

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Shop local at the Carroll Arts Center's 13th Annual 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. Over 25 artists will display and sell their unique handmade wares in this special holiday boutique.

Now in its thirteenth 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 support local art. 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.

"I love seeing these artfully made wares come through the gallery every year," says CCAC's Education and Visual Arts Coordinator Moriah Tyler. "Whether they're one of our usual vendors or a fresh face, shoppers can feel confident that their purchase will not only make a meaningful holiday gift, but support local artists in our community."

The Gallery of Gifts will be open November 19 - December 21 during regular business hours and will also have extended hours during special events, including the Festival of Wreaths.

Participating artists include:

### **JEWELRY**

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

Kelly Hollenbaugh/Three Ring Jewelry - Sterling silver jewelry with pearl, gemstone, and other embellishments

Mary Kepple/Artisan Jewelry - Polymer clay jewelry

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

### **FIBER, WOOD, CERAMICS, and BASKETRY**

Marilyn Goldstein - Fiber art, hand bags, soft sculpture

Susan Hebble/Anna's Closet - Knitted and crocheted items for kids

Rebecca Leister/Gifts by Becky - Knit and crochet hats, scarves, ear warmers, mittens, dish cloths, and more

Laurel Nalepa/Cardinal Pottery - Wheel thrown pottery featuring mugs, bowls, plates, and other home goods

Michael Perlin/Perlin Woodworks - Cutting boards, boxes, and more unique wooden goods

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

Sharon Schaeffer/Sharon Schaeffer Baskets - Baskets and sculptural vessels woven with natural materials

Pamela Short - Hand knitted hats, gloves, scarfs

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

### **MARVELOUS MISCELLANY**

Rosey Canapp - Handmade stuffed rabbits in a range of colors and styles

Kevin and Kathleen Clancy/CTA Artworks - Gourd ornaments, small paintings, and hand forged iron

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  
Adrienne Hedge - Alcohol ink paintings, vinyl record sculptures, ornaments  
Lisa Hetrick/Indigojade Art - Inspirational paintings and prints  
Jeffrey Leister/Jeff Leister Tinsmith - Tinware  
Shawn M. Lockhart/Mara Artworks - Framed linoleum block prints, notecards, journals, and sketchbooks  
Michelle Loewer/Hampstead Creek - Macrame keychains, bookmarks, necklaces, ornaments, and more  
Serena Pelletier/Serene Lavender Farm – Lavender culinary and home goods  
Alissa Skoczalak - Nature inspired watercolor art  
Carolyn Seabolt/Cat Tracks Studio - English tinsel paintings  
Yvonne Zeminski/Elegant Inkz - Handmade cards

The Festival of Wreaths will also be on view during the Gallery of Gifts from November 26 through December 5, 10 am – 7 pm daily. Visitors can bid on the wreaths while doing their holiday shopping!

For more information visit [www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org](http://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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JG Designs

CTA Artworks

Twindles Candle Company

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

Gallery of Gifts. Nov. 19 – Dec. 21. 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](http://www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org).