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CURATOR'S REPORT – May 25, 2017

Summer is rapidly approaching and the July 2017 “Celebrate Color & Light” entries have been juried. The special June 2017 exhibit by Brush Strokes Gallery brings fifteen local artists to the Frederick Gallery and highlights the wealth of talent in our region. Calls-for entries have been posted online and mailed for the August Regional Juried Exhibit and the September 2017 “A Different Perspective” National Juried Exhibit. The FCCA is proud to offer monthly opportunities to regional and national artists, both professional and emerging artists, to share their work with our Fredericksburg community and with our online viewers. I encourage our member artists to accept the invitation to submit work at both levels.

I am pleased to see that more artists are using D rings for attaching hanging wire to their work, which protects against damage in handling and storage. Quality presentation is vital to first impressions--mats and frames should always be selected with the idea that the art is the subject and focus. Thin canvases are usually shown to best advantage in frames, but the move toward more gallery wrapped presentations seems to be the new norm. Online digital entries require the best quality photography to represent the artwork, so if you need help with photographing your entries please contact our gallery photographer Carolyn Beever by email at beevercr@verizon.net.

Our jurors frequently remark on the high quality of work that is submitted and comment on the large number of accomplished local artists. Fredericksburg is becoming known as an arts community and that is a great reputation to have.

Our online submission process is going more smoothly, and a “payment adjustment” feature has been added for those little snafus that sometimes happen. Many thanks to our webmaster Maura Harrison and online form designer Iryna Hamill for the hours they have dedicated to our new website, which is being continuously updated with new features and restoration of archives. An added thank you to Sheila Cockey for her assistance in data entry and for adapting to the new online submissions spreadsheet format—a formidable task. Thank you to all the volunteers who make our exhibits possible. Please contact the curator if you have suggestions or questions by email to curator-frederick-gallery@fccava.org.

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