



A non-profit organization founded in 1994 to provide local artists with show space and the community with art program venues and educational workshops

HCAA Newsletter

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An Artist's Perspective - Nancy Sims

by Aimee Doyle

Nancy Sims has been an artist her entire life. As a little girl, she designed greeting cards to show her love for her mom and dad. These cards were often made from found materials – tissue paper and flowers – and paint. This early enthusiasm for art led to a 40-year career as a graphic artist.

Nancy has been retired for a few years and has enjoyed the opportunity to focus on her art. She has worked with a variety of artistic media: acrylic on canvas, collage, antique tin ceiling panels, and stained glass. Her primary medium is acrylic on canvas. Acrylic paints dry quickly, and Nancy particularly likes the way she can overlap layers of paint to create texture and special effects. In collage and mixed-media, she enjoys using home-made papers and has recently been working with glass, rocks and stones such as rose quartz and amethyst, mounted to wood. Nancy says that for her, “art is about expressing love and beauty” and adds “in the times we live in, art purposed with love, joy, and caring can create a zone where hearts can connect even if just for a moment.”

The Prince George’s County Arts and Humanities Council recently awarded Nancy a \$5,000 Artist Fellowship Grant under the County Arts Program. *Eye Choose Love* is her brand name and also the project’s theme. “Art is a great communicator and has the magic of bringing diverse people together on many levels,” Nancy states. The project will include three or more new solo

artworks by Nancy, three artworks created in collaboration with other artists, and additional art selections



curated by Nancy. *Love's Presence* by Nancy Sims

She is excited about the collaboration, saying that “it’s very enjoyable, but not easy!” The artwork will be shown in a special exhibit in Fall 2017, at a location to be determined. Along with the artwork, there will be a video and a display focusing on the behind-the-scenes collaboration process. The video will include clips of the artists working and interviews so that artists can describe the collaboration process. An online version of the group show will be available after the physical exhibit has ended.

When not creating art, or working with the Hyattsville Community Arts Alliance graphics and reception teams, *continued on page 2)*



Vessels Mamma by Nancy Sims

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Maryland State Arts
Council grants and how
they impact Maryland's
arts sector, visit msac.org.*

(An Artists' Perspective—continued from page 1)

Nancy likes to spend time gardening, studying spiritual works, writing poetry, and enjoying her family. She has three adult daughters and six grandchildren. Two of her daughters work professionally in the arts (as a vocalist/music teacher and a filmmaker) and five of the grandchildren are self-proclaimed artists who regularly train, perform and exhibit their talents.

Here is Nancy's advice for artists who are interested in getting grants. They should spend time on the funding agency's website to get familiar with agency's vision and strategies. It's a good idea to get on the agency's mailing list to stay aware of what's happening. When grants do become available, it is important to pay close attention to the proposal requirements; it can be useful to look at previous grant awardees' proposals for examples. If workshops are offered on the proposal process, then artists should plan to attend. For more information about the Prince George's County Arts and Humanities Council, visit www.pgahc.org.



Blue Marble & Beads by Nancy

MARYLAND GRANT AWARD



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HCAA has been informed that we have received a \$1000.00 grant from the Maryland State Arts Council! These funds will be used to purchase a computer and printer for the Graphics Team to use for our fliers and promotions.

As a grantee organization, HCAA is permitted to post programs and events on the MSAC calendar, which then appears on the MSAC homepage. This calendar receives thousands of visitors each day. Maryland social media posts, the Maryland Office of Tourism's monthly newsletter, and *The Maryland Minute* weekly radio spot review the programs and events on the MSAC calendar to feature throughout the year.

The Maryland State Arts Council logo and acknowledgement wording will appear on all of HCAA's printed and web materials for the next year.

We encourage all of our readers to learn more about **Maryland State Arts Council grants** and how they impact Maryland's arts sector by visiting msac.org.

We are very grateful for this financial support and for the additional assistance in publicizing HCAA events!

VISIT PASSAGEWAYS STUDIOS on OPEN STUDIO DAY!

November 18, 2017 1 - 5 p.m.

Legal Help for Artists - by Aimee Doyle

You're an artist, and you love to create. However, do you want to understand the legal issues surrounding your work? Do you have an intellectual property question involving copyright or trademark? Would you like to have a lawyer look over a contract with you? Perhaps you would like to expand your art into a business and set yourself up as an LLC or a non-profit. Where do you start? Fortunately, here in the DC/Baltimore area, there are resources available to you – at a fairly low cost – or (if you're really a starving artist) for free.

Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts (WALA)

Washington Area Lawyers for the Arts is a nonprofit based in Washington DC. Since 1983 WALA has provided access to education, advocacy and legal services through monthly workshops and seminars, legal clinics and pro-bono referral services for creatives and cultural organizations.

WALA regularly offers “The Basics” courses – monthly workshops on copyright, trademarks, licensing, and forming a 501(c)(3) organization. Throughout the year, WALA also produces and co-sponsors programs on other arts-related legal topics. Twice a year WALA works with local law and business schools to host a legal clinic for preregistered WALA members. WALA members receive regular email announcements about upcoming education programs.

Artists can become members of WALA for \$40 per year. Members receive free admission to monthly “Basics” classes, discounted admission to other programs and invitations to arts, cultural and social events throughout the year. Non-profit Arts Organizations (for already-existing 501(c)3 non-profits) can join WALA for \$150 per year.

Please note that WALA itself does NOT provide legal advice to artists; rather, WALA administers a program that refers artists and arts organizations to outside attorneys for legal assistance. More than 350 of Washington's top lawyers and law firms participate as volunteers in WALA's legal services programs.

For more information, check out the WALA website at www.waladc.org.

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts (MDVLA)

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts is a nonprofit based in Baltimore and has been helping artists with their legal issues since 1985. The organization is proud of its tradition of “left-brain support for right-brain people.”

Although smaller than WALA, MDVLA also serves artists of all stripes: painters, sculptors, dancers, musicians, filmmakers. About ten times a year, MDLVA offers an Art Law Clinic on a Saturday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Artists can sign up for 30 minutes of advice from a volunteer attorney and have simple legal questions answered. A \$5.00 administrative fee is charged. Currently, Art Law Clinics are held at various locations in Baltimore.

For more complex issues, artists and arts organizations who meet MDVLA income requirements and other eligibility requirements can be referred to a *pro bono* attorney who provides legal services for free. The website includes information about attorney referrals and provides back issues of their “Arts Brief” (information about legal issues for artists) in downloadable pdfs.

For more information, check out the MDVLA website at www.mdvla.org.

HCAA Artists have helped raise funds for this worthy cause in the past.

Please consider donating one of your artworks to the
Doctors Community Hospital Annual Gala.

Gala Date: Nov. 4, 2017

See Denise's email dated Aug. 23, 2017 for more details and the pdf donation form.

What do Artists Say?

“Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Artists Teaching on the Web



Richard Robinson—New Zealand

(with his permission)

Interested in learning how other artists approach color, technique, and explaining their styles? Wondering about using the Internet to teach or market your art? If so, consider looking at an artist's website from half-way round the globe!

Richard Robinson started out in graphic design, which helped enormously when making video lessons and posting them to the web.

As Mr. Robinson states on his website “So far over 100,000 people around the world have seen my videos, which I think is pretty cool, and I get to meet a lot of them,which is even better.

Some of those artists have let me put their own teaching lessons on this website, which I'm very grateful for ... because it gives artists access to a bigger range of learning than what I alone can provide.”

Mr. Robinson also blogs on various subjects. One article covered the top ten best selling subjects for paintings in the UK in 2003.

Curious? Here is the list:

1. Traditional landscapes
2. Local views
3. Modern or semi-abstract landscapes
4. Abstracts
5. Dogs
6. Figure Studies (excluding nudes)
7. Seascapes, harbor, and beach scenes
8. Wildlife
9. Impressionistic landscapes
10. Nude

To learn more about Mr. Robinson's art and communication approach visit his website at www.newzealandartist.com .

SALES & RECEPTIONS

Artwork by ten HCAA members sold across most venues in the second quarter with total sales of \$2706.04. In addition, sales have been good for those HCAA members vending at recent Exhibit Receptions. Exhibit Receptions this summer have been well attended. Carol Morgan gave a particularly fascinating talk about the inspiration for her artwork at her July Solo Wall reception at Prince George's Community Center. Please plan to join us at a future exhibit reception!

“TURNING PAGES”
August 19 - October 28, 2017
Artist Reception
September 29, 2017
From 7 to 9pm

Robert Harper Books
6216 Rhode Island Ave., Riverdale, MD 20737
Contact: Denise @ 301-699-1148 www.hcaainline.org

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UPCOMING HCAA EVENTS - 2017 - Jan. 2018

Dates and Times are subject to change. Please check the HCAA website

Event Date (Time)	Location	Event Type	Exhibit Theme or Solo Wall Artist	End Date
Oct 2 (10 a)	WSSC	Installation	.Fall Exhibit	Oct 30
Oct 7 Noon	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Installation	Solo Wall – Pat Doyen	Nov 4
Oct 7 (12 – 5p)	Riverdale Park Day	Festival	“Come Grow With Us”	
Oct 15 (3-5p)	Franklins Restaurant	Reception	“New Perspective”	
Oct 21 (1-5)	Old Line Fine Wine & Bistro	Reception	“Cool Breezes” & OctoberFest	
Oct 21	Community Forklift	Festival	“FunkYard Festival”	
Oct 22 (9a)	Robert Harper Books	Installation	“Top Shelf Images”	Dec 2
Oct 26	www.msac.org	Grant deadline	FY 2019 Maryland Grant Full Application Deadline	
Oct 28 (5-8p)	<i>See HCAA website for details</i>	Art Critique		
Oct 28 (1p)	ATHA Exhibit Nov 1- Dec 31	Installation	Anacostia Heritage	Early Jan
Nov 4 (9a)	Franklins Restaurant	Installation	“Inventive Spirits”	Jan 6, 2018
Nov 4 (10:30a)	Fleishers Jewelry	Installation	“Artistic Gems”	Jan 6
Nov 4 (noon)	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Installation	Solo Wall –	Jan 6
Nov 10 7-9p	Robert Harper Books	Reception	“Top Shelf Images”	
Nov 12 (2-4p)	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Reception	Solo Wall & “Heritage”	
Nov 15 (10a)	Galaxy Homes	Installation	“Warm & Cozy”	Jan 17
Nov 18 (10a)	Doctors Community Hospital	Installation	“Warm Feelings”	Jan 27
Nov 18 (1p)	Old Line Fine Wine & Spirits	Installation	“Fall Back”	Jan 27
Nov 19 (3-5p)	Franklins Restaurant	Reception	“Inventive Spirits”	
Nov 25 (5-8p)	<i>See HCAA website for details</i>	Art Critique		
Dec 2 (9a)	Robert Harper Books	Installation	“Novel Idea”	Feb 17
Dec 2 (noon)	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Installation	Solo Wall - Gerald King	Jan
Dec 2 & 3	Greenbelt Community Center	Festival of Lights Fair	Juried Art and Craft Fair	
Dec 10 (2-4p)	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Reception	Solo Wall – Gerald King	
Dec 16 (12-8p)	Riverdale Park Town Center	Festival of Lights	Arts and Craft Vending	
Dec 30 (5-8p)	<i>See HCAA website for details</i>	Art Critique		
Jan 6 (9a)	Franklins Restaurant	Installation	“World View”	Mar 3
Jan 6 (10:30a)	Fleishers Jewelry	Installation	“Art & Soul”	Mar 3
Jan 6 (noon)	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Installation	“Black History”	Mar 3
Jan 13 (1-3p)	PG Plaza Community Ctr	Reception	“Black History” & Solo Wall	
Jan 17 (10 a)	Galaxy Homes	Installation	“Room with a View”	.Mar 14
Jan 21 (2-4p)	Hyattsville Municipal Bldg	MEETING	HCAA ANNUAL MEETING	

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CommunityForklift.org

Old Line Fine Wine, Spirits & Bistro *oldlinewine.com*

Prince George's Plaza Community Center

Pgparcs.com

Doctors Community Hospital *dchweb.org*

Fleisher's Jewelers *fleishersjewelers.com*

Robert Harper Books - *robertharperbooks.com*

Franklins Restaurant and Brewery

franklinsbrewery.com

Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission

wsscwater.com

EVENT ADDRESSES:

- Community Forklift 4671 Tanglewood Dr., Edmonston, MD 20781.....301-985-5180
- Doctors Community Hospital 8118 Good Luck Rd, Lanham, MD 20706301-552-8118
- Fleisher's Jewelers 5200 Baltimore Ave, Ste. 103, Hyattsville, MD 20781.....301-699-5553
- Franklins Restaurant & Brewery 5123 Baltimore Ave, Hyattsville, MD 20781.....301-927-2740
- Galaxy Homes 4214 Gallatin St, Hyattsville MD 20781202-831-0571
- NBC Studios Asman Gallery 4001 Nebraska Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20016202-885-4000
- Old Line Fine Wine, Spirits & Bistro 11011 Baltimore Ave., Beltsville, MD 20705.....301-937-5999
- PG Plaza Community Center 6600 Adelphi Rd, Hyattsville, MD 20782 301-454-1400
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