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## **CURATOR'S REPORT - May 18, 2016**

New exhibits inspire us all. Spring has brought beautiful new life to our FCCA garden and to our exciting exhibits in the Frederick Gallery. The "A Fine Line" brought new exhibiting artists to our gallery, and the upcoming "Exposure Unlimited 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibit" promises to be a welcome celebration of the long association of these regional artists with the FCCA. Jimmy Butler has joined Exposure Unlimited and will debut his unique wood figurative sculptures. I am excited that we can

introduce this talented local sculptor to our gallery and visitors. First Friday, June 3, at FCCA should be a "must do" on your calendar. The July "Focus on Color" exhibit juried by Richmond's well known Matt Lively will be installed on June 25, with the First Friday reception on July 1—Juror Talk and Awards at 6 pm.

Electronic or hand-delivered entries offer all artists a choice. National and regional artists are becoming familiar with our website and calls-for-entries, and the process of digital entries has gone smoothly for some and more problematic for others. Please contact the curator if you have questions about digital entries by email. Pay Pal entry fees available on our website are accepted for both digital and hand-delivered entries. Always consider that selected 2-D work must be presented appropriately for installation with hanging wire (no saw tooth hangers or flat hooks) and that frames should be sturdy with strong hardware.

The Frederick Gallery has outstanding, devoted exhibitions committee members who serve every month to collect and enter exhibit data, insure that received art work is cataloged and installed in attractive exhibits and then store or repack work for return shipping to out-of-state artists. Please remember to thank these behind-the-scene volunteers. A reminder--I am happy to serve as your volunteer Frederick Gallery curator, but I look forward to receiving offers from other potential volunteers to serve in this capacity in the future. It is a rewarding and enjoyable way to support the art community.

Happy Spring to all, and please invite your family and friends to visit the Frederick Gallery often and to support our mission with their memberships and donations.

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