

The 2019 TAOS Art Show

A Call to Artists



Artists as Stewards of Nature: Preservation of the Land and its Legacy
The 2019 TAOS Art Show - a Fundraiser for The Howard County Conservancy

March 31 – May 23, 2019

The mission of the Howard County Conservancy is to educate children and adults about our natural world, preserve the land and its legacy for future generations, and model responsible stewardship of our environment.

The Howard County Conservancy is accepting submissions for **The 2019 Art of Stewardship (TAOS) Art Show: Artists as Stewards of Nature: Preservation of the Land and its Legacy**. This show is presented by the Howard County Conservancy in partnership with The Art of Stewardship (TAOS) Project, The Fund for Art in Ellicott City, the Medomak Family Camp and Retreat Center, and participating artists.

In support of the Conservancy's mission, the theme of this year's **TAOS Art Show** offers the following for artists to consider:

- **Artists as Stewards of Nature:** Artists bring a unique perspective to stewardship of the nature when their art stirs viewers to see the natural world with keener eyes and a heightened sense of awareness. Art can enhance our appreciation of the world around us and foster stewardship of our environment.
- **Preservation of Land and its Legacy:** Because Howard County has experienced severe flooding, more extreme weather, and continued development that destroys natural habitats, we would like artists to consider what this means for land preservation and the legacy we leave for future generations.

The TAOS show may be a forum for artists to promote stewardship of the Earth, and participation in it is also an act of stewardship. All art in the show is donated and will be available for a sale price of \$100. All proceeds from this fundraiser go toward education programs at the Howard County Conservancy.

There will be an opening reception on **Sunday, March 31, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** in the Gallery of the Gudelsky Education Center at the Howard County Conservancy. Artists and their friends and families are invited to join representatives from the Howard County Conservancy, the show sponsors, and the greater community for the reception. In addition, jurors will present cash awards (first prize, \$300; second prize, \$200; third prize, \$100; and honorable mention, \$25) for outstanding pieces.

Art Show Format:

- Artwork is to reflect the theme of the **2019 TAOS Show – Artists as Stewards of Nature: Preservation of the Land and its Legacy**. This theme opens up all kinds of possibilities from the natural world around us as well as subjects that relate to the county's legacy.
- Artwork in all media, e.g., photography, mixed media, etc., are accepted if it relates to the theme and shows creativity and artistry.
- The **footprint** of all submitted pieces will measure 10"x 10", 10"x 8", or 8"x 10" and made ready for hanging with wire by the artist (no saw-tooth hangers).
- The art show is for artists of high school age or older.
- Each piece of art will be donated and on sale for \$100 with all proceeds benefiting the education programs at the Conservancy.
- All artwork, purchased or un-purchased, will be on display for the full duration of the show: **March 31 through May 23, 2019**.
NOTE: May 23 is the Wine in the Garden event at HC Conservancy; gallery will be open for final viewing and purchasing by event guests until 8 p.m.
- All artwork, purchased or un-purchased, will be picked up by artists/buyers on **May 24, Friday (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.), and May 25, Saturday (9 a.m. to noon)**. If pickup is not done at this time, pickup must be made on a weekday during the Conservancy's regular business hours by **Saturday, June 15, 2019**. After this date, the Howard County Conservancy will not be held responsible for the safekeeping of any artwork not picked up by purchasers or artists.

Entry Fee and Registration:

- There is no entry fee for the show.
- Limit of 2 entries per artist. The exhibit is limited to the first 150 pieces registered. Please do not wait to register!
- All participating artists must complete registration online at the Howard County Conservancy website: www.hcconservancy.org **by Sunday, March 10, 2019**. The show is limited to 150 pieces of artwork.
- The following will be needed for a complete registration: artist's name, contact information, brief artist statement and biography, and artwork description including medium and title.
- In addition, a jpg file of any work being submitted must be sent to show coordinators **by Sunday, March 24, 2019**.

Artwork Requirements:

- All artwork must be original and not previously shown at the HC Conservancy.
- The footprint of all submitted pieces will measure 10"x 10", 10"x 8", or 8"x 10" and made ready for hanging with wire by the artist (no saw-tooth hangers; they do not work with our hanging rod system).
- The Conservancy cannot accommodate free-standing sculptures that cannot be hung. Any projected elements must be securely fixed to the piece and meet other requirements as well.
- The HC Conservancy organizers will screen submitted jpg files of art pieces for inclusion in the show and reserve the right to accept and reject artwork based on appropriateness to the theme and audience.

2019 Dates to Remember:

- **March 10, Sunday** – online registration deadline for artists. Registration will close early when the maximum number of 150 artwork pieces is reached.
- **March 24, Sunday** – deadline for submitting photo jpg files for registered artwork.
- **March 29, Friday (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) and March 30, Saturday (9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)** – drop off of ready-to-hang, completed artwork at the HC Conservancy Gudelsky Gallery
- **March 31, Sunday, 6 to 8:30 p.m.** – Opening preview reception; \$5 per person, free for participating artists. Details to follow.
- **April 1, Monday to May 23, Thursday** – Art show open in Gudelsky Gallery; Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please call 410-465-8877 before visit because the Gudelsky Gallery may be booked for an event.

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Art Show Hosts and Partnerships:

The Howard County Conservancy, a non-profit organization, reaches more than 12,000 people each year through its environmental education programs. The Conservancy offers activities for children and adults throughout the year at its 232-acre Mt. Pleasant farm in Woodstock and at Howard County's Belmont Manor and Historic Park in ElkrIDGE. Please call 410-465-8877 or visit www.hcconservancy.org for further information.

The Art of Stewardship (TAOS) Foundation encourages artists to display their innovation, creativity and unique perspective on natural subjects, thereby inspiring viewers to explore, appreciate and care for our Earth as stewards. The organization is the creation of the Mort Family Foundation, and its founder, internationally acclaimed artist Greg Mort. www.gregmort.com/Stewardship/Pages/Stewardship_Collection.html

The Fund for Art in Ellicott City, Inc. is a private 501(c)3 foundation that was created in 2017 to further the creation and installation of public art. Art is an expression of the human experience in all its many facets. It can delight and inspire, or it can unsettle and terrify. Art is a form of story telling — about our time, our place, our values, and our assumptions. It can teach, inform, and uplift. And it can entertain and edify. Public art is art in public spaces. It comes in many shapes and sizes: an historic bronze statute; an ephemeral light show; a mural, large or small; a piece of landscape architecture; a traveling display; an iconic sculpture; or a festival. A community blessed with public art is a community engaged in the hard work of human culture.

<https://www.facebook.com/artinellicottcity/>

Medomak Family Camp and Retreat Center, located in Washington, Maine, is a place of profound beauty and a sanctuary for people and nature alike. Throughout the summer, people come together to enjoy the arts, science and other activities, make new friends, and be restored by nature and its simplicity.

http://medomakcamp.com/family_camp.php