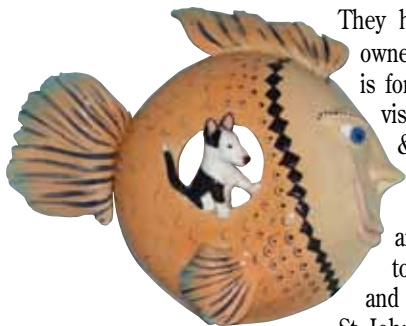




A Community of Artists

Local artists are able to empower people in exceptional ways.



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They have the advantage of a shared history and sense of ownership with those whom they touch. Havre de Grace is fortunate to have more than our share of these talented, vision driven individuals. As a State of Maryland's Art & Entertainment District, we have joined with cities like Annapolis, Bethesda, Elkton and Silver Spring in demonstrating ourselves to be a City, whose focus on the arts has benefited the whole community. The first artists to take advantage of our new designation are Carl Woerner and Christopher Fielding of Pencilworks Studio & Gallery on St. John Street. Carl is a portrait artist and Christopher a jewelry designer. Stop in and meet them anytime, the gallery is also their working studio!

For local artists who may not be in a position to open their own store-front in Havre de Grace, Arts by the Bay Gallery offers them an opportunity to share their work with the community. Through the efforts of Mitch Shank and the Arts & Entertainment Committee of Main Street, the premises at 500-B Warren Street were renovated, and the Grand Opening was held in November 2008. Pat Fair, who was president of the Havre de Grace Arts Commission for many years, has taken the position of Gallery Director, and is busy recruiting local artists and promoting the new Gallery. Art in every imaginable medium, sculpture, painting, jewelry design and more, are created exclusively by Harford County artists, and available for sale at the Gallery. Arts by the Bay is a co-op which means the artists are responsible for manning the gallery - a great opportunity to meet these talents in person.

With over a dozen art galleries, not to mention the abundant boutiques offering unique crafts and works of art, you could spend days viewing these one-of-a-kind treasures. If you need a break, stop at Jana's Java for a latte, her walls are adorned with beautiful local art for sale. Check out our Calendar for information on museum events, festivals, concerts and more fun ways to enjoy our local artists. And don't forget the Annual Juried Art Show in August! It's almost impossible to explain the magnitude and diversity of talent we have in Havre de Grace; I can only hope to inspire you to get out and enjoy it first hand.



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Stephen Formwalt gets a little drawing time in during his shift at Arts by the Bay Gallery.



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