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Carroll Arts Center seeks decorators for 24th Annual Festival of Wreaths

The Carroll County Arts Council will celebrate the 24th year of its signature holiday event, the annual Festival of Wreaths silent auction, which typically attracts hundreds of visitors to downtown Westminster. The Carroll Arts Center will host a festive display of over 100 wreaths for patrons to view and enjoy.

Individuals, schools, businesses, and non-profit organizations are encouraged to participate by creating and donating a wreath to display in the silent auction. Adding branded merchandise or gift cards to a wreath is a fabulous way to shine the spotlight on one's mission or business. The Arts Council will also welcome donations of original holiday, winter-themed artwork, and other seasonal fine crafts.

Registration for decorators opens September 25 and closes October 31, 2021, or earlier if the maximum number of entries is reached. Decorators can view the guidelines and register online at www.FestivalofWreaths.com or call 410-848-7272 for assistance. Finished wreaths and artwork must be delivered to the Arts Center from November 10 to 13th.

"I love the holiday season, so I'm excited for this festival to become my new holiday tradition!" says Eric Kerchner, the new Executive Director of the Arts Council, "After seeing some of the photos of past entries, it's clear that Carroll County has an abundance of holiday spirit."

All bidding will take place on HANDBID, a mobile silent auction platform. The auction will be open to the public for bids online on Friday, November 26 at 10 am and will close on Sunday, December 5 at 4 pm. Bidders do not need to be present at the Arts Center to participate, but will be required to pick up their wreaths in person. For more information call 410-848-7272 or visit www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org.

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"Van Gogh's Sunflowers" by Marilyn Hanchett; "Merry Chickmas" by Wendy Miller; "Wintergreen" by Iris Elaine

The Carroll County Arts Council is located at 91 West Main Street in the magnificently renovated Carroll Arts Center, formerly the Carroll Theatre in downtown Westminster, MD. The art deco building now houses a 263-seat theatre, galleries, Gift Shop, classrooms, and offices. CCAC's mission is 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. For more information call 410-848-7272 or visit www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org.