



# MEMBERS MARQUEE

Carroll County Arts Council Newsletter

FALL 2024



## 16TH ANNUAL GALLERY OF GIFTS NOV. 22 – DEC. 21

Get handmade gifts for everyone on your list this season at our annual holiday boutique in the Tevis Gallery! Featuring 32 vendors. This year's gallery is full of a variety of unique wares including jewelry, pottery, knitwear, paintings, ornaments, woodwork, and more.

### Members Discount Days:

Sat. Nov. 23 | Sat. Dec. 21

CCAC members get 10% off their Gallery of Gifts purchase!

## WINTER HOURS

Starting December 23, through January, 2025, outside of scheduled programming, the Carroll Arts Center will be closed to the public.

The building will be open on Fridays, January 10, 17, 24, and 31 starting at 12pm for the annual Documentary Film Series where single tickets and subscriptions can be purchased in person. Patrons are welcome to purchase tickets at the box office and shop in our gift shop during this time.

Available by phone only:  
Tuesday-Thursday, 12-4PM

As always, tickets, memberships, and class registration can be processed at any time by visiting our website, [www.CarrollArtsCenter.org](http://www.CarrollArtsCenter.org).

## A NOTE FROM THE INTERIM-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



### Hello Friends and Neighbors,

The 24/25 season is in full swing! Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the chill vibes of Scott McMicken, and the bluegrass rhythms of Frank Solivan and the Dirty Kitchen. 98 Rock's Justin Schlegel had people rolling in the aisles while Carolyn Black Sotir made our hearts sing with the melodies of Broadway's greatest hits.

Tickets are almost gone for the return of sell-out band

**The Seldom Scene** and you don't want to miss the award-winning hip-hop artist **Wordsmith** - both featured this November.

The most wonderful time of the year is right around the corner and your favorite holiday traditions are back! We are celebrating the 27th Annual **Festival of Wreaths**, 18th Annual **Charlie Brown Jazz Christmas**, and 3rd Annual **One-Man Christmas Carol** and **Bob Cratchit and the Bookkeepers** holly-jolly evening of jazz. Back by popular demand, **Motown and More** returns with their Holiday Celebration and what December is complete without the folk traditions of **Walt Michael and Co.** New this year will be selections from Ballet Embodiment's one-of-a-kind production with **My First Maryland Nutcracker** - a bite-sized, Old Bay sprinkled treat for the whole family! Individual and business sponsorships are still available for these must-see events - feel free to reach out for more info!

FLICC has chosen another dynamic and engaging **Documentary Film Series** lineup for this January featuring stories of hope, love, and perseverance. As always, subscriptions are the best way to enjoy and save.

A warm welcome to our three newest Board Members: Jane Fraizer, Co-Chair, Arts & Humanities Division and Director of Theatre and Entertainment Technology at Carroll Community College; Robert Peeples, Independent Artist and long-form content writer; and JoAnn Barr, our very own 2023 Volunteer of the Year! Their experience, expertise, and guidance will be invaluable as the CCAC continues its mission to serve the community through arts engagement.

This January, the Arts Council is excited to take a strategic step forward in the advancement of internal practices by providing dedicated time to developing methods for sustainable growth. Our temporary Winter Hours listed here and, in the Holiday & Winter brochure, will give our hard-working team the opportunity to strengthen our mission-lead operations and standards in order to continue providing the community with meaningful arts offerings.

As always, we appreciate your continued support and generosity. Your choice to be a Carroll County Arts Council member is deeply valued!

**THANK YOU!**  
**Stephen Strosnider**

## 22ND MEMBERS SHOW WINNERS The Top 10 Audience Favorites



"Mandogreen"  
by Carol Siegel

- "Painting Therapy" by Gail Manchia (oil on canvas)
- "Leaf It To The Tall Guys!" by Stacy Lund Levy (watercolor)
- "Mandogreen" by Carol Siegel (mixed media mosaic)
- "Gentle Rain" by Patricia Greco (graphite pencil)
- "Barn Owl" by Claudia Konkus (colored pencils)
- "Sea Relief" by Nicole Diem
- "A Cold Night" by Karen Peck
- "Proud Person Owner" by Kathleen Clancy (pastel)
- "Biltmore Copper Reflections" by Theresa Denney (watercolor)
- "Eye Of The Beholder" by Marshall Kelly (mixed media acrylic)

See photos of all the winners at [CarrollArtsCenter.org/22nd-annual-members-show-winners/](http://CarrollArtsCenter.org/22nd-annual-members-show-winners/)



## 27TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF WREATHS

The holiday tradition returns November 29 - December 8

Get ready to deck the halls because the annual Festival of Wreaths is back! Starting on Black Friday, November 29th, this 10-day live display and online auction has previously showcased over 100 merry wreaths and seasonal art pieces. Some of these festive finds come with token goodies like gift cards, treats, and one-of-a-kind experiences. In-person visitors can also vote for the Top 10 Audience Choice winners. Check out FestivalofWreaths.com for all the holly jolly details!

## THE 3RD ANNUAL BLACK AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL, CONCLUDES

This free festival celebrates Black storytelling with a special focus on stories that provide a dynamic perspective of Black experiences. Once again, this festival was well received, accumulatively hosting over one-hundred guests. Post show discussions with Dr. Erin Watley, of McDaniel College, were very thought provoking. The Arts Council appreciates Dr. Watley's leadership with this event!



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Businesses, organizations and individuals are welcome to sponsor Carroll County Arts Council's events! If you, or someone you know, would like to sponsor a Holiday & Winter season event, please reach out to Stephen Strosnider at [Stephen@carrollcountyartscouncil.org](mailto:Stephen@carrollcountyartscouncil.org). Sponsorship pricing details can be found online!

### STILL AVAILABLE TO SPONSOR:

- THE SELDOM SCENE
- BOB CRATCHIT & THE BOOKKEEPERS
- A ONE-MAN CHRISTMAS CAROL
- WALT MICHAEL & COMPANY
- MY FIRST MARYLAND NUTCRACKER
- GALLERY OF GIFTS
- JANUARY DOCUMENTARY SERIES FILMS



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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Gail Slater, **President**
- Kimberlee Schultz, **Vice President**
- Lynn Wheeler, **Secretary**
- Joe Wawrzynski, **Treasurer**
- Lisah Tontala, **Officer at Large**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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|---------------|---------------------|
| Ray Arnold    | Chloe Irla          |
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| Jane Fraizer  | Billy Lyve Williams |

Ex Officios: Bob Hicks and Kevin Dayhoff

## STAFF

- Stephen Strosnider, **Interim-Executive Director**
- Gwen Asbury, **Special Events/Volunteers**
- Lindsay Sier, **Theatre Coordinator**
- Sasha Yeager, **Marketing Coordinator**
- Patti Murphy, **Financial Coordinator**

## ARTS ALLIANCE MEMBERS

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Carroll County Artists Guild        | Common Ground on the Hill             |
| Carroll County Cloggers             | Masterworks Chorale of Carroll County |
| Chamber Music on the Hill           | Opus Community Music School           |
| Children's Chorus of Carroll County | Westminster Ringers, Inc.             |

### MEMBERS RECEIVE A

– 10% DISCOUNT!\* –

**MILITARY, FIRST RESPONDERS AND THEIR FAMILIES RECEIVE A**

– 15% DISCOUNT!\* –

\*Discounts apply to CCAC events only, other restrictions may apply.

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# CHILDREN'S CHORUS OF CARROLL COUNTY



Concert details:

December 8, 2024 at 2:00pm

St. Joseph's Catholic Community

915 Liberty Rd., Sykesville, MD 21784

No admission fee.



Join Children's Chorus of Carroll County for their WINTER CELEBRATION featuring the beautiful voices and diverse, seasonal repertoire of all four choirs.

Now in its 39th year!

<http://www.cccnotes.com/>



## Common Ground Downtown Winter Events @ CCAC



### The Seldom Scene

Progressive Bluegrass

Sat., Nov. 23 at 7:30 PM



### Walt Michael & Co.

Annual Holiday Concert

Fri., Dec. 20 at 7:30 PM



### Free Jams from 7-9 PM

Bluegrass/Old-Time, Blues, Celtic

1st Wed. at CCAC

3rd Wed. at St. Paul's UCC

[CommonGroundOnTheHill.org](http://CommonGroundOnTheHill.org)





**'A WORLD OF MUSIC':**

**A COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN FOR CHAMBER MUSIC ON THE HILL**

**WHY A FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN, AND WHY NOW?** The primary goal is to keep CMOTH on a firm financial footing. Basic expenses of the concert series are increasing, and CMOTH hopes to enhance its mission with more performers from outside our region; new musical projects and programs at more locations; and a broader audience that includes traditional supporters, students of all ages, and a diverse range of background and experience. These efforts require enhanced resources—we are committed to offering a program that is affordable to all our patrons.

**How can I support CMOTH?**

Visit our website and give your support at [www.McDaniel.edu/CMOTH](http://www.McDaniel.edu/CMOTH)

Donations and tax deductible status will be acknowledged by mail or email.

Make a **Campaign Donation** at any time and in any amount

Become a **Campaign Subscriber** for the concert season

Become a **Campaign Corporate Sponsor**

*Underwrite* concert expenses and make a **Campaign Dedication** in honor of a group or individual

Become a **Campaign Advertiser** for your business in the printed programs

**CHAMBER MUSIC ON THE HILL**

**Spring 2025 Concerts**



***The French Connection***

**Sunday, March 2, 3 pm**

**The Theater in the Scott Center**

**Carroll Community College**



***McDaniel Piano Trio***

**Sunday, June 15, 3 pm**

**The Theater in the Scott Center**

**Carroll Community College**

**Tickets: [McDaniel.edu/CMOTH](http://McDaniel.edu/CMOTH)**

Funded in part by a *Community Arts Development Grant* from the Carroll County Arts Council and the Maryland State Arts Council.





# Letters from Santa



December 15, 2024 | 4:00PM | Accelerando & Westminster Ringers  
First Presbyterian Church | 65 Washington Rd., Westminster, MD  
Advanced Tickets: \$12 Adults | \$5 Kids 6-12 | Under 5 Free  
Scan QR Code, Carroll Arts Center, Call 410-259-5814  
At the Door Tickets : \$15 Adults | \$5 Kids 6-12 | Under 5 Free



**WESTMINSTERRINGERS.ORG**

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410-259-5814



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50th Annual



# Mistletoe Mart

## November 7-9, 2024

Thurs. & Fri. 10am to 7:00pm • Sat. 10am to 4:30pm  
Adults \$5 • Under 12 FREE

*Come See 48 Artisans...*

...who feature pottery, stained glass, baskets, jewelry, gifts, soaps, holiday themes, textiles, wooden ware, handbags, art & tinware.

Café • Tea • Door Prizes • Country Store

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# FREE CONCERT

Suggested Donation of \$13

## Sat, Dec 14 at 7pm

A HOLIDAY CONCERT FEATURING  
FESTIVE SELECTIONS FROM LOCAL  
MUSICIANS, CHOIRS, AND ARTISTS!  
COMPLETE WITH AUDIENCE SING-  
ALONGS



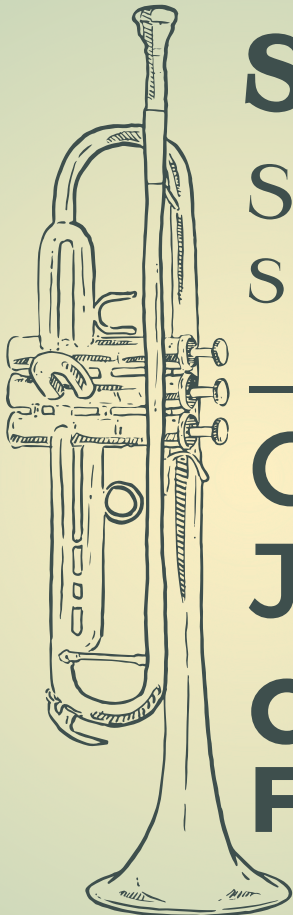
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## CROSSROADS CHURCH

1040 S. Carroll St. | Hampstead, MD

THIS IS ONE YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!



## SAVE THE DATE!

Sat, February 15, 2025 | 7:30pm

South Carroll HS Auditorium

# CARROLL COUNTY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

## Glenn Patterson's FAREWELL CONCERT!