



# MEMBERS MARQUEE

Carroll County Arts Council Newsletter

WINTER 2023



## YOUTH ART MONTH ENDS APRIL 1

The boundless creativity of Carroll County elementary and middle school students is now on display in both of our galleries! Plus, see the Carroll County winners from last year's Maryland Arbor Day Poster Contest.



## ART VENDORS WANTED

We're looking for artists to participate in TWO outdoor arts and culture festivals coming this summer! Both festivals feature local and regional fine artists, food, live music, and a free kids craft, making them can't-miss summer events.

### Art in the Park

Westminster City Hall  
Saturday, June 3, 2023

Registration Deadline: April 1

### NEW - Taneytown Artisan Fest

Taneytown Memorial Park  
Saturday, July 22, 2023

Registration Deadline: May 1

Register online at [CarrollArtsCenter.org](https://CarrollArtsCenter.org) on our Exhibit Opportunities page.

## A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Exciting things are happening at the Carroll Arts Center as we look forward to Spring! Our holidays were packed with fantastic holiday events and we welcomed large audiences this winter at the Documentary and Foreign Film Festivals. We are pleased to see a steady increase in attendance and engagement. Hopefully you'll visit soon and let the Arts nourish your soul. This year's new and diverse programming has been welcoming new and old patrons into the theater for all sorts of exciting shows!

In February, our new partnership, Common Ground Downtown, sold out the theater for national bluegrass favorite, The Seldom Scene. People from all over the state and Northern Virginia also joined us for sitar maestra, Alif Laila, in an amazing immersive performance merging watercolor paintings with music. We've hosted patrons from 233 zip codes so far this season as we work to welcome everyone into an invigorated Carroll Arts Center.

Our Visual Arts Coordinator, Moriah Tyler, curated a fantastic showcase from the Painted Screen Society of Baltimore in this winter's "Oktavec" exhibit, attracting visitors from all around Maryland. Upcoming exhibits include Youth Art Month, "Natura," and a new show from the Carroll County Artists Guild.

The Carroll Arts Center is celebrating its 20th birthday this April and we're going to celebrate! Join us for a birthday fundraising party on April 13 before BrewHaHa Comedy with local comedian, Rev TMac! Come for cake, brews from Pipe the Side Brewing Company of Hampstead, and if we hit our fundraising goal, you just might see me get a pie in the face...more details to come!

Other highlights coming soon include our first-ever "Jazz Extravaganza" hosted by Monte Leister! It's going to be a who's who of local jazz musicians like Bob Coffey and David Motter. Plus, feel the rhythm with percussive dance ensemble Footworks on April 15 or rock out with Baltimore favorite band, Starbelly on April 29.

We have something for everyone and hope to see you soon!

Lynne Griffith



## 16TH ANNUAL PEEPSHOW

TownMall of Westminster

March 31 - April 10, 2023 | Mon - Sat: 10am - 6:30pm | Sundays: 12pm - 5:30pm  
(including Easter Sunday)

Spring is just around the corner, meaning it's almost PEEPSHOW time once again! This sweet fundraiser features marshmallow masterpieces crafted from or inspired by PEEPS®, the colorful marshmallow treats made by the Just Born company. You can view the entries for free and buy votes for your favorites, with all proceeds benefiting the Arts Council!

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNER Q&A

Meet a past recipient of the Tevis College Arts Scholarship



**Kelly Heck**

**FSK High School C'04**

**College Major:** Photography (Savannah College of Art and Design)

**Current Job:** Self-Employed at Kelly Heck Photography

### 1. What inspired your love of the arts?

As a kid, I knew I wanted to pursue the arts and by my early high school years I knew I wanted a career in photography. My early arts experiences were highly supported by my parents. I worked at Pictures-R-Us in Taneytown (a local youth sports photography company) from high school through community college.

### 2. How did you navigate a career in the arts?

Right out of college, in 2008, I secured a job with a small mom and pop firm; my focus there was in marketing, graphic design, and web design, but I was still hustling with my photography on the side. The experience of seeing how a small business is managed within a small business community was of huge value to my growth as a future entrepreneur. In 2015, I gratefully set aside my full-time day job and focused 100% of my time on my photography business. The Carroll County community has embraced me completely. Feeding my artistic passions and being a self-employed photographer is a priceless combination.

### 3. What did receiving the CCAC's Tevis Scholarship mean to you?

Being awarded a scholarship in a creative and competitive field was a huge propellant - it was another confirmation that a career in the arts was the right direction for me.

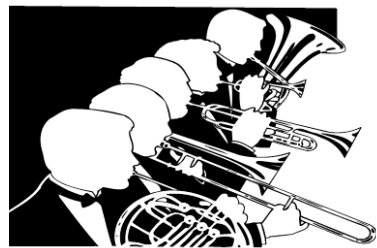
**The deadline to apply for this year's Tevis College Arts Scholarships is April 21!**

**Get the application online at [CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org/scholarships](http://CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org/scholarships).**

## MEET STEPHEN STROSNIDER

**Assistant Director of Operations and Programs**

Stephen joined the CCAC team last October and has been hitting the ground running ever since! As a lifelong Carroll County resident, Stephen is no stranger to the Arts Council, having participated in their programming throughout his childhood. He is an actor, designer, and director across the DMV area and brings years of performing arts management experience to the team. When he's not in rehearsal, you can find Stephen with his wife and kids enjoying the trails at Bear Branch or having dance parties around a campfire.



## CARROLL CONCERT BAND AT WINTERS MILL

Sunday, March 26 | 3pm

Organized in the Spring of 1978, the Carroll Concert Band includes local current and retired public school, college, and music store music teachers along with outstanding college and high school musicians.

Proceeds from the concert will support the CCAC's own Musical Instrument Bank and the Band's Partial Summer Music Camp Scholarship and Introduction to Private Lessons Program. This year's concert features three soloists: Dr. Mark Runkles (oboe), David Duree (alto saxophone), and Andrew Spang (tuba). General admission tickets are \$10 and FREE for students! Tickets available in advance at the Arts Center (cash or check only) and at the door.



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**Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County**

**Carroll Singers**

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**Chamber Music on the Hill**

**Westminster Ringers**

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