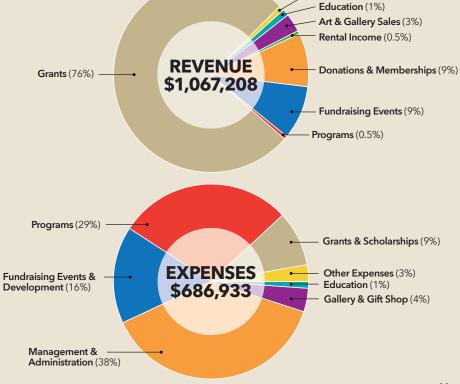




the numbers | FY 2020-2021

Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 412,445
Investments Sandy Oxx Legacy Fund Long Term Fund	\$ 237,082 328,017
Fixed Assets	\$ 131,166
Total Assets	\$ 1,108,710
Liabilities:	
Current liabilities Accrued payroll and state taxes	\$ 2,073
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,073
Equity:	
Fund Balance	\$ 720,369
Net Income	\$ <386,267>
Total Equity	\$ 1,106,636



Other Earned Income (1%)

volunteers



THE CARROLL
COUNTY ARTS
COUNCIL IS
GRATEFUL FOR
THE SUPPORT
OF OUR
DEDICATED
VOLUNTEERS.

This year was an unusual one for our beloved volunteer force. With fewer events, most of this vear's volunteer hours were for special events. Over half of the hours were for PEEPshow alone! As we begin a new season full of events, we're excited to see our volunteers more often.

Katie Adelizzi Leith Allen Ray Arnold Michelle Barboza Dori Batavick Grace Batavick

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TOTAL HOURS

Kim Schultz Harold Scott Michele Sicotte Gail Slater Karen Soisson Richard Soisson **Christy Spain** Kayla Stambaugh

Lynn Wheeler Robin Wheeler Diane Williams Peggy Wills **Rick Wills** John Yingling Sharon Yingling Karen Yoke

2020 Volunteer OF YEAR

Debbie Titus

Even during a global pandemic, Debbie 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.





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UPCOMING 21/22 SEASON EVENTS

Live events are returning to the Carroll Arts Center this year and we can't wait to welcome you into the theater!



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National Players: A Raisin in the Sun JAN. 22, 2022



Gaelic Mishap MAR. 11, 2022



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