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CURATOR'S REPORT – JULY 15, 2017

These are the lazy days of summer, but you will find the exhibition teams busy at all the tasks that provide a new Frederick Gallery exhibit each month. In addition to the docents who interact with submitting artists, there are over 25 dedicated volunteers who catalog and enter work into the exhibit data base; handle and store art; present actual art and digital images to the juror for selecting exhibit work; record selections and notify artists; unpack and repack shipped work; and take down and install each exhibit. “Thank you” to all the FCCA volunteers.

The July 7th First Friday reception for “Celebrate Color & Light” was seasonally warm and crowded with artists and visitors eager to meet the juror Francis Thompson, Art Program Manager for Capital One (“What’s in your wallet?”) and to enjoy art conversations and music performed by the FCCA trio in the garden—what a wonderful evening. Exhibiting artist Kate Landishaw of Greenville, SC, made the trip and was pleasantly surprised by the Honorable recognition of her work. Congratulations to all the artists who were selected for the exhibit and to those whose work was recognized with awards. Check the FCCA Face Book page for photos.

Our regional juried exhibits are beginning to draw more out of state artists—maybe they are drawn to open calls-for-entries with no themes? I am happy to report that most artists have now switched to D-rings for attaching hanging wires to prevent damage to their frames and surfaces in handling and storage. Thanks, artists. Our website had added a “Like It, Own It” page at <https://fccagallery.org/like-it-own-it/> to promote sales, and our publicity and marketing chair Dawn Whitmore will be working on other methods to encourage the purchase of original art.

Please note that all FCCA email addresses have changed and now end in @fccagallery.org. The new email contact address list is available in the newsletter and on our website www.fccagallery.org under “About Us” on the “Contact Us” page.

Mark your calendars for upcoming FCCA events such as all First Fridays (yes, the free trolley is running this summer), ART ATTACK on Saturday, September 9th (the unique Fredericksburg celebration of art-making along the streets of downtown—after-party at FCCA), Seurat Sunday at Caledon State Park on Sunday, September 24 (plein air painting and photography for all), and mark those call-for-entries deadlines for November “Tranquility” national juried exhibit entries due September 15th and the December/January “Word, Text & Image” national juried exhibit entries due October 20th.

Tell your friends and guests about the FCCA “Where Art and History Meet”.

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