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CURATOR'S REPORT – November 6, 2010

I am pleased to report that the FCCA's 2011 Frederick Gallery exhibits continued to expand the number of new regional and national artists who submit entries. We have processed 1,222 entries from 529 artists. The quality and presentation of entries continued to improve. The expertise of our jurors resulted in exciting shows of widely varied contemporary art. We have continued to enjoy the support of a dedicated group of regional and national artists who enter our exhibitions. We have seen an increase in the number of gallery visitors.

The Frederick Gallery exhibits are the result of the enthusiasm and support of many volunteers including the docents who handle the incoming and outgoing artwork and two dedicated exhibition crews who insure the safe unpacking, storing, installation and return shipping of artwork. Many thanks to my assistant curator Bob Worthy who works with the jurying process and installations each month. Thanks to the take-down crew: Barbara Taylor Hall, Dorothy Bourdon, Bev Bley, Anne Parks, Penny Hicks, Kerri Williams, Patricia Murray, Ann Tate, Shirley and Carroll Rush, Jeff Messmore and newcomers Linda Silk Sviland and Nikki Rogers. The installation or "hanging" crew is responsible for the handsome arrangement of work in all our exhibits. Thanks to crew leaders Bob Worthy, Heidi Lewis and Donna Coley for their aesthetic sensibilities and decision making in hanging work. Thanks to Kate Logan, Lynn Mehta, Jeff Messmore and Buddy Morgan for insuring that work is carefully hang and labeled.

Our FCCA Frederick Gallery would be largely unknown without our exciting website designed and maintained by our webmaster Maura Harrison. Our website averages 1000 hits per month. Many artists send thank you messages referring to their exposure on our website and in our gallery. Thanks to Ru Rok and Sandy Skipper for their outstanding job on publicity and press releases. Thanks to Hubert Jackson for our colorful outdoor banners. Thanks to Carolyn Beever for providing photography of all entries for our website exhibit slideshows. Thanks to Kathleen Willingham, editor, and Barbara Posey, graphic designer for their professional production of our FCCA Newsletter which covers our exhibitions, juror, and artists.

We are facing a challenge to continue to grow the number of regional and national level artists who submit entries to our juried exhibitions and to maintain the support and participation of our loyal local member artists. We also face the critical challenge of maintaining and restoring our historic "Silversmith House" facility.

We are initiating a new program titled [SAVE.AS](#) – Student Art Virtual Exhibit. A Slideshow. The online slideshow will promote art education and recognize outstanding student art work and

art educators in our region. Carolyn Beever is working with Maura Harrison to create the student art work slideshow. More information will be in the upcoming newsletter.

Thank you for your generous support of FCCA and our exhibitions. I am very grateful for the many kind words and encouragement that I receive. Please consider that my tenure as Curator will end in October 2012, and hopefully there are members who are willing to accept the challenge of a most rewarding position.

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