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## **CURATOR'S REPORT – November 2012**

I have accepted the temporary appointment as Curator of the Frederick Gallery for the next year. I am honored and humbled by the confidence that the Board has placed in me, and I look forward to new candidates coming forward to train for the curator position in the coming months.

The Frederick Gallery exhibits continue to present the work of a growing number of new regional and national artists. The quality and presentation of entries is impressive. The expertise of our jurors has resulted in exciting and well received shows. We continue to enjoy the support of a dedicated group of regional and national artists and FCCA members who regularly enter our exhibitions. In 2012, the Frederick Gallery showcased the work of 491 artists who entered 1,290 artworks in Frederick Gallery exhibitions. In addition, the special John Holmfeld exhibit and sale in August 2012 replaced a regional exhibit and gained \$4,991.00 for our building fund. And, during 2012, we have seen an increase in the number of gallery visitors.

We face a challenge to grow the number of regional and national level artists who submit entries to our juried exhibitions, and we hope to maintain the support and participation of our loyal local member artists. Exhibition entry fees are vital to the financial sustainability of FCCA. We also face the critical challenge of maintaining and restoring our historic "Silversmith House", home to FCCA and a remarkable landmark in Fredericksburg. I hope to continue to support these efforts.

FCCA will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2013, and I invite all members to offer suggestions for events and exhibits to celebrate this golden occasion. Please contact me with your ideas for the Frederick Gallery.

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