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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 Skoczelak - 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 or call 410-848-7272. The Carroll Arts Center is located at 91 West Main St. in downtown Westminster, MD.

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