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CURATOR'S REPORT – July 20, 2012

Thank you to all the members who have contributed to the success of the special August "John Holmfeld Art Collection Exhibit & Sale." The FCCA Building Fund will benefit from all sales and proceeds will support the preservation and restoration of our historic "Silversmith House"

Special Frederick Gallery exhibits and selection of exhibition themes are a continuing challenge for the Curator. Special exhibits must be able to financially sustain the expenses of the gallery, and themed exhibits should appeal to the broadest possible number of artists. The Frederick Gallery in coordination with the FCCA Education Committee and the University Of Mary Washington Galleries will be offering a special "Books & Words" regional themed exhibit in February 2013. The theme is to be broadly interpreted as bookmaking art and art that relates to books and words. Special workshops and classes will be offered beginning in August to provide artists with opportunities to explore varied bookmaking and altered book techniques as creative expressions. Photographers, painters, craftsmen and digital artists are encouraged to explore "Books & Words" and to enter their 2-D and 3-D interpretations of the theme.in the exhibit. Submissions of actual works are due on Friday, January 18, 2012 by 4 pm. Look for more information in future newsletters and on the FCCA website at www.fccava.org.

Thank you to all the exhibitions volunteers who faithfully provide the Frederick Gallery with behind the scenes work that takes place before, during and after each exhibit. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer to help with taking down, installing or organizing exhibits. There are many opportunities to support our monthly exhibit schedule. Thanks to our newest volunteer Sheila Cockey for taking on the task of data entry for exhibit submissions.

Your suggestions and comments are always welcome. Contact the Curator by phone at 540-760-6928 or by email to curator-frederick-gallery@fccava.org.

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