



Swallow Falls State Park, photo by Kristin Simanek

President's Message

I am happy to tell you that our new hospitality chair will be Judy Hiatt. Since she and Patrick joined the FCAA last year, she has been most gracious in participating and providing refreshment for several meetings. She is enthusiastic about supporting the club and will be asking for your assistance. Also, don't forget the Christmas party next month. It will be our traditional pot-luck, to be held at the Delaplaine on our normal meeting night Dec. 8 (second Monday). However, as we usually do we will start an hour earlier (6:30 pm). Don't forget our traditional auction to benefit the scholarship fund. Bring small items (prints, jewelry, etc) to auction off. Today I saw Jeff getting together his fruitcake ingredients, so Harry you'd better start figuring out how you are going to stuff the ballot box this year!

- Barb Gere

November 2008

Our website

<http://www.fred.net/hummer/fcaa/>

General Membership Meetings:
2nd Monday of the month, 7:30
Delaplaine Visual Arts Education
Center, 40 South Carroll St.
(except Jan., July [FCAA picnic], and Aug.)

Please NOTE * Newsletter Deadline:
the 1st Mon. of the month

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Members Meeting Nov. 10 Downtown Frederick Arts & Entertainment District – Artist Income Tax Benefit

The Frederick Arts Council and Downtown Frederick Partnership are thrilled to be invited to explain more about the Downtown Frederick Arts & Entertainment District and the accompanying Artist Income Tax Benefits at our upcoming members' meeting on Monday, November 10 at 7:30pm. All artists are invited to attend to learn about the A&E District and how they could qualify for an income tax benefit.

Artists could be eligible for an income tax benefit if the artist owns or rents residential property in Frederick County, creates artistic work within the Downtown Frederick A&E District AND has generated income from the sale or performance of work within the Downtown Frederick A&E District. During the presentation, the artist income tax benefit will be described in greater detail. An information sheet and necessary forms also will be available.

WHAT: FCAA Presentation on the Downtown Frederick A&E District

WHEN: Monday, November 10, 7:30pm; Presentation at 8pm

WHERE: Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, 40 S Carroll Street

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Painting Opportunities

Just wanted to let everyone know about a couple painting opportunities coming up to see if anyone would be interested.

First of all, to give you some background, I work and am friends with a 7 year breast cancer survivor. She has a friend who has just set up a foundation in her name in order to raise funds for breast cancer research, called the *Jeri Joy Foundation*. The night after learning of the foundation, I literally dreamed up the idea of having artists sit at various spots throughout Downtown Frederick, and either paint artistic versions of pink ribbons or create paintings of Frederick scenes or whatever they would like, all the while incorporating the pink ribbon into their paintings. This would be similar to the *I Art Downtown Frederick* event. My idea was to have a portion of the proceeds go towards Breast Cancer Research.

I sent an email to Joanna Lubbes with the Downtown Frederick Partnership, and asked if they would be interested in helping to set up this sort of event. She responded and apparently, they want to have an event during the First Saturday Gallery Walk in January, where artists are set up at various restaurants and shops. We would create paintings of whatever we would like and then if sold, the proceeds would go to the non profit of your choice. It's called *Frederick Gives Back*. They are doing this instead of just limiting themselves to participating in the *Pink Ribbon Project*.

The second opportunity, involves the *Pink Ribbon Project*, being run by Patty Hurwitz, of Colonial Jewelers. She is getting a committee together, of which I will be a part, and they will begin planning events for October next year, for Breast Cancer Awareness. She said that she loved my idea and would love to tie it in to these events. By participating, a portion of the money from the sale of your piece would go to a fund thru Frederick Memorial Hospital, to benefit those fighting Breast Cancer. We would set up at various spots around Downtown Frederick and paint.

I would like to participate in both events, and have a portion of the proceeds from the January event go towards the Jeri Joy Foundation, once I get some more info on it. Of course, with that one, you could have money going towards whatever you'd like.

Please tell me if you would be interested, and which event(s) you would like to participate in. I would also love to have feedback, as this is the first time that I will be involved in actually setting up these sort of events. I will let Joanna know if we have a lot of interest in January and Patty know about next October.

Also, if interested in becoming a part of the *Pink Ribbon Project*, as far as being on the committee, let me know.

Can't wait to hear from everyone on this. Thank you in advance!!

- Natasha Nash

News from the FAC

Dear Artist:

Three things to share with you:

1. Today, Frederick Arts Council Board President Bob Smariga, Festival of the Arts Chair Ron Young, and I announced that the Festival of the Arts will be merging with the Frederick Arts Council. For the most part, the merger deals more with organizational structure and hopefully you and the general public will not notice the difference. The only differences I expect you notice will be the positive ones. The Festival has already moved its operations to the Cultural Arts Center and will operate as a committee of the Frederick Arts Council. The merger will result in reduced overhead costs and increased efficiencies. The Festival fits nicely into the mission of the Frederick Arts Council, whose charge is to promote, support, and advocate the arts in Frederick County. In 2009, we would like to provide additional opportunities for Frederick County artists to participate in the festival along with the traditional juried artists that come from across the country. In addition, the

plans are to drop the admission fee for the festival and make it free and open to the public. As we embark on this new era, I am interested in hearing any feedback you may have regarding the Festival. We want to ensure that the Festival of the Arts is one of the best arts festivals in the Mid-Atlantic region and remains one of Frederick's biggest tourist attractions. The Frederick Festival of the Arts will continue to be held on Carroll Creek the first weekend in June. During the fifteen year the festival has existed, it has built a reputation throughout the state for its atmosphere and quality art. We want to continue to make additional positive changes that highlight Frederick as a thriving arts community.

2. We are officially accepting entries into the *Festival of Greens*, which is scheduled for November 21-29 at the Cultural Arts Center. We are looking for artists, businesses, individuals, schools, and community groups interested in decorating a wreath or tree for the holidays. If we receive your artistic creation before October 30th, it will be included in our gallery exhibit which opens on November 1st. This will allow for three weeks of

additional exposure. If you can't meet that deadline, all entries must be received by November 14th. There is no registration fee to participate, but you must submit a participation form (I can provide that to you if interested). We expect this to become an annual event and hope you will consider participating in the inaugural one!

3. Our December gallery exhibit will feature our very own members. If you are a member of the Frederick Arts Council you should receive details soon about how to exhibit your artwork during this show right in time for the holidays. If you haven't joined yet, you still can in time to participate in this show. Feel free to contact me for a membership form.

Sincerely,
Shuan

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Members exhibiting

Captured Light

Elza Dima and 3 other area artists, Kim Burden, Linda Goddard, and Pam Kaelber will display their work in a variety of media and styles at the Mary Pfister Studio, 437 N. Market St., Frederick. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, December 6, from 6-8pm. Gallery hours in December, Sun. 7, Sat. 13 and Sun. 14 from 1-5pm. Weekdays Mon. through Fri. by appointment 240-446-9012.

7on75 Studio Tour

I am part of a group of artists having a contemporary art studio tour along MD 75 from New Market to almost Union Bridge. The tour is being held the weekend of Nov 15 and 16 from 10 am til 5 pm each day. Luc Fiedler is opening his sculpture studio, Dawn Arterburn-Cooney will be showing her award winning jewelery, my studio will be open, with print demos and and paintings on view, and Jim Misner will have his wood shop and studio open. Guest artist will be Marion and Damion Griffon. For information on the artists, their work and directions to the studios, go to: 7on75.org thanks,
Jan McIntyre Lamb



The Visionary, acrylic, by Elza Dima

Future Events

A number of FCAA members will be participating in the November 2008 Artists Market on *Frosty Friday* - Nov. 28, 2008 (day after Thanksgiving), the special hours which will be from 10am to 6pm. This will be the final Artists Market of the 2008 season.

Past Events

These images are from the Frederick Arts Council's "Artists Market" which was held on Sunday October 28th at the Cultural Arts Center.

Below, Cindy Poole's photographically themed entry into the Frederick Arts Council's "Frederick Festival of the Greens" unique wreath competition. The actual festival, which includes a number of events & activities, will run from Nov. 21-29.

For more information on the Festival you can check the FAC site at : www.frederickartscouncil.org



John Hagerhorst & Susan Remmers



Cindy Poole

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick juried art exhibit reception held on Sunday, November 2, 2008 in the Blanche Ames Art Gallery.

A large number of FCAA members were juried into the exhibit and even more exciting - SIX of our members received awards or honorable mention for their work. The reception was a packed affair and everyone we spoke with was quite impressed with the quality of the work on view. Members who participated in the reception :

Peter Plant, Charlotte Hoover, Christine Conko, Barbara Kenny, Jean Frank, Arlene Wise, Patrick Hiatt, Elza Dima, Connie Schlee, Donna Timm, Dolores Allnock, Eugene Ganssle, Elisabeth Vismans, Natasha Nash, P. Ann Cummins, and Tom Kozar

UUCF Juried Winners:

Dolores Allnock - *Honorable Mention*
 Eugene Ganssle - *2nd Place*
 Barbara Kenny- *Honorable Mention*
 Donna Timm - *Best of Show*
 Elza Dima - *1st Place*
 Patrick Hiatt - *Honorable Mention*



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Eugene Ganssle - *2nd Place*
 Barbara Kenny- *Honorable Mention (below)*



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