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### **Carroll County Arts Council announces winners of 25th Annual Festival of Wreaths**

The Carroll County Arts Council kicked off the holiday season this past week with their 25th Annual Festival of Wreaths, which ended on Sunday, December 4. This year's silver anniversary festival featured 112 unique theme wreaths created by individuals, businesses, and clubs that were offered to the public in a 10-day silent auction that raised \$14,130 for the Arts Council. These funds help support the CCAC's mission of culturally enriching Carroll County all year long. Over 3,000 visitors came to the festival to marvel at and bid on these handmade wreaths and holiday decor.

Visitors voted for their favorite entries to determine this year's Audience Choice award winners.

The ten winners are as follows in alphabetical order by title:

"A Very 'Carroll' Christmas" by Jaclyn Mathias - Community Foundation of Carroll County  
"Christmas Angel" by Carroll Lutheran Village  
"Ghost of Christmas Past" by Pipe the Side Brewing Company  
"Mid-Winter Nights Dream" by Michelle Moreau - Circle of Dawn  
"Nature's Wonder" by PSJ Orthodontics  
"Paper Kaleidoscope" by Mallory Van Fossen  
"Polar Express" by Katrina Thompson - Welding Technology at Carroll County Career and Tech Center  
"Sea Glass Window from the Restore" by Stephanie Averett - Habitat for Humanity of Carroll County  
"Snowman Cyclist" by Shelby Jones and Mardee Curtis  
"Wreath of Shattered Glass" by Rebecca Price

The Sponsor's Choice winners, as selected by event sponsors, are:

"Home in Maryland" by the Castonguay Family (North Carroll Community School)  
"Winter Snowman" by Karen Jaeger (Karen and Richard Soisson)  
"Miss Fittis Toys" by RC Eckard (SCORE - Mid-Maryland)  
"Dragonfly and Cattails" by Nick Vincent (PNC Bank)  
"Have a Magical Christmas" by Hannah Rushing (Carroll County Maryland Tourism)

To see photos of all the winners and more wonderful wreaths, visit the Carroll County Arts Council's Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/CarrollArtsCenter/](https://www.facebook.com/CarrollArtsCenter/)

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