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19th Annual Members Exhibit on view at Carroll Arts Center

The Carroll County Arts Council is hosting its 19th Annual Members Art Exhibit, which will be on view September 27 through October 30, 2021.

Over 100 entries will grace the walls of the Carroll Arts Center's galleries for an exhibition showcasing the artistic talents of the organization's members, which has become a popular annual tradition. Various mediums are represented every year, such as paintings, sculptures, mixed media, fiber art, and even jewelry. The Members Show is free and open to the public, as well as the Artists' Reception on Thursday, September 30 from 5pm to 7pm. This year's reception not only celebrates our wonderful member artists, but will also serve as a farewell party for the CCAC's outgoing Executive Director, Judy Morley. Guests will also have the chance to meet the CCAC's new director, Eric Kerchner.

Voting for Audience Favorites will take place throughout the first week of the exhibit. Visitors can scan a QR code at the exhibit that will take them to an online form where they can vote for their favorite entries. The top ten winners will be announced on the Carroll Arts Center's Facebook page on Monday, October 4. All winners will receive a certificate and a \$100 prize. All works are for sale.

CCAC's Visual Arts Coordinator Moriah Tyler adds, "It's always so exciting to see what our members have been working on lately. Plus now that we are able to hold open receptions again, it will be so great to see all of these talented member artists in person!"

"It seems appropriate that my final farewell is in conjunction with the celebration of our incredibly creative members," says the CCAC's departing Executive Director, Judy Morley, "My welcome party in 2018 was also at the Members Show reception, so I have a soft spot in my heart for all the members and patrons of the CCAC. I will miss everyone, but I will certainly return for future Arts Center events!"

The organization's current Executive Director, Eric Kerchner, started at the beginning of September and is already meeting with as much of the Carroll County community as possible. "The conversations I've had so far with people have made me very excited about the future of this vibrant organization," says Kerchner, "I can't wait to meet even more members and friends of the Arts Council at this year's reception."

The Carroll Arts Center is located at 91 West Main Street in Westminster and is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10am to 4pm and Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 7pm. For more information, call 410-848-7272 or visit www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org.

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CALENDAR LISTING (please list under Visual Arts, Gallery Exhibitions, or related category):

“19th Annual Members Exhibit.” September 27 – October 30. This annual favorite showcases the artistic talents of the Carroll County Arts Council's members. Featuring a wide range of styles and mediums including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, and fine crafts. All works are for sale. Carroll Arts Center, 91 W. Main St., Westminster, MD 21157. 410-848-7272. Gallery hours and more info at www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org.

PHOTO of exhibit setup?