

WORCESTER COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

**PROMOTING & ENCOURAGING THE CULTURAL
ENRICHMENT OF WORCESTER COUNTY
FOR OVER 40 YEARS!**



OUR HISTORY AND MISSION



The Worcester County Arts Council, Inc. was designated in 1976 by the Worcester County Commissioners and the Maryland State Arts Council as the local arts agency for Worcester County to be a leader in promoting visual and performing arts in Worcester County.

**OUR MISSION IS TO AID, ENCOURAGE, ADVISE, AND CORRELATE
ALL ACTIVITIES DEDICATED TO THE PROMOTION OF THE ARTS IN THE COUNTY.**

The diverse programs of the Arts Council are made possible in large part due to the support of the Maryland State Arts Council, Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore, Berlin/Ocean City Optimist Club, Mary Humphreys Foundation, and donations from more than 200 valuable members and volunteers.

In a county with a population of over 50,000, the Council serves our Communities by providing the Community Arts Development Grants Program, annual Summer Arts Camp for children, Arts in Education program, Art Scholarships, classes and workshops, and co-sponsored special events each year.

BOARD AND STAFF

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Jo Alexander
- Phillip Cropper - Secretary
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STAFF:

Executive Director: Anna Mullis

Executive Assistant: Sharon Sorrentino

The WCAC is staffed by an executive director and an administrative assistant, and governed by a 14-member Board of Directors with an executive committee made up of the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

Standing and ad-hoc committees oversee all aspects of the operations of the organization and are given specific goals and responsibilities.

OUR PROGRAMS

Bringing the Arts to Life

WCAC works to lead the way in support of the arts with programs designed to encourage involvement by everyone in the community. WCAC strives to bring the arts to under-served areas of the community with its wealth of free, high quality art exhibits, activities, and performances designed for children and adults alike.

SUMMER ARTS CAMP FOR CHILDREN:

LAST SUMMER, MORE THAN 300 STUDENTS HAS BEEN SERVED IN ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS!

GRANTS FOR THE ARTS:

FY 2022: \$48,000 AWARDED TO 18 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR 22 ART PROGRAMS & PROJECTS. OVER THE YEARS MORE THAN \$1 MILLION HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THIS PROGRAM!

ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS:

EACH YEAR A TOTAL OF \$10,000 IS AWARDED TO DESERVING WORCESTER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WISHING TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION IN THE ARTS! SINCE 1976, MORE THAN \$350,000 BENEFITED THIS PROGRAM!

EXHIBITIONS:

THE ARTS COUNCIL'S GALLERY IS OPEN TO GENERAL PUBLIC ALL YEAR AND SERVES MORE THAN 50 LOCAL ARTISTS WHO SHOWCASE THEIR ARTWORK ON EXHIBITS!

These programs are prime examples of our strong involvement in business, cultural, and educational projects for our community. All of these activities add significantly to the local Quality of Life and to the Economic Development through the Arts.

SUMMER ARTS CAMP

The goal of the Summer Arts Camp is to help area children improve themselves while having fun engaging in art activities. Involving children in self-expression and creative discovery engenders an enthusiasm for learning that has a positive impact on each child's development.

Last summer, in partnership with the Worcester County Public Schools system, we presented visual and performing arts classes to a diverse population of more than 300 students in all elementary schools.

Exhibit of work created during the camp was featured as part of the exhibits at the Arts Council's Gallery.



COMMUNITY ARTS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

WCAC provides financial support to local non-profit organizations to promote new venues for the community and encourage community development through the arts.

Over the years, through this program, we awarded close to \$1 million to fund programs designed to involve those who are often shut out by economic barriers.

COMMUNITY ARTS DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARDS - FY 2022, JULY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2021

- **ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY:** Monthly Art Exhibits
- **BERLIN HERITAGE FOUNDATION:** 2021 Events
- **BROWN BOX THEATRE PROJECT:** Sept & Nov 2021 and May 2022
- **MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** Sept, Nov, and Dec 2021 Concerts
- **PINE TONES CHORUS:** WINTER 2021 CONCERT – Mini Grant
- **TOWN OF BERLIN/ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION:** Merry Main Street Artisan Market
- **TOWN OF BERLIN/ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT:** Live Ice Curving during Ice, Ice Berlin – Mini Grant
- **TOWN OF BERLIN/BERLIN MAIN STREET:** Berlin Farmer's Market- Art & Music
- **WE HEART BERLIN:** Henry Park Basketball Court Paint Project
- **WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION-WORCESTER GOES PURPLE:** Hope Garden
- **WORCESTER COUNTY EDUCATION FOUNDATION:** Chamber Music by the Sea



COMMUNITY ARTS DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARDS - FY 2022, JANUARY 1 – JUNE 30, 2022

- **ART LEAGUE OF OCEAN CITY:** Ocean City Film Festival
- **BERLIN HERITAGE FOUNDATION:** 2022 Events
- **MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA:** 2022 Spring Concerts
- **OCEAN PINES CHILDREN'S THEATER:** Disney's Frozen, Jr.
- **OCEAN PINES PLAYERS:** "Big Bad" Musical
- **PINE TONES CHORUS:** Spring 2022 Concert
- **POCOMOKE HIGH SCHOOL:** "Annie, Jr."
- **TOWN OF BERLIN/BERLIN MAIN STREET:** Live Music for the Farmers' Market
- **WARD MUSEUM OF WILDFOWL ART:** Championship Wildfowl Carving Competition & Art Festival
- **WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION/WORCESTER GOES PURPLE:** Recovery Starts Inside
- **WORCESTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER:** Pottery Training

GRANT HIGHLIGHTS



**TOWN OF BERLIN/MAIN STREET
FARMERS' MARKET MUSIC**



**TOWN OF OCEAN CITY
ARTX**



**BROWN BOX THEATRE
*MEASURE FOR MEASURE***



**MID-ATLANTIC SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**

ART SCHOLARSHIPS



Scholarship awards were possible by a generous grant from the Mary Humphreys Foundation, by a donation from John Sisson, and contributions from many patrons of the Arts Council.

The Worcester County Arts Council's scholarship program is designed to identify, recognize, and encourage talented students who demonstrate excellence in Visual Arts, Dance, Music, Theater, Creative Writing, and Culinary Arts.

In 2021, five talented Worcester County students were awarded art scholarships totaling \$10,000.00 from the Worcester County Arts Council in support of their artistic goals.



ART CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS



The Worcester County Arts Council partners with Worcester Parks and Recreation and The Delmarva Discovery Center to offer art classes to children and adults in the central and southern portions of Worcester County.



EXHIBITIONS & ARTISTS OPPORTUNITIES

The Artists Cooperative Gallery of WCAC was founded to provide much needed exhibit space for local artists. Today, with over 30 Co-Op members, we continue to meet this need and bring their work into the public eye.

Close to 1000 people visit our Gallery each year to view artwork by local artists!



The WCAC Co-Op is an association of talented local artists dedicated to promoting the visual arts in Worcester County.

Our mission is to promote the work of local artists and challenge our members to be at their most creative.

PAINT WORCESTER COUNTY - PLEIN AIR



Each year in September, more than 40 local and regional artists set up their easels in any chosen location of Worcester County to capture the beauty of landscapes, farms, historic sites, and open green spaces and to compete for attractive prizes.

Completed artwork is featured in the public display at the Berlin Library Gallery and available for sale.

More than \$2000 cash prizes are awarded in this competition!

BERLIN LIBRARY GALLERY

We are pleased to partner with the Worcester County Library Foundation to benefit the promotion and awareness of the Arts in Worcester County by providing opportunities for local and regional artists to feature their work in exhibits, open to general public.



MARYLAND ARTS DAY



As an arts advocate, the Worcester County Arts Council is committed to communicating the value of Arts and Culture to community leaders and elected officials.

One of the major advocacy events the Arts Council participates in each year is Maryland Arts Day, hosted at the Maryland State legislative offices in Annapolis by Maryland Citizens for the Arts

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

The Arts Council has a variety of programs and services that benefit from volunteer assistance.

Not sure what to do?

Some of the volunteer work needed includes greeting visitors to our gallery, keeping our data base healthy, publicity coordination, publication design, building maintenance, updating public display information, or special event support.



With your help, we can
keep the arts alive!

SUPPORTING



- **WCAC has a strong, stable organizational background. Our plans are designed to continue our growth, with the ability to provide income through fundraisers, corporate sponsorship, foundation grants, and government sponsorship to extend our outreach into the community.**
- **WCAC is committed to working together with City, County, and State Officials, as well as Arts and Entertainment Districts to make our area a showplace for “The Arts” and “Arts and Education.”**

MEMBERSHIP



WE VALUE THE SUPPORT OF OUR MEMBERS!

Do you remember moments in your life when art moved you?

Perhaps it produced a surge of passion, a lingering emotion or an awakening of your own creativity... Each year hundreds of people walk through the doors of Worcester County Arts Council and their artistic senses are awakened.

Whether it's a 10-year old taking a drawing class, a retired senior learning watercolors, an art lover visiting our visual arts exhibit, or a shopper looking for unique artwork in the Gallery shop all are provided the opportunity to exhilarate their senses and expand their artistic horizons.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Becoming a member of the Arts Council is an important first step in collaborating with your community to support the local arts. At the Worcester County Arts Council, we realize that if you nurture creativity, you will enrich lives.

- Individual: \$25
- Family: \$30
- Patron: \$50
- Sponsor: \$100
- Arts Organization: \$50
- Business: \$150
- Business Sponsor: \$250
- Children 18 and under: \$10

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**The Gallery is open
Tuesday thru Sunday, 11 am to 3 pm**