



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STEPHEN STROSNIDER

Dear Valued Members,

It is an honor to be sharing my first message with you as the Carroll County Arts Council's new Executive Director.

For over two years I have had the immense privilege of working alongside you and it is with deep gratitude that I confirm our organization's commitment to elevating and celebrating the vibrancy of Carroll County.

The Arts Council has long been a vital part of this community's cultural landscape, and we are very fortunate to have a strong network of supporters who understand that the arts are an essential part of providing the highest quality of life. By continuing to work together, we will foster sustainable growth through programming that reflects the diversity, creativity, and cultural depth of our region.

I am eager to hear your stories, understand your needs and help build an arts council that serves and informs - as well as entertains! *I would love to know, what first inspired YOU to become a member and what continues to make that support meaningful? Send me a message at stephen@carrollcountyartscouncil.org and let's start a conversation. I can't wait to hear from you!*

Finally, as we take time to celebrate this year's Audience Choice Award winners, let the PEEPshow remind us that art is a building block for a stronger community, and it offers us all the chance to find joy and inspiration in our daily lives. Thank you for your continued support and belief in what's possible.

Let's begin!
Stephen

18TH ANNUAL PEEPSHOW AWARD WINNERS!

21,000+ VISITORS cast over **130,000+ VOTES!**

3RD PLACE with 4,842 votes

SPIDER-PEEP by Kelly Soverns

2nd Place with 6,752 votes

Precious Peep Panda by Kelly Dutterer/Kelly's Cakes

Top Video Award with 695 votes:

PEEPZILLA by Noah McNally, Arnulfo Alarcon, & Julian Lardner

1st Place and Grand Prize Winner with 8,094 votes:

Scram Peeps! by Ava Piszczek and Family



HOME IS WHERE THE HART IS

LINDA VAN HART: ARTIST, TEACHER, AND LIFELONG ADVOCATE FOR THE ARTS GIVES MAJOR GIFT



Linda Van Hart is well known for her ability to create things of beauty and to inspire others to do the same. She is a fifth-generation Carroll Countian, a talented metalwork artist and founder member of the Off Track Art Gallery in Westminster. Linda is a long-time arts advocate with a creative career spanning over 60 years and she is the embodiment of the Carroll Arts Council's belief that integrating art into our everyday lives is vital to each of us and to our community.

Linda's involvement in the arts began early and she has been a steadfast presence lending her unique talents to help grow art efforts in both Carroll and Frederick Counties. Her committed leadership has greatly shaped the vibrant arts scene and arts organizations across Carroll County. These organizations include the Carroll Arts Council, Carroll Arts Center, Common Ground on the Hill, Maryland Arts Education Association, National Art Education Association and McDaniel College Arts Program, and each of these organizations show the visible signs of Linda's unique love, leadership and talents.

"The Carroll County Arts Council has benefitted from Linda's amazing talents, and we are deeply grateful for her generous investment of time, energy, ideas and heart over these many years." expressed Stephen Strosnider, newly appointed Executive Director for the Carroll Arts Council.

Linda has recently expanded her generosity to once again help the Carroll County Arts Council meet our mission to strengthen and enrich Carroll County, culturally and economically by promoting the Arts, arts education and diverse cultural expression. Her significant gift of \$15,000 enables the Arts Council to provide innovative, artist-led, programming in collaboration with local artists.

Thank you, Linda, for sharing your many, many, gifts and talents with the Carroll County Arts Council and our unique and beautiful community of Carroll County. We are grateful for your long-time partnership, and we look forward to sharing the positive impact your gift will make for local artists, and our community, with you as we commit to following your inspiring example.



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TRADITIONS WEEKS

June 23-27 (Virtual)
July 7-11 (In Person)
July 14-18 (In Person)

Music, visual arts, dance, film, cooking, yoga, Indigenous culture, current event lectures and more! Evening concerts, jams and gallery talks. Blues, bluegrass, Celtic, Swing and more!
At McDaniel College, Westminster



DEER CREEK FIDDLERS' CONVENTION

Saturday, May 31, 9 AM - 7 PM
Carroll County Farm Museum

Band & Individual competition. Shade tree picking, craft & food vendors.
Featured performances by Charm City Junction & Danny Paisley & the Southern Grass!

ACOUSTIC ROOTS SONGWRITING CONTEST

Submission Deadline: April 30

Cash prizes! Original roots music songs with lyrics are eligible.



ARTS ALLIANCE MEMBERS

Carroll County Artists Guild
Carroll County Cloggers
Chamber Music on the Hill
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